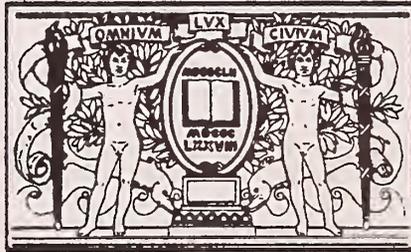


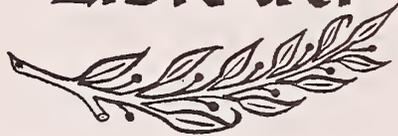
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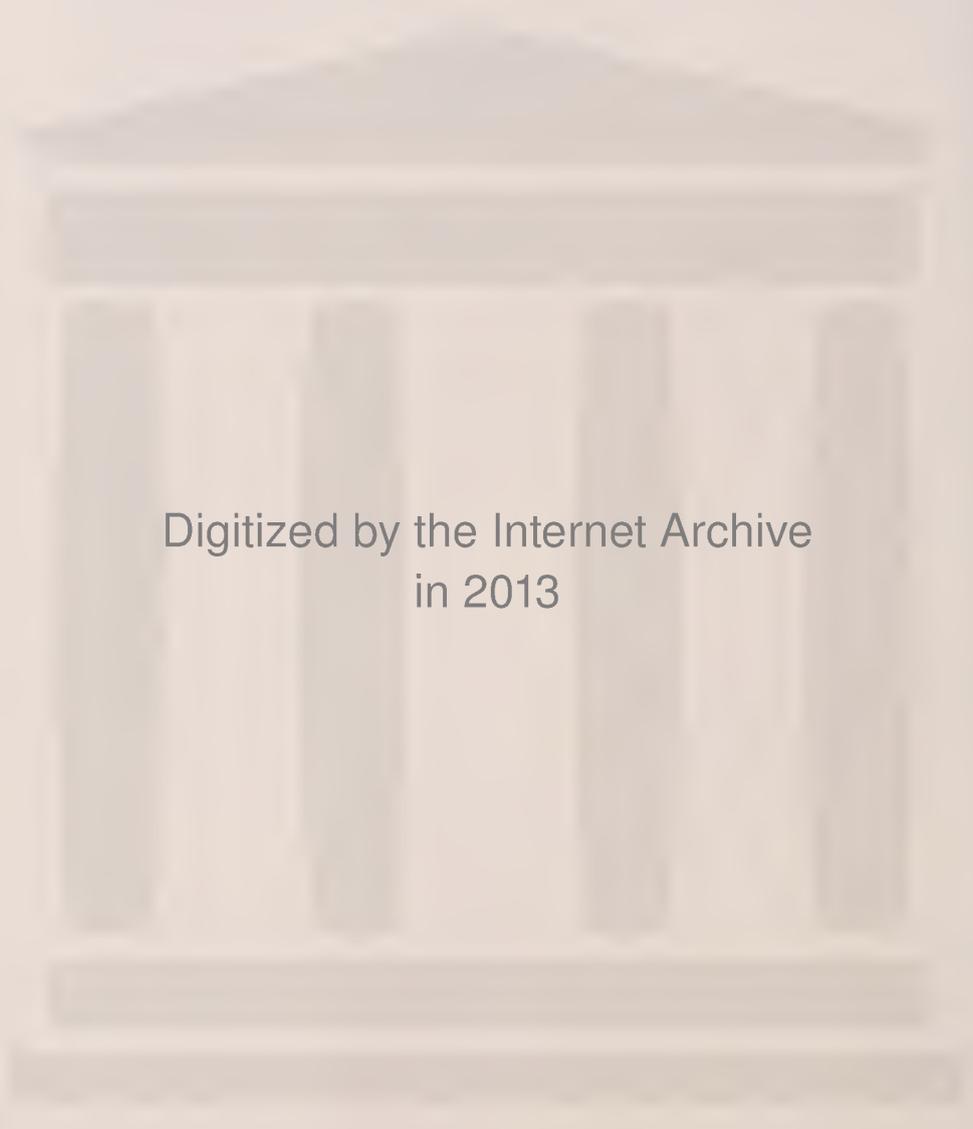
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**appointed:** committee on investigation of suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on assessing department, vessels and

**Atwood, Frank S., Councilman, Ward 16, continued.**

ballast department, overseeing of the poor department, water department, music department, mayor's address, reinstatement of sewer division employees c 267, 268; committee on Municipal lighting c 374

**orders offered:** flooding of land for skating c 77  
Woodward park st., resurfacing c 458  
resurfacing Quincy st. c 458

**remarks:** relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 289, 290  
resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordman c 516  
exchange of land under Broadway bridge c 591  
closing proceedings c 828

**Auditing Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**city auditor:** James H. Dodge, appointed a 299-confirmed a 325

**deficits in appropriations:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city auditor giving notice of deficits caused by the payments of executions of court, in street laying-out department, primary school-house, Sherwin District site; Park st., Ward 23, referred to committee on public improvements a 831-referred to next government a 837

**information regarding men on pay-rolls:** order that the city auditor be requested to furnish the names of the departments on whose pay-rolls have been carried the names of dead men, or men who are on pay-roll in violation of law, and the names of parties to whom said money has been given, referred to the mayor c 120; order that the city auditor, through the mayor, be instructed to furnish the information asked for in order of February 3, 1899, relating to payment of money to parties on city pay-rolls purporting to represent deceased men and to heads of departments in excess of salary, referred to the mayor c 266; order requesting reply to be transmitted on order, referred to the mayor c 737

**information regarding excess in salaries:** order that the city auditor, through the mayor, be requested to furnish the names of the heads of departments receiving any sums in excess of their salaries, as defined by the revised ordinances, the amounts so paid, the length of time through which such excess has been drawn, and the reason for such payments, if any have been made, referred to the mayor c 120; order requesting information regarding order, referred to the mayor c 737

**last year's bills, board of Aldermen, payment of:** see Aldermen

**list of city employees:** see City employees

**transfers:** order that the city auditor in closing the accounts of the financial year ending January 31, 1900, may with the approval of the committee on finance and the mayor make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation and with like approvals apply any income and taxes not disposed of, passed a 779 c 795, 796

**Austin street, Charlestown.**

**sign:** K. Sapirstein, petition a 55

**Avery street.**

**signs:** O. F. Couture, petition a 615-refused a 646; Thomas J. McLean, petition a 777-granted a 780

**Avon place.**

**changing name:** see Avou st.

**Avon street.**

**awning:** Jordan, Marsh & Co., petition and order for hearing a 303-hearing a 337-referred to committee on building department a 361-report, accepted, order passed a 409

**changing name of place:** order to change name of Avon pl., from Washington to Chauncy st., to Avon st., laid over a 127-taken up, passed a 145

**Awarding of Contracts to Citizens. (See Contracts.)****Ayer, Frederick.**

petition to erect building, Grosvenor pl. a 250-granted a 305 c 313

**B street.**

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for paving from Summer-st. extension to First st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 224 a 230

**B and Congress streets.**

**guy-ropes:** Ross & Fowler, petition a 379-granted a 387

**Babson, Thomas M.**

appointed city solicitor a 300-confirmed a 326

**Badaracco, Andrew A., Councilman, Ward 6.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on auditing department, city messenger department, election department, overseeing of the poor department, mayor's address c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Christopher F. O'Brien c 333

**orders offered:** bridge, Travers st. c 96  
sidewalks, Paul Revere School c 227  
repairing sidewalk, Charter and Commercial streets c 376  
tunnel for foot travel, Travers street c 376  
park, Ward 6 c 379  
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drinking fountains, Ward 6 c 458  
display of city flags Oct. 12 c 596  
flooding of North End playground c 738

**Baggage Unclaimed. (See Unclaimed Baggage.)****Bagley, A. Dudley, Councilman, Ward 1.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on badges c 93; committee on art department, claims, fire department, library department, public buildings department, street department, Fourth of July, Labor's holiday, badges c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298

**orders offered:** shelter at north ferry c 75  
Cooper-st. improvement c 75  
Wood Island park, polo playing c 75  
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branch library, East Boston c 75  
scale of reduction of salaries c 118, 119  
waiting-room at ferry c 142  
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gates, Curtis st., at railroad crossing c 143  
Bremen st., lights c 143  
tracks, Saratoga st. c 267  
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drinking fountain, Wood Island Park c 417  
visit of Spanish Cruiser "Reina Mercedes" c 417  
transfer of Austin school-house c 640  
information regarding G.A.R. employees c 738  
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Byron-st. school c 824  
payment of ferry employees c 824

**remarks:** investigation order c 70  
reduction of salaries of city employees c 119  
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disposition of Franklin Fund c 773, 797, 803  
payment of ferry employees a 824  
closing proceedings c 827

**Bailey, Andrew J.**

appointed corporation counsel a 300-confirmed a 325

**Bailey, Augustus W.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 464

**Bailey, Ellen H.**

notice of appointment as member of board of trustees for children a 378

**Bainbridge street.**

**claims:** Harriet F. Lauriat, petition for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates a 250

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place opposite No. 25, passed a 440

**Baker, Charles M. et al., Executors.**

petition that board estimate the damages occasioned by the taking of land of estate of Reuben E. Demmon, by Boston Elevated Railway Co. a 585—order for hearing a 586

**Baker, Mrs. Sarah R.**

petition for payment to John H. Weston of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mascot st. a 503

**Baker and other streets.**

**tracks, etc.:** see Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company

**Baldwin street.**

**sidewalk:** Bowker, Torrey & Co., petition a 541—granted a 546, 551

**Ball, Alice W.**

petition that board of aldermen estimate damages to her estate, Berkeley st., order estimating damages at \$1.00, passed a 835

**Ballou avenue.**

**lamps:** Frank A. Mayberry *et als.*, petition a 432

**Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph Co.**

order that the locations for poles and wires granted May 5, 1884, be and same are hereby revoked; order that superintendent of streets be requested to remove same, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 671—report, accepted, order passed a 677

**Band Concerts. (See Music Department.)****Barber, Lavinia A.**

compensation for death of husband while in employ of city a 337 granted a 620 c 628

**Barker, Mary S.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate on Spring and Etna sts. a 555—granted a 669 c 687

**Barnard, L. F. S.**

petition, compensation for damages to laud, Hammond ave. a 719

**Barnes & Duncklee.**

petition to erect awning, Hotel Brunswick a 102—granted a 214

**Barry, David Franklin, Alderman.**

**qualified:** page 1

**elected:** chairman of the board of aldermen a 36; opening address a 36; manager of the Old South Association c 71 a 79

**appointed:** committee on armories and military affairs, licenses public improvements, rules and orders a 62; committee on public improvements a 47; committee on joint rules a 82; committee on building department, market department, ordinances and law department, Fourth of July (chairman), Memorial Day a 237, 238; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan a 296; committee on investigation of sewerage works bill a 350; committee on Dewey Day a 622; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors a 643; committee on garbage a 700

**orders offered:** assessment regulation a 46  
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engine-house, Forest Hills a 81  
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extension of time for laying curves, Washington and Hanover streets, Boston Elevated Railway Company a 278  
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Lucas street, acceptance a 346  
Dover street, paving a 386  
closing Sutherland road a 403  
trees, Columbia road a 404  
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grades established a 544  
South Boston ambulance service a 544  
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South Boston ambulance, amendment a 656  
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**remarks:** sewerage loan a 125, 126  
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nuisance at Cow Pasture a 672, 673  
closing proceedings a 842, 843

**Barry, James F.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon while crossing East Boston Ferry a 378

**Bartlett street.**

**bay-window:** Francis G. Sager, petition and order for hearing a 527—hearing a 542—granted a 808

**Bartlett and Sullivan streets, Charlestown.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** J. Thomas Baldwin, petition a 465—granted a 473

**Bates, Annie B.**

petition license, lying-in-hospital, Warren avenue a 269—granted a 339

**Bates, Charles W.**

petition for payment to Joseph A. McCloskey of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Haskins st. a 524, 525—granted a 669 c 687

**Bates School. (See School Department.)****Bath Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**trustees:** Thomas J. Lane appointed a 323—confirmed a 338

**abolition of commission:** ordinance abolishing commission and placing department in charge of board of health, assigned c 318, 319—taken up, discussed c 370, 371—passed c 371—discussed a 379-381—rejected a 381—placed on file c 399

**appropriation of \$15,000:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested not to grant the request made to them by bath commission to appropriate \$15,000 for purpose of equipping and furnishing the chapel of the Congregational Society on Harrison avenue; referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 374; referred to committee on public improvements a 381; report, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 386

**bath house, North End:** order that the trustees of the Franklin Fund be requested to set aside \$75,000 for purpose of establishing all the year round bath house, referred to committee on bath department c 636

**bath-house, Savin Hill Beach:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the loan bill a sufficient sum to provide a bathing-house on beach, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 59

**Bath Department, continued.**

**bath-house, Ward 18:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of \$40,000 for a gymnasium and all-the-year bathing-house on the site of the Cabot-st. bath-house, passed c 42-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**combination building, Ward 18:** see Ward 18

**convenience station at Roxbury Crossing:** order that the mayor be requested to give hearing to residents in regard to location, and to suspend work until such hearing is given, passed a 586

**Dover-st. bath-house, electric light plant:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making appropriation of \$1,300 for installing electric light plant at Dover-st. bath-house, passed a 460, 461-discussed c 495, 496-referred to committee on finance c 496; report recommending that same be returned to city clerk as order licenses operation after lapse of thirty days c 651

**employees discharged:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the bath commission to reinstate the members of the bath department who were employed on repair work during the winter months, and put them to work at regular wages, passed a 253 c 256; order that the bath trustees, through the mayor, be requested to submit a complete list of the names of veterans of the civil war employed in the bath department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of said department, passed c 284; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the secretary of the bath commission relative to, ordered printed and assigned c 364-taken up, discussed c 395, 396-referred back to the bath commission c 396

**employees reduction of wages:** order that the trustees of the bath department, through the mayor, be requested to report the reasons for reduction of wages of employees, passed a 559-communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath trustees, relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 578-report placed on file a 581

**expenditures:** order that the bath trustees, through the mayor, explain the fact of how it was reasonably possible for them to have already spent \$17,988.75 for the financial year 1899-1900, when but one bath has been open to the public, also the total expenditure of the loan for "summer baths" permanent improvements, passed by the board of estimate and apportionment, referred to the mayor c 318; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the secretary of the commission relative to c 364, 365-ordered printed and assigned c 365-taken up, placed on file c 395

**expenses of department:** order that the bath commission be requested to report the amount of money expended since Jan. 1, 1899, to Oct. 1, 1899; also the amount of unpaid bills and for what they were contracted, etc., referred to the mayor c 653; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath commission relative to, assigned c 684-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 818

**gymnasium and bath-house, Ward 7:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order an appropriation for \$35,000 for an in-door gymnasium and bath-house, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 141 a 145

**gymnasium, Ward 9:** communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$2,500 for furnishing and equipping building at corner of Harrison ave. and Plympton st., to be expended by bath trustees, assigned c 390-taken up, discussed c 414, 415-assigned c 415-taken up, passed c 453-placed on file a 465

**gymnasium and bath-room, Ward 15:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan order the sum of \$30,000 for completing and furnishing gymnasium and bath-house now being erected, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 142 a 145

**L-st. bath-house:** order that the commissioners of the bath department be requested to expend a sum sufficient for placing children's room in a suitable condition, referred to the mayor c 207; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath department, placed on file c 240

**public convenience station, South Boston:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum for the erection of a public convenience station, cor. Broadway extension, Dorchester ave. and West Broadway, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 97 a 103

**sanitary station, Roxbury Crossing:** order that the bath commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to construct and maintain a public convenience station in vicinity of Roxbury Crossing, referred to the mayor c 67; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath commission relative to, assigned c 131-taken up, order offered requesting board of estimate and apportionment to include in loan bill a sum sufficient, passed c 159 a 167, 168

**Bath-house, Ward 18.** (See Bath Department.)

**Battery street.**

**widening:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan the sum of \$32,000 for widening from Commercial st. to the ferry, passed a 277 c 281; order that the street commissioners be requested to widen from Commercial st. to the ferry, passed a 621 c 629 (notice of reconsideration given by Mr. Cuddy) taken up, notice withdrawn c 649

**Battery street and Commercial street.**

**guy-posts:** H. P. Nawn, petition a 752-granted a 753

**Battis, George H., Councilman, Ward 1.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** teller c 50; committee on investigation of suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on auditing department, building department, institutions department c 267, 268

**orders offered:** drinking fountain, East Boston c 96  
light on Eutaw st. c 96  
resurfacing Putnam sq. c 96  
improvements, Putnam sq. c 266  
police to prevent loitering in Putnam sq. c 266  
White st., sidewalk c 266  
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**remarks:** Chapman School c 176  
sale of city property, East Boston c 245  
on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 297, 298

**Bay State Instalment Company.**

compensation for damages by fire-wagon, refused a 778 c 791

**Bay State Real Estate Association.**

petition to construct area in sidewalk, North st. a 167-granted a 170;  
petition to locate basement floor at grade 5, granted a 167

**Bay State road.**

**sidewalk:** W. A. & H. A. Root, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Bay State road and other streets.**

**conduits:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company petition to lay a 123-order for hearing a 148-bearing a 166-granted a 306

**guy-ropes:** W. A. & H. A. Root, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Bay-windows.** (See Building Department; name of person petitioning; or, street.)**Beach street.**

**barber-pole:** Rosary Ciccolo, petition a 697-granted a 708; petition a 741-granted a 744

**coal-holes:** Michael Rougbau, petition a 541-granted a 546

**widening:** order that the street commissioners be requested to report an estimate of the cost of widening from Washington st. to Atlantic ave., passed a 278

**Beacham street.**

**guy-posts and wires:** Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition a 720-granted a 724

**Beacon street.**

**cornices:** Women's Club, petition and order for hearing a 579

**guy-posts:** McNeil Bros., petition to erect a 78-granted a 81

**guy-posts and ropes:** Frank B. Gilbreth, petition to erect a 579-granted a 580

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to consider the desirability of paving from Massachusetts ave. to the B. & A. R.R. bridge with asphalt, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 120 a 124

**sidewalk:** Marshall Wentworth, petition a 465-granted a 482; James W. Tufts, petition a 397-granted a 623; W. B. Thomas, petition a 616-granted a 644; order to make sidewalks along Nos. 512-514,

**Beacon street, continued.**

passed a 574; J. D. Steuer, petition a 720-granted a 748; George Wheatland, petition a 742-granted a 753

**space under sidewalk:** William Minot *et als.*, trustees, petition to maintain a 78-granted a 81

**Beacon and Hereford streets.**

**sidewalk:** R. C. Hooper, petition a 579-granted a 581

**Beacon and Somerset streets.**

**guy-posts:** L. P. Soule & Son, petition a 616-granted a 622

**Beacon street and Audubon road.**

**guy-post:** George R. Dugad, petition a 325-granted a 331

**Beacon street and Massachusetts avenue.**

**sidewalk:** W. B. Thomas, petition a 579-granted a 623

**Bedford street.**

**illuminated signs:** George Bleiler, jr., granted a 107; Gross & Strauss Co., petition a 597-granted a 603

**sign:** Alfred E. Haines, petition a 230

**Bedford and Washington streets.**

**areas under sidewalk:** Massachusetts General [Hospital], petition a 549-granted a 551

**Beech Glen street.**

**claims:** Alice E. Gould, petition, compensation for damages to estate a 269

**Beech street, Ward 23.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 597-granted a 603-

**Beech and other streets.**

**poles:** report, no action necessary a 834

**Beef.**

**weighers** appointed a 274-confirmed a 301, 302

**Beethoven street.**

**poles:** Mrs. M. E. Cable *et als.*, petition for removal of poles a 432-report, no action necessary a 834

**Bell street.**

**changing name:** see Biltmore st.

**Bellevue avenue.**

**claims:** Frank L. Proctor, petition for payment to N. L. Foster, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 355-granted a 384 e 391

**Bellevue street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 561; order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576; New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove one pole a 784-order for hearing a 788-hearing a 805-granted a 810

**sidewalk:** J. Homer Pierce *et al.*, trustees, petition a 433-granted a 471

**tree:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 329

**Bellflower street.**

**sidewalk:** Joseph F. Loughlin, petition a 616-granted a 644; Roger Regan, Patrick Neylord, petition a 742-granted a 753; John F. Lynch, petition a 806-granted a 814

**Bells, Ringing of.**

order that expenses of ringing bells on the various holidays of the year 1899 be charged to city council incidental expenses, passed a 708 e 713

**Belvidere street.**

**construction:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, report the reason of the delay of the construction of street, discussed e 208, 209-referred to the mayor e 209; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets, placed on file e 215

**guy-posts and ropes:** Frank S. Robbins, petition a 433-granted a 443

**Bemis, John W. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)****Benedict, William L.**

compensation for damages to estate, Selkirk road, refused a 327 e 366

**Benevolent Fraternity of Churches et als.**

petition for repairing Berkeley st. a 102-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 148

**Benfield, Albert J.**

petition to project sign, Washington st. a 102-granted a 104

**Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R.**

order to allow camp-fire, Dorchester park, referred to the mayor e 320

**Bennet and Ash streets.**

**areas:** Reuben Sherburne, petition to construct a 236-granted a 254

**guy-posts:** Whidden & Co., petition a 251-granted a 254

**Bennett, William E., Councilman, Ward 5.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on investigation of removal of city employees e 40; committee on building department, health department, market department, printing department, Fourth of July, Seventeenth of June, discharge of city employees e 267, 268

**orders offered:** assignment of salaries e 67, 68  
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**remarks:** assignment of salaries e 68

**Bennington street.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** Thomas Arthur, petition to lay a 572-granted a 575

**sign:** George W. Ray, petition a 55

**speedway on boulevard:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to lay out from Orient Heights to Beachmont, passed a 554

**transparency:** Quincey Club, Ward 1, petition a 615-granted a 624; Thomas F. Clark, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Bennington and Lexington streets.**

**guy-post:** Mead, Mason & Co., petition to erect a 465-granted a 473

**Bennington and Brooks streets.**

**poles:** James Menzies *et als.*, petition, removal a 741-granted a 788; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 831-report, veto sustained a 838

**Benton, Josiah H., jr.**

appointed trustee of public library a 323—confirmed a 338

**Bequests.**

THAYER, CAROLINE C.: Communication from Nathaniel Niles Thayer in relation to bequest for Protestant widows and single women a 742—report, no further action necessary a 753

**Berenson, Louis.**

bay-windows, Washington and Bartlett sts., petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 464—granted a 544

**Berkeley street.**

**asphalting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$22,800 for asphalting between Tremont st. and the railroad bridge, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 147

**damages to estate:** see Ball, Alice W.

**repaving:** Benevolent Fraternity of Churches *et als.*, petition a 102—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 148

**stereopticon views:** George M. Hatch, petition a 401—granted a 409

**Berry, Casper.**

damages to estate, Leverett st., refused a 342 c 366

**Berwin, William, Alderman.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on armories and military affairs, electric wires, lamps, public improvements, sewer division, ferry division, state aid a 62; committee on public improvements a 47; committee on art department, bath department, city messenger department, election department, engineering department, health department, music department, overseing of the poor department, police department, printing department, street department, street laying out department, water department, Fourth of July, mayor's address, Memorial Day, Seventeenth of June a 237, 238; committee on finance a 278; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan a 296; committee on wire department a 311; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince a 423; committee on Dewey Day a 622; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors a 643; committee to protest against placing British monument on Common a 749

**orders offered:** printing Municipal Register a 127

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**Beverly street.**

**sidewalk:** Joseph Green, petition a 402—granted a 443

**Bicknell street.**

**sidewalk:** J. P. Buntin, petition a 325—granted a 331

**Bicycle Lantern, Revision of Order for. (See Park Department.)****Bicycle Path Adjoining Common.**

ordered that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation to enable the superintendent of streets to construct a bicycle path of asphalt on Tremont, Boylston and Charles sts., adjoining Common, and that hearing be granted to those interested, passed a 80—discussed c 83, 84—passed c 84

**Billings, Edmund.**

appointed overseer of the poor a 751—referred to committee on public improvements a 780

**Biltmore street.**

**changing of name of Bell street:** order to change name of Bell st., from Chestnut ave. to Lamartine st., laid over a 127—taken up, passed a 145

**Binderies, Union. (See Printing Department.)****Bindery, Establishment of. (See Printing Department.)****Birch street.**

**building:** John Soley & Sons, petition to move a 211—granted a 214; petition to move a 616—granted a 623

**guy-ropes:** Cullen Bros., petition to construct a 301—granted a 309

**Birch and Brandon streets.**

**sidewalk:** B. F. Cobleigh, petition a 549—granted a 566

**Bird street.**

**sewer:** order to place between Virginia st. and Columbia road, referred to the mayor c 736

**Bismarck and Messenger streets.**

**claims:** John F. Kelly, *admr.*, petitions (two) for payment of balance of tax-sale of estates a 655

**Bituminous Coal.**

order that a special committee be appointed to consider and report what additional legislation, if any, is necessary to abate the nuisance arising from the consumption of bituminous coal in this city, passed a 129; committee appointed a 129; call for report a 471

**Blackstone street.**

**bulkhead opening in sidewalk:** John P. Squire & Co., petition to construct a 465-granted a 472, 473

**repaving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to repave from Clinton st. to Haymarket sq. referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 58

**sign:** J. H. Carlton, petition a 123, 167-granted a 170; C. H. Jackson, petition a 432-granted a 468

**Blackstone and Franklin squares.**

**snow and ice:** order that superintendent of streets be requested to have removed from sidewalks around square, passed a 169

**Blackstone and Hanover streets.**

**awning:** E. E. Gray & Co., petition to erect, granted a 55

**Blackwell and Bowman streets.**

**gas or electric lamps:** Henry B. Blackwell *et als.*, petition a 533

**Blake street.**

**wooden building:** Geo. R. Cavanagh, petition to move a 572-granted a 575

**Bleiler, George, Jr.**

illuminated sign, Bedford st. granted a 107

**Block, Josephine W.**

petition for payment to Henry H. Savage of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Longfellow st. a 806

**Blue Hill avenue.**

**areas in sidewalk:** estate of John P. Nichols, petition a 655-granted a 677

**barber-poles:** Emil Heusser, petition a 324-granted a 343

**building:** Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition to erect a 432-granted c 454-referred to committee on public improvements a 466-report, accepted, permit granted a 472

**fast driving:** order that permission be granted for driving at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance between Talbot ave. and Morton st., passed c 695, 696 a 699

**hitching post:** W. A. Naylor, M.D.V., petition to erect a 579-granted a 580

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$50,000 for paving from Dalmatia st. to Grove Hall, passed c 77-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**sidewalk:** M. W. Hall, petition a 325-granted a 331; James S. Dorsey, petition a 655-granted a 677

**sign:** Abner M. Hill, petition a 354-granted a 385; Scott & Palmer, petition a 578-granted a 581

**tree:** order to remove in front of estate of Gerard Bement, passed a 344

**Blue Hill avenue and Brunswick street.**

**sidewalk:** Sharreff Bros., petition a 668-granted a 709

**Blue Hill avenue and Dudley street.**

**drinking fountain:** order that the water commissioner be requested to locate and maintain fountain at junction, referred to the mayor c 455

**Blue Hill avenue and East Cottage street.**

**poles:** Postal Telegraph Cable Company, petition to attach wires to poles of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company a 355-granted a 331

**Blue Hill and Geneva avenues.**

**poles:** New England Telephone, petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787

**Blue Hill and Melville avenues.**

**crosswalks:** order to construct two crosswalks opposite Phipps ave. and on Melville ave., at junction of Wellesley park, passed a 231

**Board of Aldermen.** (See Aldermen, Board of.)**Board of Apportionment.** (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)**Board of Assessors.** (See Assessing Department.)**Board of Election Commissioners.** (See Election Department.)**Board of Health.** (See Health Department.)**Board of Police.** (See Police Department.)**Boers.**

resolution of sympathy, discussed c 819-824-passed c 824

**Bogan, Fred B., Deceased.**

order to pay to children amount authorized by act of the Legislature, passed c 455 a 466

**Boilers and Heavy Machinery, Weighers.**

Fred Cutter, A. W. Montgomery, Manrice D. Kingsbry, appointed a 228-confirmed a 236; weighers appointed a 274-confirmed a 301, 302; Frederick A. Jones, appointed a 425-confirmed a 466

**Bolton street.**

**repairing:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to repair street between D and E sts., referred to the mayor c 608, 609

**Bond, George W.**

petition, compensation for injuries to horse caused by ferry-boat a 806

**Bordman, John, Jr., Councilman, Ward 10.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on common council rules c 93; committee on auditing department, claims, legislative matters, wire department, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Rainsford Island investigation, rules and orders of the common council c 267, 268; committee on library department c 413

**Bordman, John, Jr., Councilman, Ward 10, continued.**

orders offered : repeal of apportionment act c 73  
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resignation : resignation from several committees of which he is a member c 514

resolution expressing good wishes for future success by members of common council : c 515, 516-passed c 516; committee appointed to attend councilman to train on which he leaves the city c 516

New Year's greeting : ordered that the president and clerk of the common council be requested to send in behalf of members a New Year's greeting, passed c 830

**Boston '99 Meet Club.**

petition, license, athletic entertainment, Mechanics Building, granted a 230

**Boston Auction Company.**

awnings : Clinton and Commercial sts., petition and order for hearing a 643-hearing a 666-granted a 762

**Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company.**

HAMPDEN AND DUDLEY STS.: report, with order, granting permission to attach wires to poles, accepted, passed a 358

**Boston Baseball Association.**

petition, permit for athletic exhibitions, baseball, etc. a 325-granted a 327

**Boston Baseball Grounds.**

flooding for skating purposes : see Park Department

**Boston Catholic Cemetery Association.**

petition for permission to use for burial purposes, certain land on Howard and Walk Hill sts., in Ward 24, referred to committee on cemetery department a 307; order that permission be granted for same, discussed a 307, 308-assigned a 308-taken up, referred to committee on cemetery department a 326-report, assigned a 403-taken up, discussed a 434-436-passed a 436; communication from the mayor vetoing order a 462, 463-referred to committee on public improvements a 463-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 467; report, discussed a 563, 564-accepted, discussed a 564, 565-passed over veto a 565; William H. Hyde *et als.*, remonstrance against allowing use of land, Harvard st. a 353-report, no action necessary, accepted a 436

**Boston Central Labor Union.**

communication from, in favor of passage of ordinance for building construction department, referred to committee on ordinances c 176

**Boston College.**

ordered that the board of street commissioners, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to lease to trustees of said college for a term of ten years, etc., a strip of land owned by the city running from Norfolk ave. to Massachusetts ave., for an athletic field, passed c 266 a 275

**Boston Common. (See also Public Grounds Department.)**

British monument : see British monument

observation stands on common : order that the mayor be requested to revoke all permits for the erection of observation stands upon common in order that a view of the Dewey parade may be had by citizens, etc., discussed c 636-640-passed c 640

seats : order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested, through the mayor, to replace seats on Tremont-st. mall, referred to the mayor c 502-communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public grounds relative to, referred to committee on public grounds c 510

**Boston Electric Light Company.**

poles :

BENNINGTON AND BROOKS ST.: see Bennington and Brooks sts.  
 DUDLEY AND WASHINGTON STS.: communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 401-report, veto sustained a 623  
 FORT AVE. AND HUMPHREY ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 667-order for hearing a 669-hearing a 697-granted a 708, 709  
 K ST.: order that order passed December 5, 1898, granting permit, be rescinded, passed a 409, 410; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 425-report, accepted, discussed a 443, 444-passed over veto a 444  
 MT. PLEASANT AVE.: petition to erect poles a 355-order for hearing a 359-hearing a 378-granted a 385  
 SAVIN HILL AVE. AND OTHER STREETS: petition to erect poles a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524  
 UNION PARK AND OTHER STREETS: petition to erect poles a 578-order for hearing a 582-hearing a 584  
 WALNUT AVE., PARKER AND WASHINGTON and other streets : petition to erect poles a 337-order for hearing a 344-hearing a 354-granted a 385 a 657  
 WASHINGTON ST.: petition to erect poles a 123-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 198

**Boston Elevated Railway Company. (This also includes West End Street Railway Company.)**

additional cars, Harrison ave. : order that said company, through the mayor, be requested to run an additional number of cars on its line of road on said avenue, passed a 231

approval of plans : notice from railroad commissioners of approval of plans 25,450 to 25,463 inclusive, placed on file a 326

Atlantic ave. station : order that said company be requested to establish a station near Commercial Wharf, passed a 309

bridge, Travers st. : see Travers st.

building : petition to erect building, Oak sq. a 324-granted a 357 c 367; petition a 337-granted a 409 c 413; petition to erect on Blue Hill ave. a 432-granted c 454-referred to committee on public improvements a 466-report, accepted, permit granted a 472

cables, Broadway : see Wire Department

cars to Atlantic ave. : order that the mayor request said company to run a line of cars through Atlantic ave., or to furnish free transfers, to enable residents of Charlestown to reach said avenue, etc., referred to the mayor c 319

cars to stop at Upton and Tremont sts. : order that said company be requested to make stopping place at corner, passed a 172

damages : W. Bowman Cutter, order for hearing on petition for an award for damages on account of taking of certain estates by said company a 535-hearing a 555-order for hearing a 559; John H. Quinlan and Hubert Daly *et als.*, petition for an award of damages on account of taking land, Charlestown a 555, 556; J. Quinlan, order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584, 585-assigned a 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601; petition of said company asking the board of aldermen to estimate damages of Horace H. Moses *et als.* for taking of land, referred to committee on public improvements a 550-report, with order for hearing, accepted, passed a 552-hearing a 580, 584, 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601-substitute order offered a 617-619-referred to committee on public improvements a 619-referred to board of aldermen for action a 623; Catherine E. Feeley *et als.*, petition that the board of aldermen estimate damages caused by taking of estate by said company a 572; order that in the opinion of the board of aldermen, acting as county commissioners, the point raised by some of the respondents on the petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for the assessment of damages for land taken by said company that an actual attempt on the part of the said company to settle with the respondents is a condition precedent to a legal taking by the company, is not sustained, and that this finding be entered upon each petition on which the question was raised, passed a 601, 602; order that on all petitions now pending before the board of al-

**Boston Elevated Railway Company, continued.**

dermen for the taking of land be and hereby are assessed and awarded the sum of one dollar, etc., assigned a 602-taken up, substitute order offered a 617-discussed a 617-619-referred to committee on public improvements a 619-report, accepted, order passed a 623; Charles M. Baker *et al.*, executors of estate of R. E. Demmon, petition that board of aldermen estimate damages occasioned by taking land of estate a 585-order for hearing a 586-hearing a 615; W. Bowman Cutter, petition asking for an investigation into acts of said company in the matter of taking land a 579-bearing a 584, 585-assigned a 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601-report, recommending that same be returned to county commissioners a 623; order that in relation to right of board of aldermen as county commissioners to assess damages, the board hears the petitioners and respondents first on issue so raised; that all matters with reference to actual assessment of damages be postponed until some subsequent meeting, etc., passed a 579, 580; protests of David H. Greenwood and Minnie Jacobson against board of aldermen taking action in assessing damages in case of land of J. W. Bemis *et al.*, 7 Porter st. and 68-74 Pleasant st. a 597; order for hearing on petition of Matthew and Mary Desmond and Daniel Mahoney, for board of aldermen to estimate damages by taking of land a 643-hearing, order awarding damages, passed a 697; notice received from D. P. Nichols & Co., lessees of part of estate of H. P. Whitcomb, of appeal from award on account of taking of said estate by Boston Elevated Railway Company, placed on file a 656; notice from Frank L. Robbins, lessee of estate of Reuben E. Demmon, of an appeal by him from award of board of aldermen on account of taking of estate, and from same person as lessee of estate of B. F. Shattuck, placed on file a 669; Catherine Curran *et als.*, that board estimate damages sustained by taking of land, Beacham st., petition and order for hearing a 669-hearing a 740, report with order, accepted, passed a 753; order voting no further action necessary, as settlements have been made, accepted a 700; notices were received from Matthew and Mary Desmond and Daniel Mahoney, of appeals from awards made by board of aldermen, placed on file a 752

**damages to estate:** Lizzie G. Thoits, petition that the board of aldermen estimate damages by taking of her estate, Porter st., by said company a 269-order for hearing a 276, 277-hearing referred to committee on public improvements a 324-report, with order, for hearing a 331

**Dudley st. transfer station:** order that the mayor request said company to erect a permanent awning or some suitable shelter on left-hand side going to Washington st., referred to the mayor c 416

**East Boston car service:** order that said company be requested to give the people better car service by running one or more lines through the subway by way of Commercial and Causeway sts. passed a 779

**elevated stations, Charlestown:** order that said company be requested to provide at least one station on the elevated line now building, between the stations now arranged for in City and Sullivan squares, passed a 278

**extension of Dorchester line to Dorchester Lower Mills:** order that said company be requested to continue its Dorchester line of tracks on Washington street, Dorchester, to the Lower Mills, referred to committee on railroads a 169

**extension of Norfolk House line:** ordered, that said company be requested to extend line to Jamaica Plain terminus or establish a free transfer system at Jackson sq., passed c 736-referred to committee on railroads a 742

**grades, revision of:** petition for revision of grades, Pleasant, Porter, Kirkland and other streets a 555-placed on file a 559

**guy-posts, Corning and Porter sts.:** petition a 615, 616-granted a 622

**improvement of East Boston service:** order that said company be requested to change car service as follows (given), passed a 198

**Liverpool st. improvement:** order that said company be requested to keep street free from snow and ice during the winter season, etc., referred to the mayor c 42

**locations, Boston Elevated:** 3d, accepted a 562

**locations, West End Street Railway Company:** 159th, 160th, 161st, accepted a 46; 162d, accepted a 302; 163d, 164th, 165th, accepted a 382; 168th, 169th, accepted a 498; 170th, 171st, accepted a 436; 172d, accepted a 527; 173d, 174th, accepted a 534; 175th, accepted a 550; 176th, 177th, accepted a 562; 179th, 180th, 181st, accepted a 509; 182d, accepted a 619; 183d, 184th, accepted a 656; 185th, 186th, 187th, granted a 699; 188th, location a 777

**Meeting-House Hill cars:** order that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to have more cars run on said line, referred to committee on railroads a 59

**night car, Bunker Hill st.:** order that said company be requested to run one of the night cars over Bunker Hill st., passed c 285-referred to committee on railroads a 301

**Boston Elevated Railway Company, continued.**

**night car to South Boston:** order that said company be requested, through the board of aldermen, to run a night car by way of Dorchester st. to Field's Corner, etc., passed c 266

**Park st., transfer, shelter:** order that said company be requested to erect a suitable awning or shelter over sidewalk for convenience of patrons, passed a 236; petition to place an awning on its car-house a 251-granted a 254; order that the superintendent of streets be requested to issue a permit to said company to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning over sidewalk, referred to committee on public improvements a 253

**passageway at stopping places:** order that said company be requested to keep a passageway clear at their different stopping places, referred to the mayor c 165

**passenger station, Ward 12:** order that the mayor be requested to petition said company to locate a passenger station midway between Northampton and Dover sts., in connection with the Elevated structure on Washington st., referred to the mayor c 738

**pole location:** communication from the mayor transmitting plan showing pole location on West Boston bridge, placed on file a 523

**relocation of tracks, Dewey sq.:** order that said company be requested, through the mayor, to relocate their tracks in such a manner as to eliminate the sharp curves now existing there, etc., assigned a 37-taken up, passed a 45

**starter at Broadway and Dorchester st., transfer station:** order that said company be requested to provide another starter at said station, passed c 318 a 325

**stopping place, Western ave.:** *see* Western ave.

**Talbot ave., cars:** order that said company be requested, through the mayor, to run a line of cars on avenue upon completion of laying tracks, referred to the mayor c 596; order that said company be requested, through the mayor, to hurry along work of laying tracks, passed a 671

**terra cotta pipe, Huntington ave.:** West End Street Railway Company, petition a 806-report, granting permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 834

**tracks, Cambridge st., Charlestown:** *see* Cambridge st., Charlestown

**tunnel for foot travel, Travers st.:** *see* Travers st.

**transfer station, Northampton st.:** Thomas H. Keenan *et als.*, petition for a 123

**locations, etc.:**

**ADAMS ST., DORCHESTER:** petition, location double tracks a 615-order for hearing a 624-hearing a 667-discussed a 726-730-assigned a 730-taken up, discussed a 743, 744-granted a 744

**ATLANTIC AVE.:** petition for location of double tracks, and that location of the Union Freight Railway Company be altered to conform to new location a 572-order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584-granted a 602, 603

**ATLANTIC AVE. AND COMMERCIAL ST.:** petition, location double tracks a 615-order for hearing a 624-hearing a 667-granted a 678

**ATLANTIC AVE. AND SUMMER ST.:** communication from the mayor, submitting a plan showing track locations granted by him, placed on file a 583

**BEACH ST.:** petition to lay double tracks a 338-order for hearing a 344-hearing a 401-granted a 406

**BLUE HILL AVE.:** petition, additional curves, etc., to connect car-house with tracks a 236-order for hearing a 237-hearing a 300-granted a 343, 344

**CAMBRIDGE ST., BRIGHTON:** petition to lay double tracks a 549-order for hearing a 552; petition to lay additional tracks a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 579-granted a 587

**CAUSEWAY ST.:** petition, location of tracks a 325-order for hearing a 378-granted a 388

**CHARLESTOWN, CAUSEWAY AND COMMERCIAL STS.:** petition for location of tracks a 301-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 337-granted a 343

**CITY SQ., PARK AND WARREN STS.:** petition to lay single track a 236-order for hearing a 237-hearing a 300-granted a 344

**COLUMBIA ROAD AND STOUGHTON ST.:** petition to lay double curves a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 579-granted a 587

**COLUMBUS AVE. AND DARTMOUTH ST.:** petition, location for double curves a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 614-granted a 625

**COMMONWEALTH AVE.:** petition for location a 752-order for hearing a 763-hearing a 803-granted a 814

**DORCHESTER AVE.:** order that permission be granted to maintain poles, etc., passed a 557

**DUDLEY AND WASHINGTON STS.:** order to remove pole, passed a 172

**HARRISON AVE. AND DOVER ST.:** petition that lines of sidewalk be readjusted a 432, 433

**Boston Elevated Railway Company, continued.**

HARRISON AVE. AND NORTHAMPTON, BEACH AND SOUTH STS.: petition for readjustment of lines of sidewalk a 481

HARRISON AVE., ROLLINS AND WASHINGTON STS.: petition to lay underground conduits a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 573-granted a 576-communication, accepting order, placed on file a 586

LEXINGTON ST., EAST BOSTON: petition to lay double tracks a 230-order for hearing a 327-hearing a 378-granted a 388

LEXINGTON AND SHELBY STS.: petition for curve track a 480; hearing a 533-granted a 538

MAIN ST.: hearing a 549-granted a 553; petition for double tracks a 503-order for hearing a 530

MAPLE ST., ROXBURY: petition to erect poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-referred to committee on public improvements a 537-report, accepted, order granted a 538

MASSACHUSETTS AVE. AND BOYLSTON ST.: petition to lay double curves at corner a 338-order for hearing a 344-hearing a 401-granted a 406

MORTON and other streets: petition, location for double tracks a 579-order for hearing a 581-hearing a 614-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 833-report, accepted, discussed a 836, 837-passed a 837

NORTHAMPTON and other streets: petition to construct curves a 236-order for hearing a 237-hearing a 300-granted a 343

PROVIDENCE ST. AND ST. JAMES AVE.: petition to locate double tracks a 432-order for hearing a 439-hearing a 524

ST. JAMES AVE.: Denman W. Ross, remonstrance against granting location a 561

SARATOGA ST.: petition, location a 211; order that committee on railroads give hearing, passed a 212; order that the board of aldermen be requested not to grant a permit to said company to lay rails, until they establish a waiting-room at Boston side of North Ferry, passed c 267-referred to committee on railroads a 274

SAVIN HILL AVE.: and other streets report, granting permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 537-amended, granted a 538

SUMMER ST.: communication from the mayor transmitting a plan showing a temporary track location, granted by him, etc., placed on file a 533

SWETT ST. AND MASSACHUSETTS AVE.: petition to lay double tracks a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 579-report discussed a 678-681-accepted, petition granted a 681

TALBOT AVE.: order to extend electric line as soon as possible, passed a 330; petition for location of double tracks, referred to committee on public improvements a 433-report, accepted, order for hearing, passed a 443-hearing a 503-granted a 504

WASHINGTON ST.: petition for location of double tracks between Newcomb and Ball sts. a 55-order for hearing a 128-hearing a 193-granted a 276; petition, location a 325-order for hearing a 327-hearing a 378-granted a 387, 388; report, and order approving same, accepted, passed a 552, 553

WASHINGTON and other streets: petition to erect poles a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-referred to committee on public improvements a 810-report with order, accepted, assigned a 813, 814-taken up, passed a 833

WASHINGTON ST., ROXBURY: petition for approval of location a 525

WASHINGTON AND CODMAN STS., DORCHESTER: petition, location for extension of tracks a 465-order for hearing a 476-hearing a 524

WASHINGTON AND EUSTIS STS.: petition to lay curve tracks a 464, 465-order for hearing a 476-hearing a 524-granted a 530

WASHINGTON AND HANOVER STS.: petition for extension of time in which to lay curves; order allowing same, passed a 278

WASHINGTON AND ROXBURY STS.: petition to lay tracks a 464-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 530

WASHINGTON, WARREN AND DUDLEY STS.: petition, location for curve tracks a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 614-granted a 624, 625

WEST BOSTON BRIDGE: communication from the mayor transmitting a plan showing pole location, granted by Cambridge Bridge Commission, placed on file a 523

WESTERN AVE.: order for hearing a 530-hearing a 549-granted a 553; petition, location double tracks a 615-order for hearing a 624-hearing a 667-granted a 678-681; petition for location a 503

**Boston Harbor.**

order that the mayor be requested to petition the next General Court for such legislation as will cause the development of the channel or channels that will permit any ship an entrance to the port of Boston with safety and convenience, discussed a 745-746-referred to committee on public improvements a 746-report, accepted, order passed a 747 c 770; communication from the war department approving plan of inlet box, placed on file a 832

**"Boston Massacre," Painting.**

order that the mayor be requested to purchase the oil painting, and have the same hung in Faneuil Hall; and the board of estimate and apportionment is hereby requested to provide a sum sufficient for said purchase, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 46

**Boston Municipal Camp.**

communication from the mayor transmitting report of director in charge and advisory committee, ordered printed, sent up c 816-placed on file a 832

**Boston Penny Savings Bank et al.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Allston terrace a 464-granted a 468 c 493

**Boston Pneumatic Transit Company.**

order that the mayor be requested to inform the common council whether said company has paid any of the money provided for in the contract between them and the city of Boston, referred to the mayor c 417

**Boston Pneumatic Tube Company.**

order that the corporation counsel be requested to take such action as may be necessary to compel said company to carry out terms of contract entered into by said company with city, discussed c 651, 652-passed c 652 a 656

**Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad Company.**

fence between Harbor View Station and Byron st.: order that said company be requested, through the mayor, to place a fence along their tracks, referred to the mayor c 143

**Boston street.**

building: John Cavanagh & Son, B. M. Company, petition to move a 433-granted a 443

closing street: Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, petition a 78-granted a 81

passageway: order that the city engineer be requested to make a passageway for the convenience of the public, passed a 471

poles: Postal Telegraph Cable Company, petition to erect and remove a 667-order for hearing a 669-hearing a 697-granted a 809

wires to poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires to poles of Postal Telegraph Cable Company a 55-granted a 148

**Boston Theatre.**

crowding of: see Licenses

**Boston Transit Commission.**

annual report: c 64 a 79

automobiles: order that expenses of hearing be charged to contingent fund board of aldermen, passed a 329

routes: petition for certain routes for its omnibuses, merchandise and mail, etc. a 124-order for hearing a 232; report accepted, leave granted a 780

tunnel to East Boston: order to report why work has not been commenced, etc., passed a 128; communication from the transit commissioners relative to a 145, 146-ordered printed and assigned a 146-taken up, placed on file a 168; order that the mayor be requested to instruct the city solicitor to endeavor to secure a hearing by the court, on the petition that has been filed, asking for an injunction against the construction of a tunnel, passed a 147; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from law department, placed on file a 166; order that the mayor be requested to inquire if work is proceeding as vigorously as possible, passed a 586; order that the city council request the mayor to instruct the law department to use all the legal means possible to hasten construction of tunnel, discussed a 599-601; passed a 601 c 606; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the transit commission a 613-614-placed on file c 614; order that the board of transit commissioners be requested to prepare plans for the construction of tunnel, in accordance with decision of supreme court, and that they commence construction of tunnel at earliest possible date, etc., passed a 504 c 512

**Boston & Albany Railroad Company.**

taking land of E. D. Jordan Estate: see Railroad Matters

temporary tracks, Lehigh and South sts.: petition (referred last year), refused a 128

temporary tracks, South st.: petition for a 211—order for hearing a 214—hearing a 250—referred to committee on railroads a 254; report accepted, location granted a 276

**Boston & Maine.**

unclaimed baggage: see Unclaimed Baggage

**Boston and Rawson streets.**

area: Clarence E. Snow, petition a 525—granted a 529

bay-window: John Lorgenfeld, petition and order for hearing a 467—hearing a 524—refused a 624

**Bow street.**

poles: Postal Telegraph Cable Company, petition to erect a 698—order for hearing a 708—hearing a 719—granted a 809

**Bow, Arrow and Lynde streets.**

guy-posts: John Sutherland, petition a 616—granted a 622

**Bowdoin avenue.**

sidewalks: Catherine Lombard, petition a 338—granted a 361; petition a 433—granted a 471; Henry M. Leen, petition a 720—granted a 748

**Bowdoin square.**

auctioneer's flag: M. I. Bornstein, petition a 432—granted a 468

signs: A. J. Wiley, petition a 78; Geo. M. Palmer, *M.D.*, petition a 615—refused a 646

**Bowdoin street.**

guy-posts: McNeil Bros., petition to erect a 338—granted a 350

pipe under sidewalk: H. J. Freeman, petition to lay a 572—granted a 575

revised grade: ordered to establish, passed a 440

sidewalk: Peter R. Harrigan, petition a 561—report, no action necessary a 623; Lucy F. Copley, petition a 586—granted a 602; H. J. Freeman, petition a 641—granted a 660—order to place in front of Nos. 87 and 89, passed a 708

**Bowdoin street, Dorchester.**

trees: order to remove two trees, passed a 708

**Bowdoin and Hamilton streets.**

trees: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to remove tree front of estate of James O. Jordan, passed a 752

**Bowen street.**

claims: Patrick Hart, petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 235—granted a 327 c 367

**Bower street.**

crosswalk: order to construct across Walnut ave., referred to the mayor c 454

**Boyden, Sarah J., et als.**

report, no action necessary, on remonstrance against allowing hawkers and pedlers in certain streets in Roxbury, accepted a 342 c 367

**Boylston street.**

awning: Barnes & Duncklee, petition to erect a 102—granted a 214

basement floor of building: Charlotte Chamberlain, petition to construct a 806—granted a 837

**Boylston street, continued.**

canopy: Oliver Ames *et als.*, trustees, petition to construct a 534—granted a 566; F. L. Ames estate, petition and order for hearing a 656—hearing a 697—granted a 761

coal-holes: Oliver Ames *et als.*, trustees, petition to construct a 534—granted a 566

coal-hole: Henry Parkman *et al.*, trustees, petition a 251—granted a 254, 255

cellar, bottom of building on site of Old Public Library: Oliver Ames *et als.*, trustees, petition to excavate, at grade 4.48 a 533—granted a 570

electric lights: order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to locate a sufficient number of lights to properly light, between Washington and Amory sts., referred to the mayor c 164

guy-ropes: A. A. Elston & Co., petition to stretch a 561—granted a 566; Norcross Bros., petition a 579—granted a 580

illuminated sign: Francis Thomas, petition a 300—granted a 343; J. A. Mahoney, petition a 719—granted a 723

lantern: T. F. Corey & Co., petition a 615—granted a 624

remacadamizing: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to remacadamize between Boylston ave. and Lamartine st., referred to the mayor c 417

relaying of tracks: see Tremont and Boylston sts.

sidewalk: Vose & Sons Piano Company, petition a 465—granted a 482

sign: Frank Thomas, petition a 101; J. E. Bauer, petition a 324—granted a 343; James R. Hamilton, petition a 667—granted a 675

sign on post: Kelley & Durkee, petition a 236—refused a 237

transparency: Randolph V. King, petition a 667—granted a 675

watch sign: W. W. Austin, petition a 572—granted a 575

**Boylston and Exeter streets.**

guy-posts: Geo. A. Fuller Co., petition a 832—granted a 836

**Boylston and Tremont streets.**

tracks: see Tremont st.

**Boylston street and Chestnut avenue.**

crosswalks: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to construct, referred to the mayor c 67

**Bradlee, Samuel.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Chelsea ave., granted a 304 c 313

**Bradley, Patrick H., Councilman, Ward 6.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on cemetery department, vessels and ballast department, lamp department c 267; committee to attend funeral of Christopher F. O'Brien c 333

orders offered: public convenience station, junction of Endicott and Blackstone sts. c 68

investigation order c 68

naming Keany sq. c 377

Lafayette ave., electric light c 377

appropriation for reception to Admiral Dewey c 417

bath-house, North End c 635-636

remarks: election of president c 33

investigation order c 68

appropriation bill c 181

death of ex-President Christopher F. O'Brien c 333

land adjoining Pierce Farm c 768

disposition of Frauklin fund c 798, 799

**Bradley, William, et als.**

petition for establishment of a public crematory a 432

**Braintree street.**

poles: Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 123—order for hearing a 305—hearing a 324

**Brandon and Birch streets.**

buildings: John Soley, petition to move a 79-granted a 81

**Brauer, Andrew, Councilman, Ward 23.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, building department cemetery department, street laying-out department, Fourth of July c 267, 268

orders offered: drawing of seats c 41  
printing of municipal register, etc. c 44  
sewerage for Bates School c 67  
wooden addition, Poplar st. c 224  
printing of building laws c 265  
engine-house, Hyde Park ave., cor. Neponset ave. c 284  
Lorette st., lamps c 319  
Kittredge st., completion c 376  
relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 291  
playground, Ward 23 c 501  
improvement of Corinth st. c 596  
drainage of land, Parental School c 653

remarks: Stony Brook Act, acceptance of c 452  
appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 631  
observation stands on Common c 639  
refurnishing of buildings, Rainsford Island c 649  
closing proceedings c 827

**Bremen street.**

lights: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place in front of No. 370, referred to the mayor c 143

sidewalks: William Murphy, petition a 402-granted a 443; Louis A. Ginsburg, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Brennan, Patrick H., Councilman, Ward 17.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city clerk department, city messenger department, contingent expenses of the city council c 267

orders offered: ward 17, ward-room, grading of grounds c 49  
Norfolk ave., paving c 49  
Blue Hill ave., paving c 77  
catch-basin, Marshfield st. c 143  
electric light, Magazine st. c 143  
Dudley st., paving c 143  
officer for Orchard Park c 459

remarks: playground, Geneva ave. c 448  
playground, Morse field c 499

**Brennan, Stephen.**

petition to erect guy-posts, Merchants' row and other streets a 78-granted a 81

**Breslin, Cornelius.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Haskins st. a 541-refused a 778 c 791

**Brewster, Frank.**

petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Massachusetts ave. a 235-granted a 327 c 367

**Brick, Michael William, Alderman.**

qualified: page 1

appointed: committee on public improvements a 47; committee on county accounts, electric wires, markets, public improvements, sanitary division, street cleaning division, inspection of prisons, a 62; committee on art department, bath department, building department, city messenger department, collecting department, election department, engineering department, health department, legislative matters, library department, park department, police department, public lands, registry department, statistics department, street department, treasury department, Fourth of July, Labor Day, mayor's address, Seventeenth of June a 237, 238; committee on investigation of condition of Rainsford Island a 278; committee on investigation of sewerage works bill a 350; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince a 423; committee on unclaimed baggage a 616; committee to protest against placing British monument on Common a 749

orders offered: appointment of committee on topics in mayor's address a 36

**Brick, Michael William, Alderman, continued.**

relocation of tracks, Tremont and Boylston sts. a 36  
loan for new ward-room, Ward 8 a 36  
finance matters to be referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 46  
right of American Sugar Refining Company to use tracks, South Boston a 103  
electric lights, South Union Station a 128  
tracks, Tremont st. a 129  
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Endicott st., revised grade a 251  
removal tree, West Broadway a 325  
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payment to family of Theodore M. Osborne a 528  
examination of junk, etc. a 543, 544  
amendment to Rule 31 a 700  
addition to garbage nuisance committee a 708  
aldermanic contingent fund, transfer to a 789  
protest regarding restrictions on land of Museum of Fine Arts a 811, 834

remarks: relaying of tracks, Tremont and Boylston sts. a 36, 56, 129  
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street improvements, East Boston a 345  
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building committee a 352  
bay-window, Spring st. a 360, 361  
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confirmation of park commissioner a 382, 405  
site for engine Co. 22 a 509  
payment to family of Theodore M. Osborne a 528  
reception to Admiral Dewey a 541, 542  
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facades, Washington st., cor Bedford a 566-568  
tunnel to East Boston a 600, 601  
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regulation of motor vehicles a 472, 483  
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tracks of Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company a 709, 710  
garbage hearings a 718  
garbage plant nuisance a 720, 721, 726  
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West Cottage st., poles a 730, 753, 754  
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garbage plant, Dorchester a 754  
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canopy, Boylston st. a 762  
election returns, expenses a 781  
railroad report called for location, Morton and other streets a 789  
investigation of Rainsford island a 808  
protest regarding removal restrictions on land of Art Museum a 811-813, 834, 835  
closing proceedings a 841

**Brick wall at Charles-street Jail.** (See Suffolk, County of.)

**Bridge Division.** (See Street Department.)

**Bridge Tenders.** (See Street Department.)

**Brighton.**

playground: Everett st., Brighton: see Everett st., Brighton

playground, Waverly st.: see Playground, Brighton

schools: condition of: see School Department

**Brighton street, Charlestown.**

**electric light :** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested, through the mayor, to place between Perkins and Cambridge sts., referred to the mayor c 285

**Bristol street.**

**guy-ropes :** Thomas B. Black, petition to stretch a 784—granted a 789  
**sign :** Grove & Flynn, petition a 45; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 272

**British Monument.**

resolution protesting against erection of monument on Boston Common in commemoration of the British soldiers who fell at Bunker Hill, and requesting mayor to withdraw his approval of the proposition, discussed c 713, 716—passed c 716 a 720; order that a special committee be appointed to wait on the mayor and the cemetery trustees and urge them to revoke the permit granted to the Victorian Club to erect a monument on Boston Common, discussed c 735, 736—passed c 736—referred to committee on public improvements a 742—report, discussed a 748, 749—passed a 749—committee appointed a 749 c 796

**Broad street.**

**sidewalk :** Shapleigh Coffee Co., petition a 585—granted a 602

**Broadway.**

**bay-window :** S. M. Hank, petition and order for hearing a 382—hearing a 431—granted a 469

**crosswalk :** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to construct a crosswalk from the foot of West Broadway to Broadway Extension, referred to the mayor c 44

**placing of cables under ground :** see Wire Department

**repaving :** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to repave from A st. to bridge over tracks of New England Railroad Company, referred to the mayor c 417

**sign :** Hyman Goldstein, petition a 578—refused a 582; petition a 585—granted a 586

**transparencies :** John J. Joynt, petition a 432—granted a 468; H. W. Bresnahan, petition a 655—granted a 661; Daniel J. Lydon, petition a 667—granted a 675; M. J. McCullough, petition a 667—granted a 675—George M. Brennan, petition a 777—granted a 780

**trees :** order for removal in front of Nos. 322-324, Berlo Bros., passed a 325; order that permission be granted to N. F. McCarthy to remove tree, passed a 408; order to remove dead trees and to replace them with new trees, referred to the mayor c 458; Margaret C. Trainor, petition, for trimming of tree a 533; order to remove dead tree in front of No. 550, passed a 528

**Broadway bridge.**

**closing :** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to submit the reason the bridge is closed, and also the length of time it is proposed to keep said bridge closed, referred to the mayor c 321; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to, placed on file c 363

**exchange of land under :** see N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co.

**Broadway and Albany street.**

**closing :** order granting permission to New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to close during change of grade, passed a 307—report, accepted, order passed a 310

**Broadway and Dorchester avenue.**

**public convenience station :** see Bath Department

**Broadway and Dorchester street.**

**starter at transfer station :** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Broadway and F streets.**

**trees :** Josiah Hinckley, agent, petition to remove a 533

**Broadway, F and Silver streets.**

**areas :** J. F. & W. H. Falvey, petition a 641—granted a 645

**Broderick, John H., Councilman, Ward 23.**

**qualified :** page 2

**appointed :** committee on assessing department, cemetery department, city clerk department, street department c 267, 268

**orders offered :** engine-house, Forest Hills c 51  
 repair of La Grange st. c 94  
 use of Curtis Hall c 94  
 playground, Roslindale c 94  
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 Hyde Park ave., electric lights c 164  
 Custer st., laying out c 164  
 Hyde Park ave., widening c 209  
 Washington st., Ward 23, improvements c 266  
 South st., widening c 266

**Brodie, Edward L.**

**bay-window, Spring st., petition and order for hearing a 230—hearing a 250—referred to committee on public improvements a 305—report, referred to committee on public improvements a 305—report, discussed a 360, 361—accepted, permit granted a 361**

**Bromfield street.**

**illuminated sign :** Boston Cut Flower Company, petition, granted a 698; Henry Parker, petition a 751—granted a 761

**signs :** George E. Pierce, petition a 555—granted a 558; C. W. Wingate, petition a 697—granted a 708

**Bromley park.**

**improvements :** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to remove fence and cause seats to be placed in park, referred to the mayor c 318

**Bromley and Heath streets.**

**crosswalk :** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to construct, referred to the mayor c 141

**Brooke House Corporation.**

**bay-window, Cazenove st., petition and order for hearing a 785—hearing a 805**

**Brookford street.**

**sidewalk :** G. A. Currier, petition a 561—granted a 581

**Brookline avenue, Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue.**

**pole :** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 407—order for hearing a 558—hearing a 573—granted a 809

**Brookline Gas Light Company.**

**poles :**

**BRAINTREE ST. :** petition to erect eight poles a 123—order for hearing a 305—hearing a 324

**BROOKLINE AVENUE, BEACON STREET AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUE. :** petition to erect pole a 407—order for hearing a 558—hearing a 573—granted a 809

**CAMBRIDGE ST. AND HARVARD AVE. :** petition to erect and remove poles a 525—order for hearing a 532—hearing a 533—granted a 569

**COMMONWEALTH AVE. :** petition granted a 569

**FAIRBANKS ST., BRIGHTON. :** petition to erect two poles a 211—order for hearing a 305—hearing a 324—granted a 569

**LINDEN ST. :** petition to erect six poles a 525—order for hearing a 532—hearing a 533—granted a 558

**OAK SQ. AVE. AND BRACKETT ST. :** petition to erect poles a 432—order for hearing a 438—hearing a 464—granted a 569

**SPARHAWK ST. :** petition to erect pole a 525—order for hearing a 532—hearing a 533—granted a 569

**WIRT ST. :** petition to erect poles a 432—order for hearing a 438—hearing a 464—granted a 557, 558

**Brooks street, Brighton.**

**extension:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to complete the extension, passed c 43—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**Brooks street, East Boston.**

**sign:** Charles S. Miller & Co., petition a 235

**Brookside avenue.**

**pole:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 230

**Brophy, Mary.**

**petition,** compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 585—granted a 656

**Brown, Atherton T.**

**petition** to construct basement of proposed new building, Summer st., at grade 10 a 235; petition to construct area, Summer st. a 236—granted a 254

**Brown, F. R., & Co.**

**petition,** license to run barges a 301—granted a 303

**Bruen, John A.**

**notice** of appointment as member of board of trustees for children a 378

**Buckingham street.**

**bulkhead:** James P. Brown, petition to construct a 572—granted a 575

**Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.**

**petition** to parade on certain streets a 407—granted a 410

**Building Construction Department.**

**ordinance establishing department:** ordinance to establish building construction department, referred to committee on ordinances c 43, 44; communication from Union No. 11, Painters and Decorators of America, in favor of passage of ordinance, referred to committee on ordinances c 48; Boston Central Labor Union, communication in favor of passage of ordinance, referred to committee on ordinances c 176

**Building Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**building laws, and act relative thereto:** resolution protesting against the passage of bill accompanying the report of committee on cities relative to building laws, referred to committee on public improvements a 329, 330—report, accepted, resolutions adopted a 331

**fire precaution in theatres:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the building commissioner to have a thorough inspection made of the fire curtains and escapes in the various theatres, and to report result of said inspection, discussed a 61, 62—amended, referred to committee on public improvements a 62—report, no action necessary a 813

**building permits during recess:** order that during annual recess the committee on building department be authorized to allow erection of wooden buildings, etc., as they may deem expedient, passed c 454 a 466; communication from the mayor relative to, referred to committee on building department c 510

**inspectors, number of:** order that the building commissioner, through the mayor, report on or before March 2, 1899, the number of men he employs as inspectors, and under what or by whose authority more than the legal number are employed, referred to the mayor c 165; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the building commissioner, placed on file c 216

**printing of building laws:** see Printing Department

**report of commission on methods, etc., of building department:** communication from the mayor transmitting majority and minority reports made by commission appointed at the beginning of the year to examine into organization, administration, system and methods of department; ordered printed and assigned a 463—taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 534—report, accepted, placed on file a 813

**Building Department, continued.**

**signs:** report of committee on building department on petition for signs referred before appointment of committee, accepted a 252

**space between buildings:** see Ordinances

**special committee:** order that special committee be appointed to consider and report upon all matters already referred to committee, passed a 199

**bay-windows:**

**A ST.:** Bernard J. Devine, petition and order for hearing a 213—hearing a 235—granted a 276

**ANDERSON ST.:** Ziemann & Seegal, petition and order for hearing a 535—hearing a 555—granted a 570

**BARTLETT ST.:** Francis G. Sager, petition and order for hearing a 527—hearing a 542—granted a 808

**BOSTON AND RAWSON STS.:** John Lorgenfeld, petition and order for hearing a 467—hearing a 524—refused a 624

**BROADWAY:** S. M. Hank, petition and order for hearing a 382—hearing a 431—granted a 469

**BUNKER HILL ST.:** Charles W. Alden, petition and order for hearing a 382—hearing a 431—granted a 469

**CAMDEN ST. AND COLUMBUS AVE.:** James J. Murphy, granted a 252

**CAZENOVE ST.:** Brooke House Corporation, petition and order for hearing a 785—hearing a 805

**CENTRAL SQ. AND SARATOGA ST.:** Freeman Nickerson *et al.*, trustees, petition and order for hearing a 619—hearing a 655—granted a 675

**CLAYTON AND DICKENS STS.:** Gipson & Knights, petition and order for hearing a 275—hearing a 324—granted a 385

**COLUMBUS AVE.:** John C. Haynes, petition and order for hearing a 326—hearing a 354—granted a 409; Thomas F. Maloy, petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 464—granted a 537; Albert Geiger, petition and order for hearing a 467—hearing a 524—discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 545—report, leave granted a 551; Rose A. Hall, petition and order for hearing a 752—hearing a 784—referred to committee on public improvements a 808—report, permit refused a 813

**COLUMBUS AVE. AND RUGGLES ST.:** Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., petition and order for hearing a 467—hearing a 524—granted a 544

**DARTMOUTH ST.:** Eugene H. Smith, petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 463, 464—granted a 527, 528

**DORCHESTER AVE.:** W. H. Newcombe, granted a 305

**DORCHESTER ST.:** Florence E. Creed, petition and order for hearing a 669—hearing a 740—granted a 761

**E AND WEST NINTH STS.:** C. A. Russell, granted a 252

**ELLERY ST.:** John O'Connor, granted a 276; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 299—report, veto sustained a 623

**EVERETT ST.:** Winnie Linden, petition and order for hearing a 326—withdrawn a 354

**HANOVER ST.:** James Fitzgerald, petition and order for hearing a 236—hearing a 269—granted a 343

**HOWARD AVE., AND WOODWARD PARK ST.:** Meyer B. Gruzen-skie, petition and order for hearing a 752—hearing a 784

**HUNTINGTON AVE.:** A. T. Rogers, petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 464—granted a 527; L. J. Lyons, petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 464—granted a 527; James Harmon, petition and order for hearing a 437—hearing a 464—granted a 527; B. J. Connolly, petitions and order for hearing a 744—hearing a 777—granted a 808

**HUNTINGTON AVE. AND HEATH ST.:** David Rubinovz, petition and order for hearing a 213—hearing a 235—granted a 343

**MAVERICK ST., COR. HAVRE ST.:** H. Cady, granted a 198

**NEPONSET AVE. AND CHICKATAWBUS ST.:** Arthur Murphy, petition and order for hearing a 579—report, granting permission, assigned a 723—taken up, recommitment a 743—report, permit refused a 761

**NORWAY ST.:** G. J. White, petition and order for hearing a 308—hearing a 337—granted a 409

**PINCKNEY ST.:** C. S. Roberts, granted a 305

**PUTNAM ST., EAST BOSTON:** Frank Lally, petition and order for hearing a 127—hearing a 166—referred to committee on public improvements a 198—report, accepted, permit granted a 198

**QUINCY AND MAGNOLIA STS.:** B. A. Dyer, petition and order for hearing a 357—hearing a 401—granted a 469

**RICHMOND ST.:** Louis and Henry Rosenhanm, petition and order for hearing a 230—hearing a 250—granted a 276

**ST. MARTIN ST.:** M. Maloney, petition and order for hearing a 573—hearing a 584—granted a 646

**SAVIN HILL AVE. AND SPRING ST.:** Crescent Associates, petition and order for hearing a 80—hearing a 123—referred to committee on building department a 147—reconsidered, referred to committee on public improvements a 198—report, accepted, permit granted a 198

**Building Department, continued.**

**SPRING ST.:** Edward L. Brodie, petition and order for hearing a 230-hearing a 250-referred to committee on public improvements a 305-report, discussed a 360, 361-accepted, permit granted a 361

**THACHER ST.:** John Lepore, petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 354-granted a 409; Louis Nocito, petition and order for hearing a 549-hearing a 561-granted a 624

**TREMONT ST., CHARLESTOWN:** James H. Libby, petition and order for hearing a 357-hearing a 401-granted a 469

**TREMONT ST., ROXBURY:** William H. Gibbons, petition and order for hearing a 535-hearing a 555-refused a 661; J. C. Spillane, petition and order for hearing a 573-granted a 675

**TREMONT AND PRENTISS STS.:** H. Goldsmith, petition a 269-granted a 357 c 367; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 497-report, veto sustained a 623

**WASHINGTON ST.:** Henry H. Green, petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 354-granted a 409; T. H. Connolly, petition and order for hearing a 535-hearing a 555-granted a 646

**WASHINGTON ST., CHARLESTOWN:** Francis Raynes, petition and order for hearing a 339-hearing a 378-granted a 409

**WASHINGTON ST., WARD 22:** T. H. Connolly, petition and order for hearing a 481-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 524

**WASHINGTON AND BARTLETT STS.:** Louis Berenson, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 544

**buildings, wooden:**

**BLUE HILL AVE.:** Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition to erect a 432-granted c 454-referred to committee on public improvements a 466-report, accepted, permit granted a 472

**COMMONWEALTH AVE.:** J. E. Cousens, petition to erect a 324-granted a 343 c 367; petition to erect coal elevator a 324-report, no action necessary, accepted c 454 a 466

**COREY ROAD:** Eben D. Jordan estate, petition to erect a 615-granted a 661 c 687

**DUPONT ST.:** E. Dodge, petition to erect a 337-granted a 386 c 390

**EUTAW ST.:** order that permission be granted William F. Seavey to erect building in rear, referred to the mayor c 824

**GARDNER ST.:** Alfred D. Pearson, petition to erect building a 719-granted a 745 c 770

**GROSVENOR PL.:** Frederick Ayer, petition to erect a 250-granted a 305 c 313

**ISLAND ST.:** John A. Emery, petition a 250-granted a 343 c 367

**MARGINAL ST.:** Collas, Whitman & Co., limited, petition to erect a 167-granted a 305 c 313, 314; H. W. Coltman, petition to erect a 250-granted a 305 c 313-granted a 538 c 594; Collas Whitman & Co., petition a 503

**NEPONSET AVE. AND CHICKATAWBUT ST.:** Murphy, report, granting permission, assigned a 723-taken up, recommitted a 743

**OAK SQ.:** Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition to erect a 324-granted a 357 c 367; petition to erect a 337-granted a 409 c 413

**POPLAR ST., WARD 23:** William H. J. Stone, granted c 224-referred to committee on public improvements a 230-report, accepted, permit granted a 232; communication from the mayor relative to, indefinitely postponed c 240

**RUTHERFORD AVE.:** D. Whiting & Sons, petition to erect a 464-granted a 537; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained, permit refused a 613

**SPICE ST.:** Henry E. Wright, petition to erect a 549-granted c 651 a 656

**SUMNER ST.:** John Morrison, petition to erect a 464-granted a 470 c 493

**TREMONT AND PRENTISS STS.:** Henrietta Goldsmith, petition to construct a 269-granted a 357 c 367; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 407

**WELD ST.:** Aaron D. Weld estate, petition to erect building a 719-granted c 736 a 743

**WESTERN AVE.:** J. O. Whitten Company, petition to erect a 354-granted a 409 c 413; John McDonald, petition a 378-granted a 409 c 413

**Building Laws. (See Building Department.)****Building Laws, Printing of. (See Printing Department.)****Bulfinch and other streets.**

**conduits:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition a 230-hearing a 324; Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to open streets a 378

**Bulletin of Advertisements of Contracts. (See City Hall.)****Bunker Hill.**

**British monument to commemorate British Soldiers who fell in battle of Bunker Hill:** see British Monument

**Bunker Hill Athletic Association.**

order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to grant association the privilege of practising football on Charlestown Heights, referred to the mayor c 596

**Bunker Hill Day. (See Seventeenth of June.)****Bunker Hill street.**

**bay-window:** Charles W. Alden, petition and order for hearing a 382-hearing a 431-granted a 469

**coal-hole opening:** Charles W. Alden, petition a 402-granted a 442

**drinking fountain:** see Water Department

**iron pipe:** M. J. Doran, petition a 402-granted a 404

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$3,850 for asphaltting 250 feet from North Mead st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 375 a 381

**pipe under sidewalk:** Estate of John S. Meserve, petition a 433-granted a 442

**sign:** E. G. O'Hara, petition a 697-granted a 708

**transparencies:** Peter F. Tague, petitions a 572-granted a 575

**trees:** order to remove tree standing in front of residence of R. W. Olliver, passed a 621; order to remove in front of No. 244, passed a 671

**Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets.**

**square:** order that the park commissioner be requested to place square in condition, also to place sufficient number of settees around outside of square, referred to the mayor c 397

**square at junction:** naming Hayes sq.: see Hayes sq.

**Burchard, Marguerite A.**

claim refused a 778 c 791

**Burckhart, George F.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl a 480-granted a 656

**Burgess street.**

**resurfacing:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to resurface street, referred to the mayor c 399

**Burke, William J., et als.**

report, giving leave to withdraw on petitions (referred in 1898) for damages to estates caused by the overflow and stoppage of sewers in East Boston, accepted a 778, 779 c 791, 792

**Burlen, William H., Trustee.**

petition, bulkhead, North Market st. a 124-granted a 128

**Burnham place.**

**lamps:** Watson & Waite, et als., petition a 741

**Burrage, Albert C.**

petition to place pipe under and across sidewalk, Washington st. a 525-granted a 529

**Burrell street.**

**sidewalk:** L. M. Best, Catherine Hanrahan, Alfred Pierce, petition a 325-granted a 331; Ingh D. Kelly, petition a 641-granted a 546, 551-report, no action necessary a 623; petition a 616-granted a 644

**Burrell and Batchelder streets.**

**sidewalk** : order to make in front of estate of Catherine Hanrahan passed a 623, 624

**Burt, Frank L.**

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, West Springfield st. a 778

**Buttonwood and other streets.**

**pole** : Virgil L. Wilson *et als.*, petition for revocation of location a 806

**Byrne, George F.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 655

**Byron street.**

**school** : *see* School Department

**C street.**

**tree** : order that permission be granted John A. Devine to remove tree, passed a 811; order that permission be granted W. G. Stetson, agent, to remove tree, passed a 811

**Cadigan, Dennis A.**

personal injuries (referred last year) refused a 778 c 791

**Cady, H.**

bay-windows, Maverick and Hayre sts., granted a 198; petition, compensation for damages to house, Maverick st. a 585

**Call street.**

**roadway** : order to close during necessary sewer construction, passed a 254

**Calnan, Patrick J.**

petition for change of pumping-station, Charles river bridge to draw of Warren bridge a 616-referred to superintendent of streets a 644

**Calumet street.**

**claims** : Thomas F. Reardon, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 324-granted a 437 c 488

**guy-post with ropes** : Daniel Casey, petition a 379-granted a 387

**sidewalks** : D. H. Sullivan, petition a 586-granted a 602; D. J. Delaney, petition a 616-granted a 644; order to make from Tremont st. to St. Alphonsus st., passed a 646

**Calvary Cemetery Association.**

petition in aid of petition of West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway for tracks, Ashland st. a 325

**Cambridge street.**

**barber-poles** : F. A. Dauphin, petition a 561-granted a 569; J. W. Broome, petition a 697-granted a 708

**bulk-head opening** : F. Shute, *Trustee*, petition to construct a 525-granted a 529; Geo. A. Day *et als.*, *Trustees*, petition to construct a 561-granted a 566

**iron covering over grating** : Cornelius Keefe, jr., petition a 752-granted a 753

**sign** : William Naigles, petition a 101-granted a 305; Qung Lee, petition a 123, 167; Tony Chiucariello, petition a 193; Wong Company, petition a 432-granted a 468; John Paris, petition a 524-confirmed a 537; Vincent L. Trombetta, petition a 555-granted a 558; Shepard & Wiseman, petition a 597-granted a 603; Chang Toy and Sam Yick, petition a 741-granted a 744

**transparency** : John R. Murphy Club of Ward 11, petition a 719-granted a 723

**Cambridge street, Brighton.**

**poles** : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 573-granted a 577

**Cambridge street, Charlestown.**

**tracks** : order that Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to remove car tracks which are not now being used, and will not be needed again, passed c 141-referred to committee on railroads a 144

**Cambridge and Mansfield streets, Brighton.**

**care of lot at corner** : order that vacant lot of land at corner be placed under charge of public grounds department, passed c 455 a 406

**Cambridge street and Harvard avenue.**

**poles** : Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect and remove a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 569

**Camden street.**

**electric light** : Rev. Benjamin W. Farris *et als.*, petition a 806

**Camden street and Columbus avenue.**

**bay-window** : James J. Murphy, granted a 252

**Canal street.**

**flag and barber-pole** : Frank Di Marchi, petition a 355-refused a 385

**illuminated sign** : John F. Ketterer & Co., petition a 79-granted a 82

**sidewalk** : Paine Furniture Co., petition a 269-granted a 278; Florence Lyman *et als.*, petition a 355-granted a 387

**sign** : William J. Logan & Co., petition a 45; Jordan Bros., granted a 124

**Cannon, Ellen.**

compensation for personal, injuries refused a 327 c 366

**Canterbury street.**

**closing** : order to close during sewer construction, passed a 237

**Carleson, O.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 751

**Carleton street.**

**fire** : *see* Fire Department

**improvements** : order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to furnish an estimate of cost of constructing and laying out said street from West Newton to Dartmouth st., referred to the mayor c 691

**Carmody, Daniel B.**

appointed constable a 354-confirmed a 382

**Carriages at Funerals.** (*See* Police Department.)**Carroll, Henry B., Councilman, Ward 3.**

**qualified** : page 1

**appointed** : committee on assessing department, clerk of committees department, weights and measures department, Seventeenth of June c 267, 268

**orders offered** : swivel chairs for common council c 267  
time for firemen to vote at caucuses c 267  
time for policemen to vote at caucuses c 267  
eight hours for firemen c 804

**Carruth street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing a 401-granted a 475

**Carruth street and Eaton square.**

**poles:** assigned a 534, 542-taken up, granted a 550

**Cars.** (See Boston Elevated Railway Company; or, other street railways.)**Carver street.**

**arc light:** M. Steinert & Sons Co., petition a 806

**Casey, James J., Councilman, Ward 18.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on auditing department, city clerk department, registry department, water department, statistics department c 267, 268

**orders offered:** payment of election officers c 43  
payment for theatre licenses c 77  
Shawmut ave., paving c 95  
combination building, Ward 18 c 95  
Lenox st., paving c 118

**remarks:** employment of citizens c 260

**resigned:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93

**Cass, Charles F.**

petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Kilton st. a 55-granted a 304 c 313

**Cassidy, John.**

petition, damages to estate, Gray st. a 401

**Castle Square Theatre.**

order that permission be granted Reuben Nye, to erect permanent awning, referred to committee on public improvements a 747-report accepted, order passed a 762

**Castle street.**

**claims:** Charles A. Chase, petition, compensation for damages to estate a 269

**sign:** Lewis Zona, petition a 480-granted a 527

**Caucus Officers.** (See Legislative Matters.)**Causeway street.**

**barber-poles and signs:** A. P. Welch, petition a 655-granted a 661

**illuminated sign:** M. Burke, petition a 378-granted a 406; G. F. Knight, petition a 541-granted a 544

**sign:** Rosenauer & Miller, petition a 300-granted a 343

**tramway on Medford st. side:** Braman, Dow & Co., petition to project iron beam a 719

**Causeway, Haverhill and Canal streets and Haymarket square.**

order that the mayor be requested to have plans prepared to put territory in condition for park and playground purposes for Ward 6, referred to the mayor c 399

**Cavanagh, John & Son, Building Moving Company.**

petition to move building, Ashford st. a 79-granted a 81; petition to move building, Ceylon st. a 465-granted a 482; petition to move building, Boston st. a 433-granted a 443

**Cazenove street.**

**bay-window:** Brooke House Corporation, petition and order for hearing a 785-hearing a 805

**Cazenove and Chandler streets.**

**guy-posts:** Woodbury & Leighton, petition a 641-granted a 645

**Cedar square.**

**fence:** order that the mayor be requested to direct the superintendent of public grounds to immediately repair the fence, passed a 601

**Cedar and Highland streets.**

**trees:** order to trim tree in front of No. 102 Cedar st., and at corner of Cedar st. on Highland st., passed a 404

**Celebrations.** (See Names of Days Celebrated.)**Cemetery Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**trustees:** Albert W. Hersey, appointed member of board a 323-confirmed a 338

**cremation of pauper bodies:** resolve, that in opinion of common council it is inadvisable, assigned c 191-taken up, assigned c 204-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 221

**fence, Evergreen Cemetery:** see Evergreen Cemetery

**land for cemetery purposes, Harvard and Walk Hill sts.:** see Boston Catholic Cemetery Association

**Central Avenue Bridge.**

order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to at once put avenue in safe condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 501

**Central square park.**

**concreting walk:** order that the mayor be requested to direct the superintendent of public grounds to concrete the short walk on the Border st. side, passed a 441

**ice-water fountain:** order that the mayor be requested to direct the superintendent of public grounds to grant request of water commissioner for a location, passed a 544

**lamps:** order to locate two boulevard lamps, amended, passed a 554

**plankwalk:** order to remove and concrete walk, passed a 360

**Central square and Saratoga street.**

**bay-windows:** Freeman Nickerson *et al.*, trustees, petition and order for hearing a 619-hearing a 655-granted a 675

**Centre street, Dorchester.**

**sidewalk:** George O. Wood, petition a 379-granted a 404

**trees:** C. F. Baxter, petition, removal, order to remove same, passed a 386

**Centre street, Roxbury.**

**edgestones:** report and order that assessment levied against estates of James Conway and C. J. Connelly be rescinded and reassessed, accepted, passed a 551

**retaining wall:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$2,500 for construction, opposite New Heath st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 128

**druggist's mortar:** Fred E. Lewis, petition a 572-granted a 575

**sidewalk:** J. J. Cronin, petition a 325-granted a 331

**trees:** order to remove two dead trees in front of No. 14, passed a 543; order to remove tree in front of No. 360, passed a 554

**Centre street, Ward 23.**

**edgestones:** order that assessment against estate of Hannah Prescott be rescinded, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-report, accepted, order passed a 59

**pole:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 464-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 531

**rescission of assessment:** order that assessment against estate of Jane C. Lannon be rescinded, passed a 237

**Centre and Forbes streets.**

**sidewalk:** Patrick Manning, petition a 526-granted a 546

**Centre and Stimson streets.**

**claims:** Henry H. Salman, petition to pay Charles F. Berry balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 235, 236

**Centre and Walter streets.**

**trees:** order that park commissioners be requested to remove line trees, passed a 441

**Centre street and Talbot avenue.**

**guy-ropes:** Frank G. Coburn & Co., petition a 251-granted a 254

**Ceylon street.**

**lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to provide between Quincy st. and Columbia road, referred to the mayor c 609

**Chairman of the Board of Aldermen. (See Aldermen, Board of.)****Chamberlain, David B., Councilman, Ward 12.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; committee on water tax on boarding and lodging houses c 93; committee on finance, ordinances and law department, police department, printing, treasury department, Fourth of July, mayor's address, investigation of Rainsford Island, discharge of city employees, water tax on boarding and lodging houses c 267, 268; committee on legality of street-lighting contract c 650

**orders offered:** investigation of lodging house water tax c 75

payment of legislative expenses c 75  
 portrait of president c 75  
 expenses of music commission c 95  
 opinion from law department c 95  
 information regarding city officers c 95  
 information regarding contracts a 120  
 list of employees c 141  
 number of building inspectors c 165  
 public lecture appropriation c 265  
 lease of land to Boston College c 266  
 expenditures of bath commission c 318  
 abolition of bath commission c 318, 319  
 information regarding work in repair division c 319  
 disapproval of lamp contract c 455  
 passenger station, Ward 12 c 738  
 list of unpaid bills of heads of departments c 804  
 salaries and list of city employees c 804  
**remarks:** investigation of removal of city employees c 39, 92  
 appropriation for wire department c 66, 84-86  
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 information regarding city officers c 95, 96  
 repairs on Faneuil Hall c 111, 114  
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 information regarding contracts c 120  
 verbatim reports of meetings of board of estimate and apportionment c 157  
 appropriation bill c 177-179, 183  
 question of privilege c 208  
 loan of \$709,000 c 218  
 contracts of street department c 221  
 confirmation of certain officers c 222  
 release of restrictions c 256  
 on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 297  
 expenditures of bath department c 365  
 pay of police matrons c 368  
 abolition of bath department c 370-372  
 memorial day appropriation c 393, 394  
 Evergreen Cemetery fence c 396

**Chamberlain, David B., Councilman, Ward 12, continued.**

gymnasium, Ward 9 c 414  
 disapproval of lamp contract c 455-457  
 appropriation for extension of water mains c 496  
 resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Boardman c 515  
 resolution concerning visit of Admiral Sampson c 517  
 location for Engine Company No. 22 c 589  
 passenger station, Ward 12 c 738  
 land adjoining Pierce Farm c 767, 769  
 closing proceedings c 825

**Chamberlain, Charlotte P.**

petition to construct basement floor of building, Boylston st., at grade 11 a 806-granted a 837

**Chamberlain, Edward J.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 698

**Chambers, John.**

petition to be given permanent employment as compensation for injuries received while in employ of public grounds department a 407

**Chandler, Professor Francis W.**

notice of appointment as art commissioner a 337

**Change avenue and Corn court.**

**sign:** James A. Watson & Co., petition a 464-granted a 503, 504

**Chaplain at Organization of City Government. (See City Government.)****Chapman, place.**

**illuminated signs:** Henry Penn, petition a 719-granted a 723

**Chapman School. (See School Department.)****Charles river.**

**fences:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets in regard to fences along alley in rear of Beacon st., placed on file a 540

**sewage:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to make an investigation of sewer entering river near Dartmouth st., and so alter same that it will cease to be a nuisance, discussed c 457-referred to the mayor c 458

**Charles river bridge.**

**pumping station:** Patrick J. Calnan, petition for change to draw of Warren bridge a 610-referred to superintendent of streets a 644

**recreation piers:** order that the city engineer be requested to report on expediency of retaining as much as possible of the bridge, when abandoned for purpose of recreation piers, passed a 47

**Charles street.**

**asphalting:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an appropriation of \$9,600 for asphalting from Fruit to Allen sts., passed a 461 c 497

**illuminated sign:** Beacon Lunch Company, petition a 78, 167-granted a 170

**sign:** F. W. Lydston, petition a 524-granted a 537

**tree:** report and order to remove dead tree, passed a 410

**Charles street jail.**

**brick wall:** see Suffolk, County of

**Charlestown.**

**elevated station:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company  
**emergency hospital:** see Hospital Department  
**new high school:** see School Department  
**new public library:** see Library Department  
**night car, Bunker Hill street:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company  
**playground and open-air gymnasium, Ward 5:** see Ward 5  
**square at Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton sts.:** see Hayes sq.

**Charlestown bridge.**

**arc lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to place lamps on new bridge, referred to the mayor c 522  
**delay in opening:** order that the Boston transit commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to report as to the cause of the delay in opening new bridge, referred to the mayor c 653

**Charlestown Gas and Electric Company.**

**poles:**  
**CHESTNUT ST., CHARLESTOWN:** petition to erect poles a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 553  
**DEVENS ST.:** petition to erect two poles a 300-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 329  
**JOINER ST.:** petition to erect poles a 464-order for hearing a 481-hearing a 524-granted a 545  
**KINGSTON ST.:** petition to erect two poles a 432-order for hearing a 438-hearing a 464-granted a 530  
**MAIN ST.:** petition to erect and remove poles a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-granted a 809  
**PARK ST.:** petition to erect poles a 741-order for hearing a 747-granted a 809  
**WATER ST. AND WARREN AVE.:** petition to erect poles and lay conduits a 401-order for hearing a 406-hearing a 431-granted a 558

**Charlestown Heights.**

**practice of football:** see Bunker Hill Athletic Association

**Charlestown Playground.**

**skating:** order that the mayor request the park commissioners to flood and prepare for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 635

**Charlestown street.**

**areas:** James H. Beal, petition to construct a 379-granted a 404  
**claims:** see Hall, William F.; or, Claims  
**guy-post:** Geo. W. Harvey, petition to erect a 465-granted a 482  
**pole with canvas banner:** Stephen A. Gallagher, petition a 832-granted a 836  
**sidewalk:** John McGaw, petition a 230-granted a 254  
**signs:** Antonio Zarella, petition a 615-granted a 624

**Charlestown and Medford streets.**

**sidewalks:** Thomas Butler & Co., petition a 698-granted a 724

**Charlestown, Causeway and Commercial streets.**

**tracks:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Charlestown, Causeway and Endicott streets.**

**naming of square at junction:** see Keany sq.

**Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper streets.**

**land for playground:** see Park Department

**Charpiot, Mary R.**

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Binney street a 578-granted a 586

**Charter street.**

**claims:** Amy C. B. Wells, petition for payment for balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 123-granted a 384 c 391  
**transparencies:** D. D. Rourke, petition a 559-granted a 560; John W. Green, petition a 656-granted a 661

**Charter and Commercial streets.**

**sidewalks:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to cause sidewalks to be repaved, referred to the mayor c 376

**Chase, Charles A.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Castle st. a 269

**Chauncy and Essex streets.**

**areas, etc.:** Trustees of Essex st., trust, petition a 325-granted a 331

**Cheever, Helen.**

notice of appointment of member of board of trustees for children a 378

**Chelsea bridge.**

**draw:** order that the communication from the mayor, with estimate of city engineer, of the cost of widening (referred last year), be taken from the files and referred to board of estimate and apportionment, and that said board be requested to provide in the next loan \$70,000 for said purpose, referred to committee on public improvements a 80-report, accepted, order passed a 81, 82; communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$30,000 for widening north draw, discussed a 271, 272-approved a 272 c 282; city of Chelsea, remonstrance against closing a 355-placed on file a 443; communication from the mayor transmitting a letter from the secretary of war approving plans made by city engineer for reconstruction of draw and construction of a temporary pile bridge, placed on file a 583, 584

**Chelsea, City of.**

remonstrance against closing Chelsea bridge north draw a 355-placed on file a 443

**Chelsea street, Charlestown.**

**barber-poles:** Silas and Peter Coluci, petition a 144-granted a 167  
**claims:** Anna M. Sallaway, petition for payment to Geo. H. Sallaway the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 144  
**widening:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to widen from Prospect st., north, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 81

**Chelsea street, East Boston.**

**barber-poles:** Michael Basile, petition a 211  
**building:** H. S. Angus, petition to move a 616-granted a 622, 623  
**fast driving:** order to allow at a greater rate of speed than is permitted by ordinance, passed a 752 c 770

**Chelsea and Bremen streets.**

**claims:** E. C. Giblin, petitions (two) for compensation for damages to estates a 432

**Chelsea and Prospect streets, Charlestown.**

**sidewalk:** Joseph Shoolman, petition a 503-granted a 529

**Cherrington, Walter L.**

balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st., granted a 304 c 313

**Chester street, Brighton.**

**sidewalk:** Arthur Timmins petition a 534-granted a 546  
**tree:** order to trim tree in front of No. 33, passed a 573

**Chester and Farrington streets.**

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 55-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306

**Chestnut Hill avenue.**

purchase of estate near reservoir: order that the mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for authority to purchase estate, being wholly surrounded by land of the city, referred to committee on legislative matters c 94

sidewalk: First Parish in Brighton, petition a 338-granted a 361

**Chestnut street.**

iron grating in sidewalk: Chauucey Thomas & Co., estate, petition a 123, 124-granted a 128, 129

**Chestnut street, Charlestown.**

poles: Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., petition a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 553

**Chickering place.**

laying out: order that the street commissioners be requested to report the estimated cost of laying out to a width of forty feet, passed a 146

**Children, Trustees for. (See Institutions Registration Department.)****Chisholm, Frank X.**

order to employ as stenographer and clerk for members of the board, to date from January 2, 1899, and to fix the rate of compensation, etc., passed a 37

**Christ Church.**

repairing steeple: see Fire Department

**Christopher Gibson Playground.**

construction and improvement: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$30,000, to be used in accordance with the plans and estimates of the park department in construction and improvement, passed a 80 c 83

**Churchill field.**

order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to hire for skating pond purposes, referred to the mayor c 611; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 684

**Cigars, sale of. (See Ordinances.)****Circuit street.**

trees: order to remove dead trees between Fountain and Herman sts., referred to the mayor c 521

**Citizens, Contracts to be Awarded to. (See Contracts.)****Citizens, Employment of, on building of Dry Dock. (See Navy Yard, Dry Dock Building.)****Citizens, Protection Against Police. (See Ordinances.)****City Auditor. (See Auditing Department.)****City Bindery. (See Printing Department.)****City Clerk Department.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

city clerk: J. Mitchel Galvin, elected a 37 c 38; oath of office administered a 59; communication from J. M. Galvin, tendering resignation, referred to committee on public improvements a 601; notice of appointment of Johu M. Gallivan, *pro tempore* a 805-placed on file c 816 a 838

assistant city clerk: notice of appointment of Johu T. Priest, sent down a 46-placed on file c 48; resolution of sympathy for John T. Priest a 838

examination of city clerk's books: report of committee on city clerk's department, accepted a 639 c 713

list of miscellaneous records: communications from city clerk transmitting list of record books of the cities and towns annexed to Boston, and of records of churches and religious societies which have ceased to have a legal existence, and asking that list be printed, placed on file a 357

metallic filing cases: communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$2,000 for metallic cases, passed c 663 a 668

records of board of estimate and apportionment: communication from the mayor, stating that board of estimate and apportionment voted that its records be placed in the custody of the city clerk, placed on file a 831

**City Collector. (See Collecting Department.)****City Council.**

address by the mayor before the city council, January 2, 1899: pages 2-31

city clerk: J. Mitchel Galvin, elected a 37 c 38

city council minutes of 1899: order to have sufficient number bound and distributed in the usual manner, passed c 824 a 833

city documents: order that the expense incurred in the printing ordered by either branch of the city council in accordance with the joint rules be changed to appropriation for printing, passed a 37 c 38; order that the city messenger be authorized to furnish each member of 1899, and the heads of the principal departments, with one set each of city documents for 1899, passed c 824 a 833

city messenger: Edward J. Leary, elected a 37 c 38

clerk of committees: John F. Dever, elected a 37 c 38

closing proceedings: c 825-830 a 838-843

committees: appointed a 237, 238 c 267, 268

contingent expenses: committee appointed a 237 c 267

incidental expenses: order that the expense of ringing of bells on the various holidays be charged to city council incidental expenses, passed a 705 c 713

invitations: communication from League of American Municipalities inviting the city to send delegates to its third annual convention, to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., accepted a 542 c 588

municipal register, list of committees, and rules and orders: printing of: see Printing Department

oaths of office administered to members: page 1

powers: resolved that the General Court should take favorable action upon the bill entitled House Bill No. 1189, relative to powers of city council, passed c 339

proceedings: order to allow and pay \$8,500 for publishing proceedings to Advertiser Newspaper Company, passed a 238 c 242

rules and orders: order that the joint rules and orders of the last city council, except rule 20, be adopted as the joint rules and orders of the present city council, until otherwise ordered, and that committee be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the present city council, passed a 36, 37 c 38; committee appointed a 82 c 93, 268-reports, majority and minority, with draft of rules c 137-139-discussed c 139-141-majority, accepted, rules adopted c 140-141-referred to committee on public improvements a 145-report, accepting minority report, accepted a 147-discussed c 157-159-adhered to former action c 159-referred to committee on public improvements a 168-report, recommitted to committee on joint rules a 169-reports, majority and minority, discussed c 189, 190-adhered to former action a 194-discussed c 202, 203-adhered to former action c 203-discussed a 212, 213-receded and concurred a 213; order that rules and orders be hereby amended in rule 1, by inserting after words "on contingent expenses of the city council" the following new clause (given) relating to committee on finance, passed a 232, 233 c 242

**City Council, continued.**

**unfinished business:** order that the joint standing committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to them from the last city council, passed a 37 c 38—order that all matters of an unfinished nature in hands of the several joint standing committees be referred next city council, passed c 824 a 833

**use of city boat to visit Olympia:** order that the mayor be requested to grant use of city boat to members of government for purpose of enabling them to visit United States ship Olympia, referred to the mayor c 640

**visit to squadron:** see Common Council

**City Election.**

notice of a 745

**City Employees.**

**act relative to number of hours for employees to be voted on at city election:** order that board of election commissioners be directed to place act upon official ballot, ruled out c 596

**earlier payments on Saturdays:** see Treasury Department

**eight hours working day:** order that the mayor be requested by the board of aldermen to instruct the heads of departments to establish an eight-hours working day during the winter months for all employees whose working day is now more than eight hours, passed a 582

**employment of citizens:** see Ordinances

**employment of residents:** order that the committee on ordinances be requested to prepare and report an amendment to the revised ordinances of 1898, providing that no person shall be employed in any department who has not lived in the city one year, and has not a legal residence therein, referred to committee on ordinances c 266

**holiday Dewey Day:** see Dewey Day

**holiday, Evacuation Day:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday March 17, without loss of pay, etc., passed a 199 c 292

**holiday, July 3:** order that the mayor be requested to allow employees whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay Monday, July 3, passed a 481 c 499

**holidays:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to grant holidays on Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day and Patriots' Day, referred to the mayor c 120

**intimidation of employees:** preamble and resolution condemning intimidation of employees about election time, passed c 636

**investigation of removals:** order that a special committee be appointed to investigate the causes for the discharge or suspension of city employees during months of October, November and December, 1898, and January, 1899; that said committee be authorized to report in print, with recommendations and suggestions as they may deem proper or expedient, discussed c 38-40—passed e 40; committee appointed e 40—report of committee with order that chairman of the committee be directed to present a copy of the report and evidence to the district attorney for Suffolk county, and that he be requested to lay the same before the grand jury; substitute order offered (minority report), discussed c 86-93—majority report, accepted e 92, 93—order passed c 93

**laborers to be paid uniform wages:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay all laborers at a uniform rate of \$2.25 except where compensation exceeds that rate, passed a 731—discussed c 733, 734—passed c 734

**leave of absence to attend G.A.R. Encampment:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct officers and boards in charge of departments to allow employees who are members of G.A.R. leave of absence to attend encampment, passed a 528 c 594

**leave of absence to veteran firemen:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow city employees who are members of veteran firemen organizations, leave of absence to attend muster, passed a 557

**leave of absence for members of Massachusetts Volunteer Militia:** see Massachusetts Volunteer Militia

**legal voters to be employed:** ordinance to amend chapter 3 of the revised ordinances of 1898, relative to employment of legal voters and citizens, referred to committee on ordinances a 255

**list of employees:** order that the mayor be requested to submit a list of the employees of every department in the city under his control, their names and salaries when they amount to more than \$1.50 per day, etc., referred to the mayor c 141; communication from the mayor transmitting list, ordered printed and assigned c 174—taken up, sent up c 204—placed on file a 212; order that the auditor be requested, through the mayor, to furnish a list of city employees including salaries or wages paid December 1, 1899, referred to the

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mayor c 804; order that the city auditor be requested, through the mayor, to furnish to the common council a list of all persons employed by the city since January 1, 1899, the date of said employment, their occupation and salaries paid, also those employed provisionally on bill or otherwise, referred to the mayor c 695

**pay of Spanish war veterans:** order that the mayor be requested to report why the order passed by both branches in relation to city employees who served in the late war, and who were to receive pay while in the service has not been complied with, referred to the mayor e 266

**payment to veterans of late war:** see Legislative Matters

**payments in anticipation of December and January drafts:** order that the salaries of all city and county employees be paid in anticipation of said drafts, passed a 731 c 733

**reduction of salaries of city employees:** communication from the mayor relative to reduction of salaries, and transmitting ordinance providing for same, referred to committee on ordinances e 108, 109; order that the mayor be requested to reconsider his instructions to the heads of departments in regard to a decrease in the compensation of the several city officers and employees, and recommend instead a decrease in such compensation according to the following schedule (given), discussed c 118, 119—referred to the mayor c 119; communication from the mayor relative to police and firemen's salaries, discussed a 151-153—ordered printed, sent down a 153—referred to committee on fire department c 163

**restoration of wages:** preamble and resolve that the city council place itself on record in favor of re-establishing the old rates of wages and salaries for all municipal employees in all departments in which those rates are not now paid, discussed c 207, 208—passed e 208 a 212

**restoration of salaries of financial departments:** order that the mayor be requested to restore the former salaries of the employees of the financial departments, passed a 375—referred to committee on public improvements a 379—report, order rejected a 387—placed on file e 390

**Saturday half-holiday:** order that the committee on ordinances be requested to report an amendment to the revised ordinances to provide that half-holiday be granted to all employees throughout the year, referred to committee on ordinances c 41; order that the mayor be requested to direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturdays between first day of May and the first day of November, etc., passed a 237 c 242; order that the mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to continue half-holiday until the close of the present municipal year, passed c 596 a 598

**saving by salary reduction:** order that the mayor be requested to submit a detailed statement, showing how sum of \$200,000 might be saved by reduction of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. from salaries, referred to the mayor c 224

**vacation for night men:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to allow employees whose services are rendered at night a vacation of two weeks without loss of pay, passed c 376 a 379

**veterans of Civil War to attend encampment:** see Grand Army of the Republic

**City Engineer. (See Engineering Department.)****City Government. (See also Aldermen, Board of, Common Council, City Council.)**

**organized:** pages 1-35; prayer offered by the Rev. Peter Rouan, chaplain; oaths of office administered by Mayor Quincy, to aldermen-elect and councilmen-elect, page 1; address of Mayor Quincy, pages 2-31

**City Hall.**

**bulletin of advertisements:** order that the mayor be requested to cause a bulletin board to be located in City Hall, upon which shall be posted all proposals for contracts to be made with the city, referred to the mayor c 209

**elevator accident:** order that a special committee be appointed to investigate the cause of the accident to the elevator, February 16, 1899; committee appointed c 164, 268; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city engineer, building commissioner and Whittier Machine Company, relative to c 174, 175—referred to special committee on accident c 175

**elevator insurance:** see City Messenger Department

**City Hall, New. (See New City Hall.)**

**City Hospital.** (*See* Hospital Department.)

### City Messenger Department.

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**city messenger:** Edward J. Leary, elected a 37 c 38

**binders for Common Council:** *see* Common Council

**election returns:** order to make usual arrangements, passed c 652 a 656; communication from the mayor vetoing order; order indefinitely postponed c 713; order for receiving and announcing returns, passed c 713 a 720; order that the expenses incurred by the city messenger in receiving and announcing election returns be charged to appropriation for city council incidental expenses, referred to committee on finance a 781

**files for "City Record":** *see* Common Council

**elevator insurance, City Hall:** order that the city messenger, through the mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to provide liability insurance on elevators, passed c 225-referred to committee on public improvements a 230-report, accepted, indefinitely postponed a 873

**relocation of flag-pole, Monmouth sq.:** *see* Monmouth sq.

**roping off of streets:** order to rope off certain streets during parade State militia, passed a 599

**City Officers.** (*See* Heads of Departments.)

**City Registrar.** (*See* Registry Department.)

### City square.

**seats:** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to place a sufficient number of seats around square, referred to the mayor c 622

**transparency:** Edmund J. Twomey, petition a 401-granted a 409; James J. Brock, petition a 572-granted a 575

**watering trough:** *see* Water Department

**City Treasurer.** (*See* Treasury Department.)

### Claflin, William.

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mattapan st. a 324-granted a 437 c 448; petition to erect post with sign, Congress st. a 269-refused a 278

### Claims.

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267, 612; report of committee on claims submitting list of all claims upon which they have taken action during the year 1899, ordered printed and sent down a 808 c 816

#### claims:

**AHERN, TIMOTHY:** petition, compensation for damages to estate, Smith st. a 572, 597

**ARMSTRONG TRANSFER COMPANY:** petition to be paid for damages to coach a 167-refused a 342 c 366; petition to be paid for damages to team a 572

**ARNOLD, AUGUSTUS F.:** petitions (two) for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balance remaining from tax-sales of estates, Cambridge st. a 778-granted a 779 c 792

**BAILEY, AUGUSTUS W.:** petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 464

**BAKER, MRS. SARAH R.:** petition for payment to John H. Weston of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mascot st. a 503

**BARBER, LAVINIA A.:** compensation for death of husband while in city employ a 337-granted a 620 c 628

**BARKER, MARY S.:** petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Spring and Etna sts. a 555-granted a 669 c 687

**BARNARD, L. F. S.:** petition, compensation for damages to land, Hammond ave. a 719

**BARRY, JAMES F.:** petition, compensation for damages to wagon while crossing East Boston terry a 378

**BATES, CHARLES W.:** petition for payment to Joseph A. McCloskey, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Haskins st. a 524, 525-granted a 669 c 687

**BAY STATE INSTALMENT CO.:** refused a 778 c 791

### Claims, continued.

**BENEDICT, WILLIAM L.:** compensation for damages to estate, Selkirk road, refused a 327 c 366

**BERRY, CASPER:** damages to estate, Leverett st., refused a 342 c 366

**BLOCK, JOSEPHINE W.:** petition for payment to Henry H. Savage of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Longfellow st. a 806

**BOND, GEORGE W.:** petition, compensation for injuries to horse by ferry-boat a 806

**BOSTON PENNY SAVINGS BANK et als.** petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Allston terrace a 464-granted a 468 c 493

**BOWMAN, S. Z.:** petition for payment to S. Z. Bowman, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Harrison ave. a 615-granted a 779 c 792

**BRADLEE, SAMUEL:** payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate (referred last year), granted a 304 c 313

**BRESLIN, CORNELIUS:** petition, compensation for damages to estate, Haskins st. a 541-refused a 778 c 791

**BREWSTER, FRANK:** petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Massachusetts ave. a 235-granted a 327 c 367

**BURCHARD, MARGUERITE A.:** refused a 778 c 791

**BURKE, WILLIAM J., et als.:** report, giving leave to withdraw on petitions (referred in 1898) for damages to estates caused by the overflow and stoppage of sewers in East Boston, accepted a 778, 779 c 791, 792

**BYRNE, GEO. F.:** petition, compensation, personal injuries a 655

**CADIGAN, DENNIS A.:** personal injuries (referred last year) refused a 778 c 791

**CADY, H. M.,** petition, compensation for damages to house, Maverick st. a 585

**CANNON, ELLEN:** compensation for personal injuries refused a 327 c 366

**CARLESON, O.:** petition, compensation for personal injuries a 751

**CASS, CHARLES F.:** petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 55-granted a 304 c 313

**CASSIDY, JOHN:** petition, compensation for damages to estate, Gray st. a 401

**CHAMBERLAIN, EDWARD J.:** petition, compensation, personal injuries a 698

**CHASE, CHARLES A.:** petition, compensation for damages to estate, Castle st. a 269

**CHERRINGTON, WALTER L.:** balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. granted a 304 c 313

**CLAFLIN, WILLIAM:** petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mattapan st. a 324-granted a 437 c 448

**CLARKE, MAURICE:** petitions (two) for payment to John Gilcrest balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Lincoln st. a 549-granted a 722, 723 c 733

**COCHRANE, ALEXANDER Y.:** petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Farrington st. to Charles A. Gleason a 464-granted a 722 c 733

**COLEMAN, JOHN C.:** payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313; petitions for payments to Thomas F. Phillips, balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Devon st. a 300-granted a 384 c 390

**COLLEY, WILLIAM H.:** petition, compensation for damages to estate, Revere st. a 401

**COLLINS, CHARLES C.:** petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 585

**COLLINS, DANIEL:** petition for damages to wagon a 525

**COMERFORD, GEORGE W.:** petition, compensation for damages to bicycle a 578

**CONKLING, CHARLES E.:** compensation for injuries to horse, refused a 303 c 313

**CONNELL, ANNIE V.:** payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate granted a 304 c 313

**CONNELLY, STEPHEN:** petition, compensation, personal injuries c 588

**CONREAU, JOSEPH, et als.,** petition for payment to Wm. H. Baker, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 432-granted a 621 c 629

**CORBETT, P. B.:** petition, compensation for damages, Gold st., by stoppage of sewer a 578.

**CORSICK, WILLIAM N.:** petition to be paid damages to wagon by tree a 378

**COSTELLO, JOHN H., M.D.:** petition to be paid for professional services in attending M. S. McCarron, who was injured by fire department horse a 615

**COTTING, CHARLES U.:** petition, compensation for expense caused him by cutting off drain, Central st. a 378

**COTTON, CAROLINE A.:** damages to house, Hindson st., (referred last year) refused a 778 c 791

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COUGHLIN, PATRICK W.: petition, compensation for injuries received at Dover st. bath a 578

COULLAHAN, JAMES S.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Parker st. a 300

CROWLEY, ANN C.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 597

CURRIER, P. P.: compensation for damages to wagon a 401

DALY, PATRICK J.: petition for payment to himself or attorney balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 101-granted a 304 c 313

DANIELL, GEORGE S.: petition for payment to James W. French, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 193-granted a 438 c 448

DAVIS, HERBERT C.: petition, compensation for damages caused by defect in Court st. a 806

DAVIS, JOSEPH H.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Richards st. a 123-granted a 304 c 313

DAVIS, MARY G.: petition for payment to Edgar G. Fisher of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Spencer st. a 667-granted c 734, 735 a 743

DAY, BERT C.: petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Perham st. a 235-granted a 437 c 448

DENNIS, JOHN, *Admin.*: see Dennis, John, *Admin.* r or, Everett st., Brighton

DESMOND, CORNELIUS J.: petition to be repaid entrance fee to sewer, Hopkins st. a 378-refused a 437 c 448

DEVENS, CLIFFORD.: petition to be paid balance of tax-sale of estate, Dudley av. refused a 745 c 765

DICKHUT, GRACE B.: compensation for loss of bicycle (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

DIERKES, MARY M.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Dalmatia st. a 719 c 792, 793

DOHERTY, FRANK, *et al.*: petition to be refunded \$1,400 paid for a liquor license which was not issued a 464-granted a 620 c 628

DOLAN, MARY, *et al.*: petition (referred last year) to be repaid certain sums on account of title to estate, Washington st., refused a 646 c 640

DONAHOE, GEORGE A.: petition, compensation for damages to team a 78

DOOLEY, ELIZA: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Parker st. a 123

DORR, LOUSIA.: petition, compensation for land taken for sewer purposes between Hewlett and Mozart sts. a 698-referred to committee on public improvements a 745 c 765

DOYLE, MARY: petition, to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ellingwood st. a 525-granted a 645, 646 c 648

DOYLE, MARY A.: petitions (2), that balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Keith st., be paid to E. A. McLaughlin, attorney a 641-granted c 734 a 742, 743

DRAYTON, FRANK O.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 401

DREXEL, THEODORE: petition, to be compensated for damage to land, Sherwood st. a 533

DUNNE, N.: petition for compensation for damages to clothing while on East Boston ferry a 55

DYAR, ALBERT A.: petition to be repaid amount for alleged invalid tax deed of estate, Rockingham ct. a 355

EDMANDS, JOHN B., *et al.*: petition for payment to Abram T. Collier of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 719

EMERSON, CATHERINE: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Vose st. (referred last year), granted a 304 c 313

FALLON, THOMAS R., *et als.*: petitions for payment to Solomon A. Bolster, attorney, balance remaining from tax-sales of estates, Longwood ave. and Ward st. a 555-granted c 735 a 743

FEDER, SIMON: compensation for personal injuries (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

FERNALD, CHARLES, *M.D.*: petition to be paid for professional services a 719-refused a 745 c 765

FINKELSTEIN, BENJAMIN: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 741

FERNALD, CHARLES F.: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, North Harvard and Bayard sts. (referred last year) granted a 304 c 313

FITZGERALD, BRIDGET: petition, compensation for damages to property, Havre st. a 432

FLAD, CLARA: petition for payment to William A. Plaistead, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Cornell st. a 401-granted a 468 c 493

FLANAGAN, BRIDGET C.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Samoset st. a 324-granted a 468 c 493

FLINT, DAVID B.: compensation for damage caused by defect in sewers, Commonwealth and Massachusetts aves. (referred last year) refused a 778 c 791

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FLYNN, BRIDGET: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Harvard st. a 615-granted a 779 c 792

FLETCHER, L. E., COMPANY: petition to be refunded amount of a tax paid by it, alleged to have been illegally assessed a 401-refused a 437 c 447

FLOYD, JAMES A.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Hillside terrace a 300-granted a 342 c 367

FOSTER, J. B.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 167

FOWLE, GEORGE W.: damages to estate, Batavia st., refused, claim settled a 303 c 313

FOWLER, WILLIAM P.: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313

FRANKLIN TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY: petition to be paid for damages and expenses incurred on account of shutting off water, Chandler st. a 211

FRIEL, MICHAEL: petition to be paid for awning destroyed by fire-engine a 751

FULLER, MARY G.: petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st. a 524-granted a 621 c 629

FULLER & HOWARD: petition for adjustment of claim for damages on account of loss of horse a 525-refused a 778 c 791

GALLAGHER, SARAH A.: petition, compensation for damages caused by sewage, Harvard st., Dorchester a 698

GALLIVAN, W. J.: petition for hearing on compensation for damages to carriage a 655

GANNON, GEORGE: petition to be paid damages to sleigh a 55-refused a 437-recommitted c 447, 448-refused c 504 a 807

GARLAND, NORMAN F.: petition to be paid for expenses incurred by him on account of his acts as a police officer a 525-granted c 735 a 743

GANONG, L. A.: petition, compensation for damages to stock caused by city team backing into window a 525

GEORGE, CHARLES P.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of land, Litchfield st. a 378-granted a 468 c 493

GERALD, WARREN N.: petition to be repaid part of amount paid for intelligence office used only six weeks a 101-refused a 327 c 366

GIBLIN, E. C.: petitions (two) for compensation for damages to estate, Bremen and Chelsea sts. a 432-refused a 723 c 733

GLENNON, THOMAS F., *et al.*: petition for payment to Thomas F. Phillips, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ward st. a 211-granted a 342 c 367

GLIDDEN, CHARLES W.: repayment of sewer assessment, Breed and Saratoga sts. (referred last year), refused a 778 c 791

GOOD, DELIA A.: petitions for payment to Charles T. Gallagher, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Calumet st. a 300-granted a 304 c 313

GOODE, JENNIE M.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 378-refused a 778 c 791

GOULD, ALICE E.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Beech Glen st. a 269-refused a 745 c 765

GRANEY, JOHN: petition, compensation for damage caused by overflow of sewer, Smith st. a 572

GRANT, LUCILLE F.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, St. Stephen st. a 806

GRECCO, LUCY: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 615

GREEN, MARGARET M.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 401

GRUSH, JENNIE L.: petition, compensation for damages to house by blasting a 641

GUILD, ANNIE E.: compensation for damages to estate, Prince st., refused a 403 c 413

HADDOCK, GEORGE S.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Lonsdale st. a 655

HALEY, MALACHI A.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Heathcote st. a 719

HALL, SARAH E.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Sayward st. a 324

HALL, WILLIAM F., *et al., trustees*: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Charlestown st., by sewer department a 78

HANLEY, MICHAEL E.: compensation for personal injuries (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

HANLON ELIZABETH O.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 751

HANNON, MICHAEL: compensation for personal injuries (referred in 1896), refused a 403 c 413

HARDING, ELLEN M.: report, with order, to pay balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Granite ave. (petitions referred last year), accepted, passed a 808 c 816, 817

HAROLD, ALFRED J.: petition for hearing on claim for damages a 784

HART, PATRICK: petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Bowen st. a 235-granted a 327 c 367

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HAWLEY, MARY S.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ballou ave. a 606

HAYES, EDWARD F.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 615

HEALEY, MRS. JAMES: petition, compensation for damages to estates, Smith st., by backing up of sewage a 533

HENRY, PATRICK: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Chelsea st. a 464

HERRICK, S. N.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st. a 337-granted a 468 c 493

HEWETT, GEO. F. & Co.: petition to be refunded \$500 paid by them for a liquor license a 541

HODGKINS, JOSEPH O.: petition to be paid amount of judgment costs, etc., of suit brought against him as police officer a 464-granted c 735 a 743

HODSON, ROBERT, JR.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Princeton st. a 491; petitions (four) refused a 745 c 765

HOLLIS, G. W.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Walnut st. a 549

HORNE, JAMES W.: petition for payment to Mary F. Dilling, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate (referred last year), granted a 342 c 367

HORRIGAN, ANNA: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Decatur st. a 578-granted c 735 a 743

HOWARD, THOMAS HENRY: petitions (three) for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Middle st. a 561-granted a 779 c 792

HUNNEWELL, F. W., trustee: petition, compensation for damages to house by removing tree, in constructing Boston Elevated Railway a 655-refused a 785 c 792

HURD, JULIA E.: petition for rebate of portion of sewer assessment, Percival st. a 667-refused a 778 c 791

HURLEY, MICHAEL: payment of balance of tax-sale of estate to E. Ramsdell, granted a 394 c 313

JENKINS, HENRY R.: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Riverdale st. (referred last year), granted a 304 c 313

JEWETT LUMBER Co.: petitions (three) for payment to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Falcon and Glendon sts. a 578-granted a 621 c 629

JOEL, MARIA: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Hollander st. a 641

JORDAN, GEORGE A.: petition to be paid amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him as police officer a 230-refused a 327 c 366; petition, to be refunded amount of judgment and costs of suit brought against him as police officer a 655-granted c 735 a 743

KELLY, JOHN F., Adm.: petitions (two) for payment of balance remaining from tax-sales of estates, Bismarck and Messenger sts. a 655-granted a 779 c 792

KELLY, WILLIAM J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 549

KENAH, WILLIAM H.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, cor. Stanley and Quincy sts. a 300

KILBRIDE, JOHN J.: compensation for injuries to horse (petition referred last year), refused a 437 c 448

KILLIAN, LUKE F.: petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 464; given leave to withdraw a 752 c 765

KING, PATRICK P.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Eagle st. c 281

KINNEY, J. E., M.D.: damages to carriage (petition referred last year), refused a 384 c 390

KLUGE, THERESE, et al.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 101-granted a 468 c 493

LAKE, ESTHER: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 101-refused a 327 c 366

LAMB EDMUND T.: petition, compensation for damages to horse a 525-refused a 745 c 765

LANDRIE, MARY: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Weld Hill st. a 337-granted a 138 c 448

LAURIAT, HARRIET F.: petitions (two) for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Bainbridge st. a 250

LEAHY, MICHAEL E.: petition, compensation for damages to horse and wagon a 615

LEE, CHARLES E.: petition for payment to B. Helen Richardson, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Westover st. a 324-granted a 468 c 493

LENNON, MALACHI: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Blue Hill ave. a 698-referred to board of street commissioners a 745 c 765

LEXINGTON CLUB: petition to be repaid \$300 paid by them for liquor license which was not issued a 778

LONG, JOHN: compensation for damages to estate, Huntington ave. a 337

LOW, GEORGE D., et al., trustees: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 250-granted a 342 c 367

## Claims, continued.

LYNCH, CATHERINE J.: petitions (three) for payment to S. L. Whipple, balances remaining from tax-sale of estates, Sixth st., a 524-granted a 621 c 628

MACDONALD, CATHERINE A.: petition for payment to Albert Teele or another, the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Granville st. a 144-granted a 304 c 313

MACDONALD, JOHN: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Lauriat ave. a 300

MADDEN, THOMAS F.: petition for payment to Charles I. Quirk, attorney, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ingleside st. a 784

MAGUIRE, ANNIE: petition for payment to John B. Dore, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, East Fourth st. a 480-granted a 621 c 628

MAHONEY, FREDERICK C.: petition, compensation for injuries in elevator accident, City Hall a 355

MALEY, MARY: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 480-refused a 778 c 791

MALLOD, MARY F.: petition (refused last year) for compensation for loss of horse, refused a 646 c 648

MALONE & STRANG: order that the city engineer be authorized to settle claim for damages on account of excavations for building the water basin in Southborough, passed a 441-discussed c 449-451-referred to committee on finance c 451

MALOON, HORACE A.: petition for hearing on claim for damages a 549

MANNING, MARGARET: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 578

MARTIN, JOHN B., et al., executors: petition to be refunded part of liquor license paid by Patrick Raftery a 167-granted a 303 c 313

MCBRIDE, FRED: petition, compensation for personal injuries and damages to horse and buggy a 719

MCBRIDE, JOHN W.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 719

MCCARTHY, Agnes L.: petition for payment to William O. Blake of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Paris and Wesley sts. a 778

MCCARTHY, PATRICK J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 378

MCCORKLE, HUBERT: compensation for injuries to horse (referred last year) refused a 327 c 366

MCDERMOTT, PATRICK: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Williams st. a 250

MCDOWELL, RICHARD W. Adm.: petition that balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Wentworth st., be paid to Willard Welsh a 561-granted a 722 733

MCFFEELEY, LIZZIE: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 464

MCGOVERN, HUGH: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 784

MCKENNA, CHARLES: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313

MCLAUGHLIN, MARGARET M., et al.: petitions for payment of balances remaining from tax sales of estates, Birch and Bay sts., to E. E. Richards a 250-granted a 384 c 390, 391

MCLEAN, IRVING N.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 561

MCMAHON, JOHN: petition to be paid for alleged overtime work in sewer department a 300

MCNEALY, MARGARET E.: petition for hearing on claim for damages for personal injuries a 541-refused a 745 c 765

MCSWEENEY, CATHERINE B.: petition, compensation for injuries to husband a 250

MCSWEENEY, Mrs.: petition, compensation for injuries to husband now deceased, while employed by city a 578

MEACHAM, F. F.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Rosseter st. a 230

MESHULAMY, RACHEL: compensation for damages to team, refused a 403 c 413

MITCHELL, JOHN T.: petition for compensation for damages for failure to allow him use of Old Public Library according to agreement a 324

MORAN, Mrs. F. W.: petition to be paid for damages to clothing while in waiting-room of East Boston ferry a 35

MORBIANI, G.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 597

MORLEY, M. F.: petition, compensation for damages done by sewer, cor. Western ave. and Market st. a 300-refused a 646 c 648

MORRIS, MATTHEW: petition, for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maywood st. a 698-granted a 779 c 792

MORRISON, MARY T.: petition, compensation for damages to carriage a 751, 806

MORSE, ALBERT, ESTATE: petition that city pay bill for labor in connecting barn with sewer, Columbia road a 193

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MOULTON, CHARLES F.: petition for hearing on claims for services rendered city at Marcella-st. home (referred last year), refused a 384 c 390

MULLANEY, JOHN T.: petition, compensation for damages to team a 432

MULLER, PATRICK: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 698

MURRAY, GEORGE F.: petition, compensation for damages caused by breaking of drain, Fuller st. a 300

MURRAY, JENNIE L.: petition, compensation for damages caused by breaking drain, Fuller st. a 300

NASH, BENNETT H.: order that the mayor be authorized to cancel agreements made November, 1888, holding the city blameless from all claims, etc., on account of placing of area, Boylston st., passed a 330-referred to committee on claims c 370-report accepted, order passed c 635

NATICK FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Don st. a 211

NICKERSON, HERBERT I.: petition to be paid amount of a judgment and costs on account of a suit brought against him as police officer a 615-granted c 735 a 743

NEWELL, JANE E.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Devon st. a 55-granted a 342 c 367

NOYES, EDITH A.: petition, compensation for damages to clothing a 432-refused a 778 c 791

O'BRIEN, D. J.: damages to wagon, refused a 303 c 313

O'BRIEN, JOHN F.: petition to be paid for damages to sleigh a 236-refused a 303 c 313

O'CONNELL, ANNIE V.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Temple st., West Roxbury a 45

O'HARA, JOHN M.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 250-refused a 778 c 791

OLIVER, GEORGE W.: petition for payment to Harry W. Powers, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Armandine st. a 269-refused a 342 c 366

O'NEIL, DENNIS A.: petition, compensation for injuries to wife a 193-refused a 384 c 390

OTIS, GEORGE P.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Belmont st. a 719

OTTERY, JAMES: petition, compensation for amount paid for license of Tri-Mountain Club, Harrison ave. a 407-granted a 437 c 448

PAIN'S FIRE WORKS Co.: petition to be paid for fireworks furnished Fourth of July a 698

PARK, CHARLOTTE C.: payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st., Dorchester (referred last year), granted a 304 c 313

PENNEY, JOHN J.: petition, compensation, personal injuries, by fall of City Hall elevator a 300

PEAFF, H. & J., BREWING COMPANY: petition, compensation for damages to building by blasting on Columbus ave. a 101

PHILBROOK, WILLIAM W.: petition, compensation, personal injuries to wife a 784

PHILLIPS, THOMAS F. & Co.: petition, compensation for damages to cart a 549

PINKSOHN, HUGO: compensation for damages to property, Tremont st. (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

PLACE, M. F.: petition to be refunded fees collected illegally a 533

POWERS, JAMES J.: petition, compensation for loss of work caused by injuries received while in employ of sanitary division a 355-refused a 723 c 733

POWERS, THOMAS W.: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 78-refused a 303 c 313

PRESTON, HARRIET B.: petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mill st. a 144-granted a 342 c 367

PROCTOR, FRANK F.: petition for payment to H. L. Foster, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Bellevue ave. a 355-granted a 384 c 391

PROCTOR, JOHN H.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Elmira st. a 45-granted a 342 c 367

QUINN, JOHN: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 300

REARDON, EDWARD.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Fenton st. a 464-granted a 621 c 628

REARDON, MAURICE: petition to be paid for panes of glass broken by fire-engine, Sudbury st. a 751

REARDON, MARY A. F.: refused a 723 c 733

REARDON, THOMAS F.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Calumet st. a 324-granted a 437 c 448

ROACH, PATRICK: petition, compensation for personal injuries at Dover st. bath-house a 561

ROBERT G. SHAW SOCIAL CLUB: petition to be refunded \$300, amount paid for liquor license granted but not issued a 525-granted a 620 c 628

## Claims, continued.

ROSENBERG, JENNIE: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 741

ROSENFELD, BERTHA: petition for payment to Willard T. Perrin of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mountain ave. a 78-granted a 304 c 313

ROYAL ARCANUM SUPREME COUNCIL: petition to be refunded amount paid by it as an assessment for sewer tax a 432-refused a 745 c 765

RUDOLPH, CHARLES: compensation for damages to plate glass window, petition a 525

RUTTLE, JULIA C.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 719

RYAN, DANIEL, & Co.: petition to be refunded a certain amount paid for liquor license c 446-refused a 785 c 792

SAHL, MOLLY: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 572

SALLAWAY, ANNA M.: petition for payment to George H. Sallaway the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 144-granted a 304 c 313

SALMAN, HENRY H.: petition to pay Charles F. Berry balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Centre and Stimson sts. a 235, 236-granted a 303, 304 c 313

SAMPSON, WALTER S.: compensation for damages to estate, Prince st., refused a 403 c 413

SCHLAGER, ANNIE, *et al.*: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 784

SCHNEIDER, ELIZABETH: damages to property, Ward st., refused a 342 c 366

"SCHROMNER, JERUSHA BAKER:" petition, compensation for damages to schooner a 751

SELDNER, LAURA: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Fuller st. a 541-granted a 621 c 628

SHEA, JOHN E.: petition, compensation for damages to carriage a 641

SHELDON, HENRY *et als.*: petitions (two) for payment to Edward N. Eames of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Cottage terrace a 525-granted a 785 c 793

SIMPSON, DAVID W.: petition, compensation for damages to schooner "Otis Miller" by being run into by one of the ferry-boats a 784

SPILLANE, JEREMIAH C.: petition for payment to Patrick Moran of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Devon st. a 778

STALKER BROS.: petition, compensation for damages to wagon, White st. a 300

STARK, GUILFORD L.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st., West Roxbury a 55-granted a 438 c 448

STEPHENSON, H. M.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Centre st. a 407-granted a 431 c 448

STEWART, CHARLES D.: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 525-refused a 620 c 628

STILES, E. B.: petition, compensation for damages to buggy robe and harness, by collision with team of street department a 597-refused a 669 c 687

STOCKINGER BROS.: petition, compensation for damages to stock by backing up of sewer a 572

STOWELL, HENRIETTA: petition, compensation for construction of a wall at Smelt brook a 698-refused a 745 c 765

STRATTON, WILLIAM F.: petition for payment of two-thirds of the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 541

SULLIVAN, DANIEL F.: petition, compensation for damages to bicycle a 578

SULLIVAN, JOHN: petition, compensation, personal injuries a 832

SULLIVAN JOHN: petition to be refunded the amount of two sewer taxes paid by him under protest a 525-refused a 745 c 765

SWEENEY, DENNIS J.: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Woodward st. a 615

TAYLOR, FANNY: petition for payment to Charles E. Lowe, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Dana pl. a 837-granted a 437, 438 c 448

THAKE & CHARLES: petition, compensation for damages to horse, wagon and harness a 236

THOMAS, RUFUS K.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Willis st. a 667-granted a 723 c 733

TIERNEY, MICHAEL: compensation for damages to property, Massachusetts ave. (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

TODD, MELISSA A.: petition for payment to J. Walter Newhall of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Columbia st. a 719-granted a 779 c 792

TOUMNEY, M. T.: personal injuries, refused a 723 c 733

TYNER, WILLIAM: petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 741

WALTERS, FLORENTINE: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Freeport st. a 719

**Claims, continued.**

- WASHINGTON PRESS: petition, compensation for damages to estate, Essex st. a 167
- WAY, AUGUSTA A.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Morris st. a 167-granted a 620 c 628
- WELLS, AMY C. B.: petition for payment for balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Charter st. a 123-granted a 384 c 391
- WELLS, ANNIE E.: petition to be paid for expense incurred in raising drain, Morley st. a 698
- WELLS, THOMAS P.: personal injuries, refused a 778 c 791
- WELSH, WILLARD: petition, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax-deed of estate, Farrington st. a 806; petition, offering to surrender invalid tax-deed of estate, Gladstone st. a 806
- WESTON, ELIZABETH: petition for payment to Frederick W. Hasam of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 667-granted a 723 c 733
- WETHERBEE, ROBERT L.: petition to be paid amount of judgment and costs in suit against him as police officer a 615-granted a 785 c 792
- WHALL, WILLIAM B. F., *et als., trustees*: petitions (three) to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estates, Pleasant, Charles, Washington and Spring sts. a 525-granted a 620 c 628
- WHITE, ELLIOTT G.: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 572-granted a 779 c 792
- WHITE, EUGENIE: petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Marlow st. a 698-granted a 779 c 792
- WILLIAMS, JESSIE L.: petition to be refunded liquor license paid for by her a 806
- WILLIAMS, LAURA J.: petition, compensation for personal injuries a 597
- WILLS, RACHEL T.: petition to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate, Cypress and Beech sts. a 832
- WOLF, JOHN, JR., & CO.: petition to be paid for damages to team a 480; report, giving leave to withdraw, laid on table a 620-taken up, accepted a 643 c 648
- ZIEGLER, KONRAD: petition, compensation for damages to premises and property, George st. a 250

**Clarence terrace.**

- lamps:** William E. Littlefield *et als.*: petition a 585

**Clarke, Maurice.**

- petitions (three) for payment to John Gilcreast balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Lincoln st. a 549-granted a 722, 723 c 733

**Clarkson street.**

- sidewalk:** W. C. Babcock, jr., *et als.*, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Claybourne street.**

- lamps:** Wm. A. Long *et als.*, petition a 525

**Clayton street.**

- laying-out:** order that the street commissioners be requested to lay out from Dickens to Mill sts., passed a 779 c 795

**Clayton and Dickens streets.**

- bay-windows:** Gipson & Knight, petition and order for hearing a 275-hearing a 324-granted a 385

**Cleaves, James H.**

- appointed inspector of petroleum and its products a 45

**Clerk of Committees Department.**

- committee:** appointed a 237 c 267
- clerk of committees:** John F. Dever, elected a 37 c 38
- committees:** appointed a 237, 238 c 267, 268
- unfinished business:** order that all matters of an unfinished nature be referred to next city council, passed c 824 a 833

**Clifton street.**

- sign:** Henry W. Hubbard, petition a 300-granted a 357
- transparencies:** Ward 16 Republican Club, petition a 578-granted a 581

**Clinton street.**

- area:** James P. Stearns *et al., trustees*, petition to maintain a 102-granted a 104
- excavation under sidewalk:** John S. Jacobs & Son, petition a 752-granted a 753
- basement floor of building:** James P. Stearns *et al., trustees*, petition to erect, granted a 107

**Clinton and Commercial streets.**

- awnings:** Boston Auction Co., petition and order for hearing a C43-hearing a 666-granted a 762

**Clinton and Fulton streets.**

- awning:** S. T. Fletcher & Co., petition to project a 338-granted a 350

**Clive and Boylston streets, Ward 22.**

- crosswalk:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to construct, referred to the mayor c 67

**Clyde street.**

- sidewalk:** order that superintendent of streets construct, passed a 308

**Coal, Weighers of.**

- John F. Donovan, appointed a 45-confirmed a 56; Martin Gilbert, appointed a 211-confirmed a 230; E. W. Johnson, appointed a 101-confirmed a 127; Phineas C. Kinney, appointed a 250-confirmed a 275; Charles R. Williams, appointed a 121-confirmed a 145; Morton Alden *et als.*, appointed weighers a 273-confirmed a 301, 302; Frank O. Seavey, appointed a 300-confirmed a 326; Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, Jeremiah J. Callahan, John Rea, appointed weighers a 323-confirmed a 338; Thomas E. Bates, Thomas H. Lawton, F. K. Vinal, Charles R. Williams, appointed a 354-confirmed a 382; Charles E. Spaulding, appointed a 480-confirmed a 526; Allen G. Boyd, Andrew H. Dwyer, appointed a 524-confirmed a 534; Paul G. Coblenzer, appointed a 555-confirmed a 562; John V. Haley, Edward P. Murphy, appointed a 571-confirmed a 579

**Coasting.**

- coasting:** order to allow during present winter, under such restrictions as the board of police may deem proper in the following named streets (list given), passed a 764

HOWARD AVE.: *see* Howard ave.

THORNTON ST.: Joseph Lehaff *et als.*, petition against granting permit a 742, 752-placed on file a 753

WEST FIFTH ST.: *see* West Fifth st.

**Cobb street.**

- lantern and barber poles:** Louis Jones, petition a 561-granted a 569

**Cobden street.**

- sidewalk:** Mary B. W. Sawin, petition a 698-granted a 724

**Coburn, Frank G.**

- order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to report why said contractor was allowed to add over \$7,000 to original figures for building school-house, East Boston, referred to the mayor c 653; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee, placed on file c 732

**Coburn, Frank G., & Co.**

- petition, guy-rope, Centre st. and Talbot ave. a 251-granted a 254

**Cochrane, Alexander Y.**

- petition for payment to Charles A. Gleason of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Farrington st. a 464-granted a 722 c 733

**Codman, Franklin Lincoln, Alderman.**

- qualified:** page 1

**Codman, Franklin Lincoln, Alderman, continued.**

**appointed:** committee on public improvements a 47; committee on armories and military affairs, electric wires, Faneuil Hall and county buildings, lamps, public improvements, bridge division, inspection of prisons, state aid a 62; committee on auditing department, building department, cemetery department, city clerk department, clerk of committees department, contingent expenses, engineering department, hospital department, market department, music department, public buildings department, registry department, schools and school-houses, street department, vessels and ballast department, Fourth of July, Labor Day a 237, 238; committee on investigation of condition of Kainsford Island a 278; committee on weights and measures department, wire department a 311; committee on municipal gas and electricity a 325; committee on investigation of sewerage works bill a 350; committee on unclaimed baggage a 616; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors a 643; committee on Cow Pasture nuisance a 674; committee on park at Squantum a 731

**orders offered:** permits for amusement licenses a 37  
 regular board meetings a 46  
 lights for Neponset playground a 46  
 footbridge, Rowena and Fuller sts. a 59  
 playstead, Neponset a 146  
 retaining wall, Freeport st. a 146  
 public landing, Dorchester bay a 146  
 hospitalities to the President a 147  
 salary of firemen a 172  
 electric gong, West Park st. a 214  
 Plain st., crosswalk a 330  
 removal tree, Blue Hill ave. a 344  
 repayment of cut in wages of firemen a 346  
 removal tree, Seaverns ave. a 360  
 public landing, Dorchester bay a 470  
 removal trees, Harrison ave. a 441  
 removal trees, Centre and Walter sts. a 441  
 removal trees, Savin Hill ave., Ashmont and Norfolk sts. a 528  
 removal tree, Evans st. a 539  
 improvement of fire-house, Grove Hall a 543  
 expenditure of tree appropriation a 560  
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 Lauriat ave., completion a 573  
 work on Lauriat-ave. crossing a 646  
 closing of Freeport st. a 657  
 investigation of garbage nuisance a 671  
 lamp, Hillside st. a 700, 710  
 garbage plant nuisance a 701  
 expense of ringing of bells a 708  
 transfer of Squantum a 708  
 plan of boulevard to connect Dorchester district a 708  
 Clayton st., laying-out a 779  
 removal of trees, C st. a 811

**remarks:** uniform for park employees a 60  
 fire precautions in theatres a 61, 62  
 location of West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company a 82  
 use of Curtis Hall a 102  
 sewerage loan a 126, 127  
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 M.V.M. transportation and target practice a 362  
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 tracks, Talbot ave. a 433  
 land for burial purposes a 435, 436, 463  
 oyster beds, Bird Island flats a 441, 442  
 garbage-plant nuisance a 444  
 petition of Massachusetts General Hospital for façades, Washington st. a 469, 470  
 regulation of motor vehicles a 483-488  
 street lighting contract a 478, 479  
 adjournment order a 488, 489  
 season licenses for theatres a 535, 536  
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 planting young trees a 560  
 completion of Lauriat ave. a 573, 574  
 tunnel to East Boston a 600  
 poles, Glenway st. a 603, 604  
 removal of poles, West Cottage st. a 616, 730, 751-754  
 damages of Boston Elevated Railway Company a 618, 619  
 removal of trees a 619  
 location of Norfolk Suburban Street Railroad Co. a 626  
 work on Lauriat-ave. crossing a 646, 647  
 garbage plant nuisance a 660, 661, 671-674, 701-708, 722  
 tracks, Swett st. and Western ave. a 679-681  
 amendment to Rule 31 a 701  
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**Codman, Franklin Lincoln, Alderman, continued.**

tracks, Adams st. a 728-730-743  
 resignation from committee on British monument a 748  
 disposition of Franklin Fund a 754-761  
 use of streets by vehicles a 813  
 location tracks, Commonwealth ave. a 815  
 location Morton and other streets a 836, 837

**Codman street.**

**deed of land:** see Quimby, R. A., et al.; or, Public Lands

**Coffey street.**

**lamps:** John J. Coffey, petition a 578; order to place three lamps, passed a 764

**Colby, John Henry, Alderman.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on rules and orders, public improvements a 47; committee to examine accounts of treasurer of Franklin Fund a 57; committee on county accounts, licenses, railroads, committee on public improvements, street cleaning division, rules and orders a 62; committee on joint rules a 82; committee on assessing department, cemetery department, city messenger department, claims, election department, health department, hospital department, institutions department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, park department, public grounds department, registry department, schools and school-houses, statistics department, treasury department, Fourth of July, Labor Day a 237, 238; committee on weights and measures department a 311; committee on municipal gas and electricity a 325; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince a 423; committee on Dewey Day a 622; special committee on Franklin Fund a 659

**orders offered:** printing of city documents a 37  
 use of Curtis Hall a 58  
 increase in committee on rules and orders of the board of aldermen a 103  
 asphaltting, Berkeley st. a 147  
 cars to stop at Upton st. a 172  
 Carleton-st. fire, thanks extended W. D. Ross a 172  
 fire-alarm box, Columbus and Massachusetts avcs. a 172  
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 regulations concerning newsboys a 251  
 displaying of flags at half-mast on day of funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan a 296  
 bells on vehicles with rubber tires a 346  
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 resolutions on death of ex-Mayor Prince a 423  
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 Cedar sq., fence a 601  
 assessment of damages of Boston Elevated Railway Company a 602  
 Boston Elevated Railway damages, substitute order a 617  
 arrangement for state election a 657  
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**remarks:** relocation of tracks, Tremont st. a 56  
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 bay-window, Columbus ave. a 551  
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 facades, Washington st., corner Bedford st. a 566-568  
 damages of Boston Elevated Railway Company a 618, 619  
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 tracks, Swett st. a 681  
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 disposition of Franklin Fund a 755, 757, 759-761  
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 protest regarding restrictions on lands a 812, 835  
 closing proceedings a 842

**Cole, Charles H.**

notice of resignation as sinking funds commissioner a 832

**Coleman, John C.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313  
 petitions for payments to Thomas F. Phillips of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Devon st. a 300-granted a 384 c 390

**Collas, Whitman & Co., Limited.**

petition to erect building, Marginal st. a 167-granted a 305 c 313, 314-granted a 538 c 594; petition to erect building, Marginal st. a 503

**Collecting Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**business of department:** communication from the department concerning methods of conducting the business of the department, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 46

**examination of accounts of last year:** report, accepted, ordered printed and sent down a 103 c 111

**Colley, William H.**

compensation for damages to estate, Revere st. a 401

**Collins, Charles C.**

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 585

**Collins, Charles H., *et als.***

petition, electric light, cor. Tremlett and Washington sts., Dorchester a 300

**Collins, Daniel.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 525

**Collins, Thomas J., Councilman, Ward 13.**

**qualified:** c 48

**appointed:** committee on fire department, institutions department, park department, public grounds department, music department, Fourth of July c 267, 268-committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298-committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

**orders offered:** gymnasium, Commonwealth park c 142  
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**remarks:** investigation of removal of city employees c 91  
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**Coltman, H. W.**

petition to erect building, Marginal st. a 250-granted a 305 c 313

**Columbia road.**

**drinking-fountain:** order that water commissioner be requested to have fountain erected near Hancock st., and to grant hearing to Mrs. John A. Fowle and the president of Women's Christian Temperance Union of Dorchester, passed a 386-assigned c 392-taken up, passed c 415

**electric light at Quincy-street crossing:** order that superintendent of lamps be requested to place, passed a 37

**flag-pole:** order that park commissioners be requested to have flag-pole erected, and to give hearing to John A. Fowle, passed a 360

**sidewalk:** Alfred T. Haskell, petition a 355-granted a 387; Henry G. Allbright, petition a 585-granted a 602; petition a 616-granted a 644

**transparency:** Upham's Corner Universalist Church, petition a 741-granted a 744

**trees:** order to remove in front of No. 61 passed a 404

**Columbia road and Dorchester avenue.**

**sidewalk:** Richard J. Gookin, petition a 597-granted a 623

**Columbia road and Eaton square.**

**transparencies:** Young Ladies' Catholic Association, petition to project a 464-granted a 527

**Columbia road and Glendale street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 536

**Columbia road, Park and Playground in Vicinity.**

(See Strandway.)

**Columbia road, Dudley street and Stoughton street.**

**square formed by space:** *see* Columbia square

**Columbia square.**

**naming of:** order that the open space formed by junction of Columbia road, Dudley and Stoughton sts. be named Columbia sq., passed a 559

**Columbus avenue.**

**bay-windows:** John C. Haynes, petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 354-granted a 409; Thomas F. Maloy, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 537; Albert Geiger, petition and order for hearing a 467-hearing a 524; discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 545-report, leave granted a 551; Rose A. Hale, petition and order for hearing a 752-hearing a 784-referred to committee on public improvements a 808-report, permit refused a 813

**claims:** Therese Kluge *et al.*, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 101-granted a 468 c 493

**coal chutes in sidewalk:** John C. Haynes, petition a 534-granted a 546

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petitions for extension of time to erect a 55-granted a 148

**repaving sidewalk:** order to repave between Buckingham st. and West Canton st., referred to the mayor c 691

**sidewalk:** Albert Geiger, petition a 616-granted a 644

**sign:** George W. Tenney, petition to place a 102-refused a 104; Isaac Shurnick, petition a 300-granted a 343

**wooden pole:** T. F. Dockray, granted a 482; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 523-report, accepted, veto sustained a 546

**Columbus avenue and Ruggles street.**

**bay-window:** Frederick J. Herthel, jr., petition and order for hearing a 467-hearing a 524-granted a 544

**Columbus and Massachusetts avenues.**

**fire-alarm box:** order to place on a lamp-post with a red signal light, discussed, passed a 172, 173 c 176; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, referred to committee on public improvements a 228-report, accepted, placed on file a 237

**Columbus, Christopher, Anniversary of Landing.**

order that the mayor be requested to order the flags displayed Oct. 12, the anniversary of landing, passed c 596 a 598

**Comerford, George W.**

petition, compensation for damages to bicycle a 578

**Comins, George A.**

appointed member of board of assessors a 250-assigned a 275-taken up, confirmed a 302

**Comins School. (See School Department.)****Commercial Club.**

**transparency:** Atlantic Social Club, petition a 784-granted a 786

**Commercial street.**

**barber-poles:** James Bonanzinga, petition a 193

**drinking fountain:** see Water Department

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be instructed, through the mayor, to erect and maintain, between Charter and Hull st., referred to the mayor c 118

**repaving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to repave from Faneuil Hall Market to Hanover st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 58

**sign:** R. Nazzaro, petition a 464-refused a 528; petition a 541-granted a 544; P. Terrile, petition a 616-granted a 709

**widening:** report, accepted, order (referred last year) indefinitely postponed a 837

**Commercial, India and Cross streets.**

report on order accepting act relative to (referred last year), indefinitely postponed a 837

**Committees, Clerk of. (See Clerk of Committees Department.)****Common. (See Boston Common.)****Common Council.**

**annual dinner:** order that special committee be appointed to make arrangements, passed c 804; committee appointed c 804-report, accepted c 819

**badges:** order that a committee be appointed to secure badges for members, the price not to exceed seven dollars, passed c 40-committee appointed c 93, 268

**binders:** order that the city messenger be requested to procure improved Keystone binders, etc., passed c 75

**clerk:** order to deposit one ballot for Joseph O'Kane, discussed c 34, 35-assigned c 35-taken up, passed; Mr. O'Kane elected c 38-oath of office administered c 38

**drawing of seats:** order to proceed to choice of seats, allowing first selection to Messrs. Naugle and Ilbhard, laid over c 41-taken up, amended, passed c 44-seats drawn c 44

**electric fans in chamber:** order that the city messenger be instructed to place electric fans in chamber, passed c 458 a 466

**expenses of clerk:** order that the office expenses for printing, stationery and binding be charged to appropriation for printing, passed c 48-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 55

**files for "City Record":** order that the city messenger be authorized to procure files for the use of members for preserving regular issue of "City Record," passed c 75

**Common Council, continued.**

**introduction of orders and resolves:** order that the committee on common council rules and orders, be requested to devise such a change in the rules as will provide for a more systematic method than the one now in use for the introduction of orders and resolves, referred to committee on rules and orders c 51

**investigation of bribery:** preamble and resolve that a committee be appointed to make a full and impartial investigation of charges made, etc., to give hearings, employ stenographer and report in print, discussed c 68-71-order rejected c 71

**invitations:** communication from the trustees of the City Hospital requesting attendance at opening of new surgical department and amphitheatre, accepted c 131

**meeting:** order for next, passed c 35, 224, 318; adjourned for want of quorum c 353; order for next, passed c 417; order for next, passed c 455; order for next, passed c 501; order to meet subject to call of chair, passed c 522; order for next, passed c 595, 713, 738, 804; regular meeting adjourned for want of quorum c 782

**members:** list of, pages 1 and 2

**new swivel chairs:** order that the superintendent of public buildings be requested to provide, referred to the mayor c 267

**New Year's Greeting sent Councilman John Bordman in the Philippine Islands** c 830

**office for councilmen:** order that the superintendent of public buildings, through the mayor, be requested to furnish one of the ante-rooms so as to adapt it for the use of a private office for members, etc., referred to the mayor c 76

**organization:** notice sent board of aldermen c 49-placed on file a 55

**paper ruled out:** Mr. Hickey, of Ward 2, sent order to chair, ruled out c 41

**portrait of president:** order that the president be requested to give a sitting for a portrait of himself to be hung in president's room, etc., passed c 75

**powers:** order that the president of the common council be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of legislation giving authority to compel the attendance by summons of any head of a department or an employee of the city before the council or any committee thereof, also that any request for information from heads of departments shall not require the approval of the mayor, discussed c 71-73-passed c 73

**president:** order to proceed to elect a president, that the roll be called, that each member, as his name is called, announce aloud for whom he desires to vote, and that the person receiving a majority of the votes be declared elected, discussed c 31-34-passed c 34; Daniel J. Kiley elected c 34; statement as to authority vested in the chair, section 7, chapter 1, Revised Ordinances; Rule 4, common Council Rules and Orders, relative to enforcing order and maintaining decorum c 63; Mr. Lydon, of Ward 13, elected president *pro tem.* c 239; closing address c 330; order that the president be requested to furnish copy for publication, passed c 830; order that the superintendent of printing be authorized to have printed and bound 150 copies containing a portrait of the president and an account of the closing proceedings, passed c 830

**questions of privilege:** (Mr. Hickey, Ward 2) c 41, 42; (Mr. Watson, 18) c 48, 49, 50, 51; (Mr. Horrigan of 3) c 49; (Mr. Connolly, 17) c 50; (Mr. Chamberlain) c 208; (Mr. Doyle) c 225, 226, 227; (Mr. Watson) ruled out c 458; (Mr. Martin, Ward 15) c 738

**reading clerk:** order that there be allowed and paid to Joseph O'Kane the sum of \$150, passed c 824

**rules and orders:** order that a special committee be appointed to prepare and report a draft of the rules to govern the common council for the year 1899, passed c 40; order that the rules and orders of the common council of 1898 be adopted as the rules and orders of the present council until otherwise ordered, passed c 48; rule relative to removal of member upon request of president, discussed c 63, 64-adopted c 64; committee appointed c 93, 268-report, with draft of rules and orders c 261-264-recommended c 264-report on recommended report c 315-318-accepted, rules adopted c 318

**seats:** order that the city messenger prepare plan of seats, cause the usual number to be printed, and to allow no change in seats after Thursday, January 19, 1899, passed c 51

**stationery for members:** order that the city messenger provide each member of the common council with a half ream of octavo note paper in quality equal to No. 4 Baronial, white laid, etc., with envelopes to match, passed c 73

**tellers:** appointed c 50

**unfinished business:** order to resume, passed c 43; order that all matters of an unfinished nature in hands of the several standing and special committees be referred to next government c 84

**visit of Admiral Sampson's squadron:** resolution regarding visit, assigned c 502-taken up, discussed c 517, 518-indefinitely postponed c 518

**Common Council, continued.**

**closing proceedings:** c 825-830; closing address of the president c 830; order that the president be requested to submit a copy to be printed and bound with the city documents, passed c 830; order that the superintendent of printing be authorized to have printed and bound 150 copies of a volume containing portrait of President Kiley, and an account of the closing proceedings, passed c 830

**Common street.**

**electric light:** Salvation Army *et als.*, petition a 269; Mass. General Hospital, petition a 432

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

order that the county auditor be authorized to allow for payment \$68.78 assessed by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, passed a 731

**Commonwealth avenue.**

**building:** J. E. Cousens, petition to erect a 324 c 367-granted a 343; petition to erect coal elevator a 324-report, no action necessary, accepted c 454 a 466

**closing alley in rear:** McNeil Bros., permission granted a 552; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 561; report, veto sustained a 709

**poles:** Brookline Gas Light Company, granted a 569

**sidewalk:** Estate of J. D. Braman, petition a 433-granted a 471; A. S. Bigelow, petition a 586-granted a 602

**Commonwealth avenue and Reedsdale street.**

**edgestone:** report and order that so much of order approved Jan 27, 1898, levying an assessment against estate of Ada Vinal, be rescinded to correct error in assessment, accepted, passed a 551

**Commonwealth avenue and Winslow road.**

**sidewalk:** F. M. and A. G. Frost, petition a 668-granted a 709

**Commonwealth avenue, corner Essex street.**

**edgestone assessment:** order that so much of the order levying assessment against estate of Boston & Albany Railroad Company be rescinded on account of an error in measurement, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-reports, accepted, orders passed a 59

**Commonwealth Park.**

**flooding:** order that the board of park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to cause park to be flooded for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 76

**gymnasium:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment report in the first loan bill an appropriation of \$10,000 for furnishing and completion of gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 142 a 145; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide sum of \$1,400 for the completion of gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 458 a 465

**skating:** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to flood for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 824

**Company D, Ninth Regiment, Flag and Flagstaff.**  
(See Armories.)**Compton street.**

**signs:** Max Feldman, petition a 524-granted a 537; Max Fishman, petition a 524-granted a 537; Julius Neustadt, petition a 524-granted a 537

**Conant street.**

**sidewalk:** H. L. Folsom, agent, petition a 534-granted a 551

**Concord avenue.**

**roadway:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to place in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 373

**Condor street.**

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill, \$10,000 to pave between Meridian and Brooks sts., with granite blocks, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 164, 165 a 168

**sewer:** order that the attention of the superintendent of streets be called, through the mayor, to the bad condition of the sewer opposite Putnam st., discussed, referred to the mayor c 695

**sidewalk:** Robert Garner, petition a 655-granted a 677

**Congress square.**

**closing to travel:** Counery & Wentworth, petition a 269-granted a 278

**Congress street.**

**guy-post:** Cutting, Bardwell & Co., petition a 742-granted a 748

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition a 719-order for hearing a 730-hearing a 740-granted a 762

**post with sign:** William H. Clafin & Co., petition a 269-refused a 278

**printing frames:** Suffolk Engraving Company, petition a 572-refused a 581; Suffolk Engraving Company, petition a 615-granted a 624

**sign:** Haynes, Sparrell & Co., petition a 250-granted a 305; James Ivers, petition a 269-granted a 276; Mills, Knight & Co., petition a 561-granted a 569

**Congress-street Bridge.**

**widening:** order that the city engineer prepare plans for widening and furnish an estimate of the cost, passed a 700 c 713

**Congress and A streets.**

**guy-post:** Norcross Bros., petition to erect a 541-granted a 546

**Congreve street.**

**lamps:** William B. Hubbard *et als.*, petition a 301

**Conkling, Charles E.**

compensation for injuries to horse, refused a 303 c 313

**Connell, Annie V.**

petition for payment to Dennis B. Connell, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Temple st. a 45-granted a 304 c 313

**Connelly, Stephen.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries c 588

**Connolly, B. J.**

bay windows, Huntington ave., petitions and order for hearing a 744-hearing a 777-granted a 808

**Connolly, T. H.**

bay windows, Washington st., Ward 22, petition and order for hearing a 481-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 524; Washington st., Ward 22, petition and order for hearing a 535-hearing a 555-granted a 646

**Connolly, Timothy L., Councilman, Ward 17.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; investigation regarding suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on finance, legislative matters, library department, ordinances and law department, schools and school-houses, Fourth of

**Connolly, Timothy L., Councilman, Ward 17, continued.**

July, discharge of city employees c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 295

**orders offered:** election of president c 31  
discharged and suspended employees, investigation of c 86  
Gerard st., extension c 209  
new school, Thordike and Reed sts. c 209  
fire-alarm box, Mt. Pleasant ave. c 612

**remarks:** election of president c 31-33  
election of clerk of common council c 34, 35  
question of privilege c 50  
assignment of salaries c 68  
powers of common council c 72, 73  
investigation of removal of city employees c 87, 88  
appropriation bill c 187, 188, 189  
joint rules c 130  
question of privilege, reinstatement of sewer employees c 226  
Stony Brook Act, acceptance of c 452, 453  
exchange of land under Broadway bridge c 591  
sale of Tenean brook c 594

**resigned:** committee on investigation regarding suspended sewer employees c 210

**Connery & Wentworth.**

petition, guy-posts and ropes, Devonshire, State and Congress sts. a 251-granted a 254

**Conness, Edith F.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 402-granted a 656

**Constables.**

bond of Horace Dennie, approved a 46; William H. Kenney, appointed a 211-confirmed a 230; Frank B. Cotton, appointed a 211-confirmed a 230; bond of Frank B. Cotton, approved a 230; George M. Hosmer, appointed a 235-confirmed a 251; Charles A. Belford appointed a 250; constables confirmed a 275; appointed for term of one year, beginning May, 1899 a 272, 273-confirmed; name of George W. Goode, indefinitely postponed a 301; bond of George H. Hosmer, approved a 275; communication from the mayor relative to appointment of George W. Goode a 299; constables' bonds approved a 326; Charles H. Cole, appointed a 323-confirmed a 338; Joseph M. Harrington, John B. McDonough, appointed a 323-confirmed a 338; bonds approved a 339; L. W. Benjamin, appointed a 354-confirmed a 382; Daniel B. Carmody, appointed a 354-confirmed a 382; bonds approved a 357, 382, 403; appointed a 463; notice of removal and resignation of constables a 463; Joseph M. Harrington and Peter H. Reinstein, bonds approved a 436; George C. Davis, George H. Hamlin and Francis F. Harrington, appointed a 524-referred to committee on public improvements a 534-report, confirmed a 538; bond of George C. Davis, approved a 550; bonds approved a 527, 534, 556, 562, 573; John F. Murphy, Felice A. Reppucci, Ernest L. Weis, appointed a 540-confirmed a 556; Thomas O'Connor, appointed a 597-confirmed a 617; Austin Bigelow *et als.*, confirmed a 563; Wm. H. Powers, appointed a 641-laid on table a 656, 668, 699, 722-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 744; referred to committee on public improvements a 722-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 747, 748; James O'Connor, appointed a 641-confirmed a 656; bond of James O'Connor, approved a 744; Victor Weimar, appointed a 697-confirmed a 720; bonds of Wm. H. Powers and Victor Weimar, accepted a 777; Richard H. Eustis, appointed a 777-confirmed a 807; Francis Gargan, appointed a 783-confirmed a 807

**Contingent Bills, Non-payment of. (See Aldermen, Board of.)****Contingent Expenses of City Council. (See also Aldermen, Board of, Common Council and City Council.)**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

**Contracts. (See also the different departments, especially Street Department.)**

bulletin of advertisements of: see City Hall

contracts in repair division: see Public Buildings Department

street department contracts: see Street Department

**Contracts, continued.**

**contracts to be awarded citizens:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to make no contracts for city work with other than citizens of Boston, and to see that provision is inserted in each contract that none but citizens of Boston shall be employed as laborers at a rate not less than \$2 per day, etc., referred to the mayor c 49, 50; order that the committee on ordinances be requested to report an ordinance, providing that none but citizens shall be allowed to make contracts, and that no contracts shall be made with parties who are unwilling to agree that they will employ none but citizens, referred to committee on ordinances c 115

**Copeland street.**

**grade:** order to establish revised grade, passed a 344

**Copley square.**

**conditions and restrictions on estate:** Museum of Fine Arts, petition for release of a 641-granted a 645

**Copp's Hill Cemetery.**

**railing:** order that trustees of cemetery department be requested to have railing painted, passed a 330

**Corbett, P. B.**

petition, compensation for damage to property, Gold st. a 578

**Cordis street.**

**tree:** order to trim tree at No. 29, passed a 278

**Corensky, Louis.**

petition to maintain stand for small wares, City Hall ave. a 79-re-fused a 82

**Corey road**

**building:** Eben D. Jordan estate, petition to erect a 615-granted a 661 c 687

**Corey and Centre streets.**

**guy-posts:** John A. Rooney, petition a 616-granted a 622

**Corinth street.**

**building:** John Soley & Sons, petition to move a 269-granted a 278

**coal hole:** Wm. H. J. Stone, petition a 720-granted a 748

**improvement:** order that the street commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to report as to reason why said street should not be widened and constructed at once, referred to the mayor c 596

**Corinth and Washington streets.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** F. D. Rand, petition a 549-granted a 551

**Corneau, Joseph, et als.**

petition for payment to William H. Baker, for balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Denny st. a 432-granted a 621 c 629

**Cornell street.**

**claims:** Clara Flad, petition for payment to William A. Plalsted, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 401-granted a 468 c 493

**Corning street.**

**revised grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report accepted, order passed a 559

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576

**Cornhill.**

**signs:** Fritz Franz, petition a 55-granted a 305; Fred D. Bacon petition a 144; Cynosure Cycle Company, petition a 269-granted a 276

**Corsick, William N.**

petition to be paid damages to wagon by tree a 378

**Costello, John H., M.D.**

petition to be paid for professional services in attending Michael S. McCaron, who was injured by Fire Department horse a 615

**Cottage street.**

**sidewalk:** James V. Devine, petition a 641-granted a 660

**Cotting, Charles U.**

petition for compensation for expense caused him by cutting off drain, Central st. a 378

**Cotting & Welch.**

petition to locate basement floor and boiler-room, South, Essex and Tufts sts., granted a 45

**Cotton, Caroline A.**

damages to house, Hudson st. (referred last year), refused a 778 c 791

**Coughlan, H. B., et al.**

remonstrance against erection of poles, Sydney st. a 806

**Coughlin, Patrick W.**

petition, compensation for injuries received at Dover-st. bath a 578

**Coullahan, James S.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Parker st. a 300

**County Accounts.** (See Suffolk, County of.)**County Commissioners.**

**damages to estate by change of grade, Washington st.:** see Washington and Motte sts.

**Court square.**

**illuminated sign:** Robert C. Erb, granted a 230

**Court street.**

**barber-poles:** John Spinnetti, granted a 124; Henry J. Landry, petition a 806-granted a 809

**electric light sign:** English Weaving Company, petition a 578-granted a 581

**illuminated sign:** P. Schendel & Co., petition a 432-granted a 468; John Spinelli, petition a 572-granted a 575; Downing & Dodge, petition a 741-granted a 744; Harry Myers, petition to project a 742-granted a 747

**lights in area:** John C. Inches *et al.*, petition a 338-granted a 361

**sign:** George W. Hunt, petition to paint globe a 101; J. F. Tehan, petition a 655-granted a 661; Downing & Dodge, petition a 719-granted a 733

**Court street and square.**

**areas:** A. Lemman, petition to construct a 301-granted a 309

**Cousens, J. E.**

petition to erect building, Commonwealth ave., rear a 324-granted a 343 c 367; petition to erect coal elevator a 324-report, no action necessary, accepted c 454 a 466

**Cove street.**

**extension:** preamble and resolve remonstrating against repeal of Cove-st. bill, passed c 142; order that the mayor and the corporation counsel be requested to appear before the Legislature or any committee thereof and advocate bill for extension of Cove st., passed c 203 a 212; preamble and resolve that the city council believe that upon the removal and reconstruction of said bridge there will be room sufficient for construction of extension without any interference with commerce, assigned c 775-taken up, passed c 815-referred to committee on public improvements a 832, 833-report, recommending that same be placed on file a 838

**Cove-street Bridge.**

order that in view of recent decision of war department against location of extension bridge as originally contemplated, the city engineer be requested to prepare plans and specifications for construction of bridge between railroad bridge and Broadway Extension, etc., referred to the mayor c 595

**Covington street.**

**lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to light up that part of street that leads to Thomas park, passed a 58, 59

**sidewalks:** Charles J. Bower, petitions a 742-granted a 753

**Cow Pasture.** (See Street Department.)**Cowper street.**

**improvement:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to place street between Moore and Short sts., in proper condition, referred to the mayor c 75

**Cowper and Wordsworth streets.**

**electric lights:** order to maintain, passed a 80

**Crandall, H. Burr.**

petition for assessment of damages for lowering grade of McLellan st. a 144-referred to board of street commissioner a 236

**Cranston street.**

**sidewalk:** Lomer Lahaise, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Crawford, Abbottsford and Harold streets.**

**lot at junction:** order that triangular lot be transferred from charge of street department to care of public grounds department, passed a 574-assigned c 594, 595-taken up, passed c 605

**Creed, Florence E.**

bay-window, Dorchester st., petition and order for hearing a 669-bearing a 740-granted a 761

**Creek square.**

**iron pipes under sidewalk:** Eastern Cold Storage Company, petition a 597-order for hearing a 602-hearing a 614-granted a 645; petition to lay a 655-laid over a 659-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 668-report accepted, permit granted a 677

**Creek square and North street.**

**cellars at grade:** Eastern Cold Storage Company, petition to construct a 124

**Creek street, Dorchester.**

**lamps:** Thomas H. Lomasney *et als.*, petition a 541

**Creighton street.**

**sidewalk:** Michael Dolan, petition a 597-granted a 623

**Cremation of Pauper Bodies.** (See Cemetery Department.)

**Crescent Associates.**

bay-windows, Savin Hill av. and Spring st.: petition and order for hearing a 80-hearing a 123-referred to committee on building department a 147-reconsidered, referred to public improvements a 198-report, accepted, permit granted a 198

**Crescent avenue.**

**sidewalks:** J. E. Willis, petition a 572-granted a 581

**Cross street.**

**clothing sign:** Isaac Rosen, petition a 719-refused a 745  
**sign:** Hyman Levenson, petition a 697-refused a 745

**Cross and Salem streets.**

**sign:** Charles Goldstein, granted a 698; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, permit refused, veto sustained a 740

**Crowley, Ann C.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 597

**Cuddy, William H., Councilman, Ward 8.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** teller c 50; committee on library department, market department, printing, public buildings department, Fourth of July, investigation of Rainsford Island c 267, 268; committee on elections c 374; committee on cemeteries c 413; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424; committee on legality of street-lighting contract c 650; committee on library department c 612; committee on annual dinner c 804

**orders offered:** investigation of removals of city employees c 38  
half-day for laborers in inclement weather c 67  
reward for firemen c 67  
payment to family of Edward Melia c 67  
increase of pay, pauper institutions c 284  
purchase of maps c 376  
next council meeting c 455  
thanks to board of police for use of boat c 502  
amendment to ordinances relative to employment of any person already employed to another department c 596  
city boat to visit Olympia c 640  
election returns c 652  
leave of absence for firemen c 694  
Dewey Day exercises c 694  
expenses of hearing on public market c 694  
payment to reading clerk of common council c 824  
unfinished business of city council committees c 824  
unfinished business of common council committees c 824  
wooden building, Eutaw st. c 824  
printing of address of President Kiley c 830  
printing of closing proceedings c 830

**remarks:** investigation of removal of city employees c 38, 40  
relaying of tracks, Tremont and Boylston sts. c 315  
annuity to Sarah E. Leavitt c 368  
employees of bath department, veterans c 395, 396  
results of establishment of repair division c 447  
claim of Malone & Strang c 450  
appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 630, 631  
widening Batterymarch st. c 649  
extra copies of municipal register c 687  
public market, Park sq. c 770  
pay of Wm. D. Dyer c 794  
sale of ferry-boat, Franklin c 795  
closing proceedings c 826

**resigned:** committee on library department c 413

**Cunard street.**

**barber-pole:** James C. Johnson, petition a 354-granted a 385; C. F. Toomey, petition a 432-granted a 468; petition a 464

**Cunningham, Mary E.**

order that the board of police be authorized and directed to allow and pay an annuity of three hundred dollars a year as widow of patrolman Frank Cunningham, passed a 723 c 733

**Curley, John J., Councilman, Ward 18.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on clerk of committees department, public grounds department, schools and school-houses c 267, 268; committee on Squantum park c 796

**orders offered:** position of carriages at funerals c 93  
leave of absence for policemen c 93

**resolutions of sympathy:** on death of mother, passed c 50

**Curran, Catherine, et al. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)****Currier, P. P.**

compensation for damages to wagon a 401

**Curtis Hall.**

**use of:** order to allow use of, to William Parkman Rebecca Lodge, passed a 58 c 65; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on Faneuil Hall, etc. a 101-report, veto sustained a 147; order to allow use of, to Daniel Hersey Lodge, I.O.O.F., passed c 94-referred to committee on Faneuil Hall a 102-report, order rejected a 147 c 157; Mrs. Mary A. Gates, petition a 301

**Curtis street, Ward 1.**

**gates at railroad crossing:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to take necessary steps to have gates placed at railroad crossing, referred to the mayor c 143

**roadway:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to close the roadway between Chelsea and Pope sts., passed a 80

**Cushing Medical Supply Company.**

petition to place electric sign on building, Washington st. a 541-granted a 546; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; referred to committee on public improvements a 548

**Cushman avenue.**

**lamp:** order that the superintendent of lamps locate, referred to the mayor c 209

**Custer street, Ward 23.**

**laying out:** order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way, from South st. to the Parkway referred to the mayor c 164

**Custom House street.**

**sign:** B. Barnett, petition a 777-granted a 780

**Cutter, W. Bowman.**

order for hearing on petition for an award for damages on account of taking of certain estates by the Boston Elevated Railway Company a 535-hearing a 555-order for hearing a 559; petition, asking for an investigation into acts of Boston Elevated Railway Company in the matter of taking land by said company a 579-hearing a 584, 585-assigned a 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601; report recommending that same be returned to county commissioners a 623

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**claims:** Rachel T. Wills, petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 832

**D street.**

**grading:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to grade street, from Baxter st. to Dorchester ave., referred to the mayor c 97

**Dakota street.**

**lamps:** William J. Tyler *et als.*, petition a 525-order to place necessary gas lamps, passed a 710

**Dalmatia street.**

changing name to Woodcliff st. : see Woodcliff st.

**Dalton street.**

claims : Elliott G. White, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 572

**Daly, Hubert.**

petition for an award of damages on account of taking of land of Boston Elevated Railway Company, Charlestown a 556-order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584, 585-assigned a 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601

**Daly, Patrick J.**

petition for payment to himself or his attorney of balances remaining from tax-sale of estates, Westville st. a 101-granted a 304 c 313

**Dana place.**

claims : Fanny Taylor, petition for payment to Charles E. Loud, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 337-granted a 437, 438 c 448

**Dana street, Roxbury.**

revised grade: order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 559

**Daniell, George S.**

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**Dartmouth street.**

bay-windows : Eugene H. Smith, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 463, 464-granted a 527, 528

lantern : Press Cycle Company, granted a 193

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**Davenport avenue.**

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**Davis, Herbert C.**

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**Davis, Joseph H.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Richards st. a 123-granted a 304 c 313

**Davis, Mary G.**

petition for payment to Edgar G. Fisher of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Spencer st. a 667-granted c 734, 735 a 748

**Day, Bert C.**

petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Perham st. a 235-granted a 437 c 448

**Day & Stevenson, et als.**

petition to construct awning, Faneuil Hall market a 784-granted a 811

**Day, Frederick William, Alderman.**

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appointed: committee on public improvements a 47; committee to examine accounts of treasurer of Franklin fund a 57; committee on county accounts, electric wires, licenses, public improvements,

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sewer division, ferry division, bridge division, state aid a 62; committee on assessing department, auditing department, building department, cemetery department, city clerk department, claims, collecting department, engineering department, fire department, institutions department, lamp department, music department, ordinances and law department, overseeing of the poor department, park department, police department, printing department, public lands, statistics department, street laying-out department, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Seventeenth of June a 237, 238; committee on investigation of condition of Rainsford Island a 278; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan a 296; committee on weights and measures department, wire department a 311; committee on investigation of sewerage works a 350; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors a 643; committee to protest against placing British monument on the common c 749

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of Hon. John H. Sullivan a 296

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Central sq., ark a 360

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that same be transmitted to family of deceased a 423

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a 470

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removal trees, Centre st., Parker st., and sidewalk in front of East

Boston High School a 543

ice-water fountain, Central sq. park a 544

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Bennington st., speedway a 554

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Battery st., widening a 621

East Boston grade crossings a 621

removal of tree, Eutaw st. a 621

night school, Spectacle Island a 621

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**Day & Stinson.**

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**Day street.**

**sidewalk:** Charles Miller, petition a 325-granted a 331

**Dearborn street.**

**sign:** J. H. Emery, petition a 300-granted a 343

**Decatur street.**

**claims:** Anna Horrigan, petition for payment of balance remaining  
from tax-sale of estate a 578-granted c 735 a 743

**Decoration Day. (See Memorial Day.)****Deeds, Registry of. (See Suffolk, County of.)****Deeds, Suffolk. (See Suffolk, County of.)****Deemara Costas.**

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refused a 546

**Deficits in Appropriation Caused by Executions of Court. (See Auditing Department.)****Dennis, John, Administrator.**

petition to be refunded amount paid for use of sewer, Everett st.,  
Brighton; order authorizing the city treasurer to pay same, passed  
a 103-referred to committee on claims c 109-report, with order,  
accepted, passed c 372

**Denny street.**

**claims:** Joseph Conrean *et als.*, petition for payment to Wm. H.  
Baker for balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 432-granted  
a 621 c 629

**Derne street.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** heirs of Samuel Guild, petition a 597-granted  
a 602

**Desmond, Cornelius J.**

petition to be repaid entrance fee to sewer, Hopkins st. a 378-refused  
a 437 c 448

**Desmond, Matthew and Mary.**

order for hearing on petition for the board of aldermen to determine  
damages by taking of land by Boston Elevated Railway Company  
a 643-hearing, order awarding damages, passed a 697

**Devens, Clifford.**

petition to be paid balance of tax-sale of estate, Dudley ave., re-  
fused a 745 c 765

**Devens street.**

**poles:** Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, petition to erect  
a 300-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 329

**Dever, John F.**

elected clerk of committees a 37 c 38

**Devine, Bernard J.**

bay-window, A st., petition and order for hearing a 213-hearing  
a 235-granted a 276

**Devine, William H.**

petition, grade damages to estate, Quincy st. a 78-refused a 838

**Devon street.**

**buildings:** J. J. & P. M. Ahern, petition to move a 301-granted a 309

**claims:** Jane E. Newell, petition for payment of balance remaining  
from tax-sale of estate, Devon st. a 55-granted a 342 c 367

**sidewalk:** Pierce F. Lonergan, petition a 555-report, no action  
necessary a 623

**trees:** L. Wingersky, petition to box a 55-granted a 59; communica-  
tion from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 101

**Devonshire street.**

**repaving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be  
requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to repave  
from Milk to State st., referred to board of estimate and apportion-  
ment a 58; communication from the mayor transmitting order  
passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating  
\$6,500 for repaving between State and Water sts. passed a 663, 666-  
discussed c 689, 690-assigned c 690-taken up, passed c 730

**Devonshire and other streets.**

**guy-posts and ropes:** Connery & Wentworth, petition a 251-granted  
a 254

**De Voto, Alfred.**

appointed music trustee a 323-confirmed a 338

**Dewey, Admiral. (See Dewey Day.)****Dewey Day.**

**reception:** order that special committee be appointed to receive the  
admiral on the day set aside for a public reception to him, passed  
c 374 a 379; order that all public offices be closed and that all city

**Dewey Day, continued.**

business be suspended on that day, passed c 374 a 379; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$5,000 for celebration, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 417 a 433; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to extend hospitalities of the city to the admiral, discussed a 541, 542, passed a 542 c 594; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the city to offer its hospitalities of the valuable and patriotic services which he rendered to his country, passed c 607 a 617; committee appointed a 622

**closing and roping off of streets during parades:** order to close streets on evening of Oct. 13 and day of Oct. 14, and rope off same, passed a 626

**holiday for city employees:** order that the mayor be requested to direct the heads of the various departments a holiday Oct. 14; substitute order offered, discussed, rejected c 609; original order passed c 609, 610 a 616; order that the mayor be requested to allow employees whose services can be dispensed with a holiday Oct. 14, passed a 624

**presentation of watch to Admiral Dewey:** order that the mayor be requested to publish as a city document the exercises in connection with presentation, passed a 646—referred to committee on printing c 649—report, accepted, order passed c 691

**printing of exercises:** order that the superintendent of printing, under the direction of the committee on printing, be authorized to print and bind in cloth 1,000 copies of exercises, passed c 694 a 698

**transportation for school children:** see School Department

**Dewey square.**

**congestion:** order that the city engineer be requested to consult with the Boston Terminal Company, and report a plan, with cost, which will abate difficulties for the public in relieving congestion there, with a view that cost should largely be assumed by Terminal Company, passed a 582

**guy-post:** Norcross Bros., petition to erect a 402—granted a 404

**tracks, relocation:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Dewey square and Central square.**

**lamps:** George I. Robinson, jr., petition to erect a 102—granted a 104

**Dewey street.**

**sidewalk:** John Mahan, petition a 338—granted a 361; petition a 402—granted a 443; petition a 433—granted a 471; petition a 616—granted a 644

**Dewing, Benjamin F., et als.**

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**Dickhut, Grace B.**

compensation for loss of bicycle (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

**Dierkes, Mary M.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Dalmatia st. a 719—granted a 779 c 792, 793

**Dimock street.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** New England Hospital for Women and Children, petition a 667—granted a 677

**Dimock and Amory streets.**

**police box:** order that the mayor request the board of police to place patrol box on corner, referred to the mayor c 521

**Distinguished Visitors.**

**President of the United States:** order that the mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the city to the President on his visit to this city, through a committee consisting of himself and such members of the city council as he may appoint, passed a 147

**Distinguished Visitors, continued.**

**entertainment of Irish visitors:** resolution for appointment of committee to act in conjunction with the mayor and in co-operation with the civic committee in extending hospitalities of the city to Right Honorable Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, and John E. Redmond, M. P. for Waterford, Ireland, passed, committee appointed a 643 c 649

**Ditson street.**

**tree:** order to remove in front of No. 13, passed a 537

**Dixon, Edward William, Alderman.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on public improvements a 47; committee on Faneuil Hall and county buildings, lamps, licenses, railroads, public improvements, sanitary division, state aid a 62; committee on assessing department, auditing department, city clerk department, city messenger department, clerk of committees department, contingent expenses, city council, election department, fire department, hospital department, legislative matters, market department, music department, park department and police department, printing department, public grounds department, schools and school-houses, statistics department, street laying out department, vessels and ballast department, water department, Fourth of July, Seventeen of June a 237, 238; committee on investigation of condition of Rainsford Island a 278; committee appointed on municipal gas and electricity a 325; committee on Dewey Day a 622; committee on cow pasture nuisance a 674; committee to protest against British monument being placed on Common a 749

**orders offered:** payment to soldiers and sailors and their families a 37

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Bath department, reduction of wages a 559

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**remarks:** police and firemen's salaries a 153

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tracks, Adams st. a 727

**Dockray, Thomas F.**

wooden pole, Columbus ave., granted a 482; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 523

**Dodge, Caroline L., Estate.**

petition for compensation for damage to estate caused by closing culvert, Ashmont st. a 378

**Dodge, E.**

petition to erect building, Dupont st. a 337-granted a 386 e 390

**Dodge, James H.**

appointed city auditor a 299-confirmed a 325

**Doherty, Francis J., Councilman, Ward 3.**

qualified : page 1

**appointed:** committee on overseeing of the poor department, street laying-out department, treasury department, Seventeenth of June c 268; committee to attend Councilman Bordman to train c 516

**orders offered:** Hayes sq., naming of c 76  
statue of Hon. James E. Hayes c 76  
lamp, cor. Edgeworth and Tremont sts. e 76  
gymnasium, Charlestown c 76  
flagstaff for Company D, Ninth regiment c 142  
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Concord ave., improvement of roadway e 373  
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**Doherty, Frank, et al.**

petition to be refunded \$1,400 paid for liquor license which was not issued a 464-granted a 620 c 628

**Donahoe, George A., Councilman, Ward 14.**

qualified : page 1

**appointed:** committee on library department, printing department, public grounds department, street laying-out department, Fourth of July c 267, 268

**orders offered:** improvement, East Second st. e 67  
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improvements, Independence sq. c 688

**Donahoe, George A.**

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**Dolan, Mary, et al.**

report on petitions, referred last year to be repaid certain sums on account of title to estate, Washington st., giving leave to withdraw, accepted a 646 c 648

**Donovan, A. T.**

petition to construct area, Harrison ave. a 102-granted a 104

**Donovan, James.**

appointed superintendent of lamps a 299-confirmed a 326

**Donovan, John F.**

appointed weigher of coal a 45-confirmed a 56

**Donovan, John H.**

appointed member of board of assessors a 250-assigned a 275-taken up, confirmed a 302

**Donovan, John L., Councilman, Ward 7.**

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**appointed:** committee on investigation of suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on hospital department, market department, public buildings department, public lands, water department, Fourth of July, reinstatement of sewer employees e 267, 268

**orders offered:** electric light, corner Utica and Beach sts. c 42  
payment to veterans of late war c 48  
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paving Utica pl. e 142  
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new City Hall c 283  
Boston labor on dry dock e 283  
closing proceedings e 825, 826

**Doogue, William.**

appointed superintendent of public grounds a 300-confirmed a 326

**Dooley, Eliza.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Parker st. a 123

**Dorchester.**

**additional primary school:** see School Department

**appropriation for Wards 16, 20, 24, street improvements:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the loan bill \$100,000 for street improvements, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 251

**branch library:** see Library Department

**grade crossings:** see Grade Crossings

**high school, change in entrance:** see School Department

**line of cars to Dorchester Lower Mills:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Nightingale Field:** see Nightingale Field

**playstead, Neponset:** see Neponset Playstead

**removal of old garbage plant, Gibson Field:** see Street Department

**street cleaning:** see Street Department

**Dorchester avenue.**

**bay-windows:** W. H. Newcombe, granted a 305

**barber-pole:** John J. Dailey, petition a 378, 379-granted a 406, 530; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 540-report, laid on table a 546, 550-taken up, veto sustained a 556-taken up, veto sustained, permit refused a 581

**closing roadway:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to close between Hyde and Howell sts. to public travel, passed a 788

**crosswalk:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to construct crosswalks at junction of Edwju and Templeton sts., referred to the mayor c 696

**extension:** order that the street commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to lay out extension in accordance with Chap. 512, Acts of 1897, and that the city engineer be requested to provide plans at earliest possible date, passed e 774 a 777

**illuminated sign:** Victor F. Silva, petition a 806-granted a 809

**passageway:** order that the city engineer be requested to make passageway for convenience of the public, passed a 471

**poles:** order that permission be granted Boston Electric Light Company to maintain, passed a 557

**sewer:** order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to order a sewer constructed between St. Gregory's Church and Brook st., referred to the mayor c 208

**sidewalk:** Andrew F. McDermott, petition a 616-granted a 641; B. F. Roach, petition a 655-granted a 677

**Dorchester avenue, continued.**

**sign:** Adolph H. Lock, petition a 235; Fong, Lowe Company, petition a 561-granted a 569; W. E. O'Brien & Co., petition, granted a 698; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; permit refused, veto sustained a 740; Victor A. Delamere, petition a 697-granted a 708; Henry Joski, petition a 777-granted a 780

**sweeping:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to instruct superintendent of street cleaning to continue sweeping that part of street in Wards 16, 20 and 24, passed a 403

**tree:** Mrs. Annie Turner, petition, removal a 541

**Dorchester avenue and other streets.**

**guy-posts:** Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, petition a 78-granted a 81

**trees:** American Telegraph and Telephone Company, petition to trim a 325

**Dorchester avenue and Harvest street.**

**sidewalk:** Charles May, petition a 615-granted a 644

**Dorchester bay.**

**public landing:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide sum of \$1,000 for public landing, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$500 to be expended for completion of landing, passed a 470-discussed c 493-495-amended, passed c 495 a 503

**Dorchester District to be connected with Metropolitan Park System. (See Park Department.)****Dorchester Heights.**

**seats:** order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested, through the mayor, to provide a sufficient number of seats within park, referred to the mayor c 453

**Dorchester Lower Mills.**

**playground:** order that the park commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to purchase a site for playground, referred to the mayor c 375

**water service:** see Water Department

**Dorchester park.**

**camp fire:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to grant permit to Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R., to hold camp fire on Seventeenth of June, referred to the mayor c 320

**granite wall:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to construct a granite facing wall along front of park on Dorchester ave., referred to the mayor c 208; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 215

**gymnasium:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to establish an open-air gymnasium, referred to the mayor c 120

**Dorchester street.**

**bay-window:** Florence E. Creed, petition and order for hearing a 669-hearing a 740-granted a 762

**gutters:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation to construct asphalt gutters between Dorchester ave. and Eighth st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 142 a 145

**iron pipe under sidewalk:** E. E. Richards, trustee, petition a 379-granted a 404

**trees:** Sarah A. Hersey, petition, removal of two trees a 300

**Dorchester and Old Harbor streets.**

**tree:** order to remove dead tree, referred to the mayor c 373

**Dorr, Louisa.**

petition, compensation for land taken for sewer purposes between Hewlett and Mozart sts. a 698-referred to committee on public improvements a 745 c 765

**Dover-street Bath-house, Electric Light Plant. (See Bath Department.)****Dover street.**

**barber-poles:** P. Pollie, petition a 378-granted a 406

**clothing sign:** Charles M. Rudginsky, petition a 561-granted a 569

**iron pipe under sidewalk:** P. H. Sheehan, petition a 579-granted a 581

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for paving from Tremont st. to Washington, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 386; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to repave with granite blocks from Dover st. bridge to Tremont st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 696 a 691

**sign:** Trainer & Everill, petition a 578-refused a 582

**Dow street.**

**claims:** Natick Five Cents Savings Bank, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 211

**"Down-town" Streets, Repairing. (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)****Doyle, James Henry, Alderman.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on rules and orders, public improvements a 47; committee on armories and military affairs, electric wires, Faneuil Hall and county buildings, lamps, public improvements, paving division, sewer division, ferry division, inspection of prisons, rules and orders a 62; committee on art department, bath department, cemetery department, collecting department, clerk of committees department, election department, health department, lamp department, library department, overseeing of the poor department, printing department, public buildings department, public grounds department, registry department, street laying-out department, treasury department, vessels and ballast department, water department, Fourth of July a 237, 238; committee on finance a 278; committee on weights and measures department; wire department a 311; committee on municipal gas and electricity a 325; committee on Franklin fund a 659; committee on cow pasture nuisance a 674; committee on park at Squantum a 731; committee to protest against placing British monument on Common a 749

**orders offered:** printing annual reports a 37  
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Heath sq., naming of a 146  
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**Doyle, Mary A.**

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**Doyle, William H., Councilman, Ward 19.**

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**appointed:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on assessing department, city messenger department, clerk of committees department, contingent expenses, Memorial Day, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 267, 268; committee on British monument c 796

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**Drexel, Theodore.**

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**Drinking Fountain.** (See Water Department.)**Drohan, John.**

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**druggists' mortar:** Bradbury Bros., petition a 655-granted a 661

**grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report accepted, order passed a 559

**grade crossing:** see Grade Crossings

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan a sum sufficient to pave from Dunmore st. to Woodward ave., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 143 a 145

**pipe under sidewalk:** L. A. Christopher, petition to lay a 698-granted a 709

**poles:** Joseph Herman & Co., removal of poles, granted a 358

**post:** Henry E. Weston, petition to erect a 572-granted a 575; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 578

**sign:** Quong Lee, petition a 354-granted a 385; E. F. Sensibaugh, petition a 541-granted a 544; Di Luccio Pasquale, petition a 615-granted a 624; Baker & Buckler, petition a 615-granted a 624; L. W. Eddy & Co., petition a 665-granted a 661

**sweeping:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to instruct superintendent of street cleaning to continue sweeping street to Upham's corner, passed a 403

**tree:** order to trim, between Harrison avenue and Washington street, for American Telephone and Telegraph Company, passed a 468

**widening:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report in their next loan a sum sufficient for widening at Upham's corner and Columbia road, passed a 46

**Dudley-street Transfer Station.** (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)**Dudley street and Harrison avenue.**

**poles:** American Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 325-granted a 329

**Dudley and Washington streets.**

**pole:** order to remove pole of Boston Electric Light Company, passed a 172; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 491; report, veto sustained a 629

**Dundee street.**

**sidewalk:** Joseph Green, petition a 503-granted a 529

**Dunn, Edward H.**

appointed member of board of sinking fund commissioners a 337-confirmed a 355

**Dunne, N.**

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**Dunning, M. V., et als.**

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**Dupont street.**

**building:** E. Dodge, petition to erect a 337-granted a 386 c 390

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**lamps:** George Zittel, jr., *et als.*, petition a 503

**Durgin, Samuel H.**

appointed member of board of health a 323-confirmed a 338

**Dwight, Thomas.**

appointed member of board of trustees of public library a 337-confirmed a 355

**Dwight street.**

**sign:** Harry Crocker, petition a 407-granted a 469

**Dyar, Albert A.**

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**Dyer, B. A.**

bay-windows, corner Quincy and Washington streets, petition and order for hearing a 357-hearing a 401-granted a 469

**Dyer, William H.**

communication from the mayor, transmitting communication from the police department with order increasing salary of \$2,000 to \$2,500, passed a 777-discussed c 794, 795-passed c 795

**E street.**

**guy-posts:** Conners Bros., petition a 752-granted a 753

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 230

**relocation of water pipe:** communication from the mayor transmitting order providing for relocation of a water pipe, together with explanatory plan, referred to committee on public improvements a 54-report, accepted, order passed a 59-discussed c 65, 66-assigned c 66-taken up, passed c 85

**E and Munroe streets and Brookside avenue.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 358, 359

**E and Sixth streets.**

**sidewalk:** John D. Bates, petition a 616-granted a 644

**E and West Ninth streets.**

**bay-windows:** C. A. Russell, granted a 252

**Eagle street.**

**claims:** Patrick P. King, petition, compensation for damages to estate c 281

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576

**sidewalks:** George H. Gibby, petition a 742-granted a 753

**East street.**

**cellar bottom:** S. A. Woods Machine Company, petition to construct at grade 10 a 432-granted a 469

**transparency:** William J. Power, petition-572-granted a-575

**East Boston.**

**abolition of grade crossings:** *see* Grade Crossings

**appropriation for reconstruction of sewers:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to transfer the appropriation for dam at Wood Island flats to appropriation for reconstruction of sewers, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 458-discussed a 465, 466-indefinitely postponed a 466-placed on file c 492

**branch library:** *see* Library Department

**car service:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**drinking fountain:** *see* Water Department

**ferry:** *see* Street Department; *Ferry Division*

**footbridge, Wordsworth st.:** *see* Wordsworth st.

**gymnasium:** *see* Bath Department

**improvements:** order that board of estimate and apportionment be requested to pass a loan order appropriating \$3,000 for erection of clock in head-house tower, South Ferry, Boston side, dredging of a channel for small boats at Jeffries Point, construction of flight of steps on hillside from Leyden st. to Gladstone st., discussed a 253, 254-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 254

**location of chemical engine at Orient Heights:** *see* Fire Department

**Marine Park at Jeffries Point:** *see* Jeffries Point

**new school, Ward 1:** *see* School Department

**sale of street department property:** *see* Street Department

**speedway, Bennington st.:** *see* Bennington st.

**street improvements:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide amounts necessary for street improvements, East Boston (list given), discussed a 343, 346-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 346

**tunnel:** order that Boston Transit Commission report why work has not been commenced, etc., passed a 128; communication from commissioners relative to a 145, 146-ordered printed and assigned a 146-taken up, placed on file a 168; order that the mayor be requested to instruct the city solicitor to endeavor to secure a hearing by the court, on the petition that has been filed, asking for an injunction against the construction of tunnel, passed a 147; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the law department relative to, placed on file a 166-passed c 512; order that the City Council request the mayor to instruct the law department to use all the legal means possible to hasten the construction of the East Boston tunnel, discussed a 593-601, passed a 601 c 606; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the Boston Transit Commission, a 613, 614-placed on file c 614; order that the mayor be requested to inquire of Boston Transit Commission if work is proceeding as rapidly as possible, a 586; order that the board of transit commissioners be requested to prepare plans for the construction of a tunnel in accordance with decision of Supreme Court, and that they be further requested to commence construction of tunnel at earliest possible date, etc., passed a 504 c 512

**use of East Boston gymnasium by non-residents:** order that the bath commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to report the number, if any, of non-residents who have lockers in the gymnasium, also if proper steps are taken to give residents the preference in obtaining admission to the hand ball court, referred to the mayor c 75; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the bath commission, placed on file c 157

**East Concord street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-granted a 787

**East Cottage street.**

**sidewalk:** James V. Devine, petition a 269-granted a 278; Margaret A. Curtis, petition a 301-granted a 309

**East and West Cottage streets.**

**poles:** Postal Telegraph Cable Company, petition to erect a 355-order for hearing a 359-hearing a 378; New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787

**East Dedham street.**

**illuminated sign:** Walter L. Wiley, petition a 667-granted a 675

**sign:** Sam Kee, petition a 355-granted a 385

**East Eagle street.**

**grade:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to grade between Putnam st. and the reservoir grounds, as laid out in 1842, passed a 198

**sidewalk:** John R. Watts, petition a 698-granted a 724

**East Eagle, Prescott and Trenton streets.**

**water fountain:** see Water Department

**East Eighth street.**

**tree:** Christopher Blake, petition to trim a 615; Thomas J. Lundy, petition for trimming of tree a 751

**East Fifth street.**

**sidewalk:** Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551; Arthur H. Flint, petition a 616-granted a 644

**tree:** order to remove trees in front of No. 549, passed a 749

**East Fifth and Jay streets.**

**sidewalks:** A. H. Flint, petition a 433-granted a 471

**East Fourth street.**

**claims:** Annie Maguire, petition for payment to John B. Dore, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 480-granted a 621 c 628

**hitching post:** Thomas Conners, petition a 572-granted a 575

**sidewalk:** Arthur H. Flint, petition a 667-granted a 709

**East Lenox street.**

**edgestones:** order that assessment against St. Phillips church be rescinded, passed a 169; communication from the mayor vetoing order; veto sustained a 228

**sign:** D. T. Connolly, petition a 697-granted a 708

**East Ninth street.**

**lamps:** C. Sheehan *et als.*, petition for naphtha lamps in rear a 572

**sidewalk:** Frank T. Horgan, petition a 465-granted a 482

**tree:** order to trim in front of No. 596, referred to the mayor c 596

**wooden building:** G. R. Cavanagh, petition to move a 525-granted a 529

**East Second street.**

**grading and macadamizing:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for grading, etc., from K to Q sts., passed c 67-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 167-order for hearing a 170-hearing a 193-granted a 306; order that New England Telephone and Telegraph Company be requested to relocate poles, passed a 387; New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 531

**sidewalk:** Mrs. Caroline Ehrhart, petition a 211-granted a 214; Stephen Jaeger, Aloysius Jaeger, petitions a 379-granted a 404

**East Seventh street.**

**sidewalks:** Fannie Bible, petition a 641-granted a 660

**tree:** H. W. Stark, petition, removal a 720

**East Seventh and N streets.**

**sidewalks:** J. F. Cranston, petition a 301-granted a 305

**East Sixth street.**

**sidewalk:** Louisa A. Means, petition a 616-granted a 644; R. F. Means, petition a 616-granted a 644

**East Sixth and H streets.**

**crosswalk:** order to place at junction, referred to the mayor c 373

**East Springfield street.**

**sign:** Charles A. Heintz, petition a 751-granted a 761

**East Third street.**

**sidewalk:** Ellen Lonergan, petition a 525-granted a 546; Watson & Waite, petition a 525-granted a 546; Anastasia Morrison, petition a 549-granted a 566

**Eastern Cold Storage Company.**

petition to construct area, North st. a 124-granted a 128; petition to construct cellars of buildings, Creek sq. and North st., a certain grade, granted a 124; awning, North st., petition and order for hearing a 643-hearing, referred to committee on public improvements a 666, 667-granted a 677; petition to lay pipe, Creek sq. a 655-laid over a 659-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 668-report accepted, permit granted a 677

**Eastman street.**

**trees:** Robert B. Williams *et als.*, Trustees, petition for removal of two trees a 751

**Eddy, Charles E., Councilman, Ward 16.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on common council rules c 93; committee on elevator accident, city hall c 164; committee on bath department, building department, printing department, weights and measures department, statistics department, Fourth of July, city hall elevator accident, rules and orders of the common council, police ambulance, 9th district c 267, 268

**Edgestones and Sidewalks. (See Street Department.)****Edgewood street.**

**sidewalk:** C. A. Fulson, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Edgeworth and Tremont streets, Charlestown.**

**lamp:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate on corner, referred to the mayor c 76

**Edmands, John B., et al.**

petition for payment to Abram T. Collier of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Medford st. a 719

**Edson Green.**

**tree:** order to remove two dead trees, passed a 724

**Edson street.**

**sidewalk:** Mrs. M. J. Hall, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Edward Everett square and Dorchesterway.**

**electric lights:** order to locate, passed a 386

**Eight-hour Day.**

order that the board of election commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to have act relative to allowing eight hours to constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed by the city, placed on the official ballot at the municipal election, discussed c 610, 611-passed c 611 a 617

**Eight Hours for City Employees. (See City Employees.)**

**Eighth street.**

- pipe:** Christian F. Platt, petition to lay a 269-granted a 277  
**sidewalk:** John J. Martin, petition a 720-granted a 748  
**tree:** John White, petition, removal of tree a 325

**Election Department.**

- committee:** appointed a 237 c 267, 374  
**board of commissioners:** Linus E. Pearson, notice of appointment as member of board placed on file a 323; notice of appointment of Patrick J. Kennedy as election commissioner a 805  
**arrangements for state election:** order of notice of election, Nov. 7, passed a 657  
**eight-hour law, placing of, on official ballot:** *see* Eight-hour Day  
**message certifying the names of the members elect of the board of apportionment and city council:** page 1  
**municipal election:** notice of a 745  
**payment of election officers:** order that the city treasurer be requested to pay the supervisors who served at the state election, as soon as possible, referred to committee on treasury department c 43; order that the board of election commissioners, through the mayor be requested to arrange for the payment of the election officers on or before December 23, 1899, passed a 780 c 795  
**petitions and orders referred from last year:** report, no action necessary on petitions and orders, etc., referred from last year (list given), accepted a 359  
**vacancy in 13th representative district:** notification from the speaker of the House of Representatives of vacancy existing, caused by death of James T. Mahony, Jr.; order of notice of election, passed a 46  
**voting list, Germantown:** *see* Germantown  
**jury list:** communication from the election commissioners transmitting list, assigned a 197-taken up, approved a 213

**Election Returns.**

- order that the city messenger be requested to make usual arrangements on election days for returns, and to open council chamber, etc., passed c 652 a 653; communication from the mayor vetoing order; order indefinitely postponed c 713-order making arrangements, passed c 713 a 720

**Electric Lights. (See Lamp Department.)****Electric Wires. (See also Wire Department.)**

- committee:** appointed a 62

**Electrical Construction Department.**

- appropriation:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment for \$15,000, referred to committee on public improvements a 122-report, accepted, order passed a 148-assigned c 159-taken up, order rejected c 190-adhered to former action a 195 c 203, 204 a 212  
**working capital:** *see* annual estimates; *appropriation bill*

**Electricity, Municipal. (See Municipal Gas and Electricity.)****Elevator Accident, City Hall. (See City Hall.)****Eliot street.**

- barber-pole:** J. Breithwaite, petition a 193  
**coal-hole:** Trustees of Tufts College, petition a 698-granted a 724

**Eliot street, Ward 23.**

- sidewalk:** Thomas B. Noonan, petition a 579-granted a 623

**Ellery street.**

- bay-windows:** John O'Connor, granted a 276; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 299-report, veto sustained a 623

**Elm street.**

- illuminated sign:** Henry M. Flynn & Co., petition a 324-granted a 343; order that permission be granted to Henry M. Flynn to maintain existing sign, passed a 562  
**signs:** James M. Henderson, petition a 777-granted a 780

**Elm street, Charlestown.**

- land for school purposes:** *see* School Department  
**sale of school site:** order that the street commissioners, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to sell at public auction, the estate having been surrendered to said commissioners for disposal, passed a 681-assigned c 687  
**tree:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 278; order to remove dead tree at No. 95, passed a 404

**Elm street, Ward 22.**

- sidewalk:** S. S. Riddell, petition a 433-granted a 471; estate of Voluey Wilder, petition a 579-granted a 623

**Elmira street.**

- claims:** John H. Proctor, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 45-granted a 342 c 367

**Elmore street.**

- crosswalk at end of Elmore st.:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to construct, referred to the mayor c 416, 417

**Elmwood street.**

- reading-room in old pumping station:** *see* Library Department

**Emergency Hospital.**

- acquiring as part of City Hospital *see* Hospital Department

**Emergency Hospital, South Boston. (See South Boston.)****Emerson, Catherine.**

- payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Vose st. (referred last year), granted a 804 c 313

**Emerson, Freeman O., et als.**

- petition that action be taken to prevent heavy teaming on Warren ave. a 432

**Emerson street.**

- signs:** Michael Shinnars, petition a 378-granted a 406

**Emery, Fred A., Councilman, Ward 21.**

- qualified:** page 2  
**appointed:** committee on cemetery department, city clerk department, lamp department, park department, schools and school-houses c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424; committee on annual dinner c 804  
**orders offered:** bulletin of legislative bills c 73  
 sale of cigars c 596  
**remarks:** interest on taxes c 247  
 street-lighting contract c 608

**Emery, John A.**

- petition to erect building, Island st. a 250-granted a 343 c 367

**Employees, City. (See City Employees.)****Employment Agencies. (See Institutions Department.)**

### Employment of Citizens in Dry Docks and Navy Yards. (See Navy Yard, Dry Dock Building.)

#### Endicott street.

**asphalting**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$3,000 for asphalting, from Cooper to Thacher st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 231; order to have street asphalted from Cooper st. to Thacher st., passed a 554

**openings in sidewalk**: Bridget Foster, petition to construct a 379-granted a 404

**revised grade**: order to establish revised grade between Causeway st. and Lafayette ave., referred to committee on public improvements a 251-report, accepted, order passed a 255

**signs**: R. Sarni, petition a 324-granted a 343

#### Endicott and Blackstone streets.

**public convenience station and underground lavatory**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient, passed c 68-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

#### Engine Smoke, Nuisance from. (See Ordinances.)

#### Engineering Department.

**committee**: appointed a 237 c 267

**city engineer**: William Jackson, appointed a 299-confirmed a 325

**abolition of grade crossings**: see Grade Crossings

**Charles river bridge**: see Charles River Bridge

#### Essex street.

**area**: Charles P. Curtis, petition to construct a 585-granted a 622

**barber-pole**: James D. Russo, petition a 578-granted a 581

**illuminated sign**: Ryder & Brooks, petition a 78, 144-granted a 167

**sign**: W. Creden & Co., petition a 229; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 272; petition a 269-granted a 276

#### Essex street, Charlestown.

**paving**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pave, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 285 a 301

#### Essex and East streets and Atlantic avenue.

**guy-posts**: George A. Fuller Company, petition to erect a 301-granted a 309

#### Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.

**members**: John Henry Sullivan, Laurence Minot, oaths of office administered, page 1; resolutions on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan, 294-298

**board of apportionment act, repeal of**: resolution repealing act, (discussed a 170-172-assigned a 172-taken up, (discussed a 195-197-rejected a 197: see also Legislative Matters

**additional land, Insane Hospital**: see Institutions Department.

**addition to reserved fund**: see Reserved Fund.

**Alexander st., extension**: see Alexander st.

**Apple Island, public landing**: see Apple Island

**appropriation for street improvements, Ward 1**: see Ward 1

**appropriation for wire department**: see Wire Department

**appropriation, clock, south ferry**: see Street Department, ferry division

**appropriation for primary and grammar schools**: see School Department

**appropriation for reconstruction of sewers, East Boston**: see East Boston

**appropriation transfer to assessing department**: see Assessing Department

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**appropriation transfer to city hospital**: see Hospital Department  
**appropriation for Tileston and Sherwin districts**: see School Department, *appropriation for Tileston and Sherwin Districts*

**asphalt gutters, Dorchester st.**: see Dorchester st.

**asphalting, Harrison ave**: see Harrison ave.

**asphalting, Smith st.**: see Smith st.

**B st., paving**: see B st.

**bathing beach, North End**: see North End Bathing Beach

**bath-house, Savin Hill Beach**: see Bath Department

**bath-house, Ward 18**: see Bath Department

**Battery st., widening**: see Battery st.

**Beacon st., paving**: see Beacon st.

**Berkeley st., asphalting**: see Berkeley st.

**bicycle path, adjoining Common**: see Bicycle Path Adjoining Common

**bicycle path, Massachusetts ave.**: see Massachusetts ave.

**Blue Hill ave., paving**: see Blue Hill ave.

**branch library, North End**: see Library Department

**bridge, Travers st.**: see Travers st.

**cable to Long Island**: see Institutions Department

**Centre st., retaining wall**: see Centre st.

**Chapman school-house, fire escapes**: see School Department

**Chelsea bridge, widening of draw**: see Chelsea Bridge draw

**Chelsea st., widening**: see Chelsea st., Charlestown

**Christopher Gibson playground**: see Christopher Gibsou playground

**Condor st., paving**: see Condor st.

**convenience station, South Boston**: see Bath Department

**Devonshire st., repairing**: see Devonshire st.

**Dorchester bay, public landing**: see Dorchester Bay

**Dover st., paving**: see Dover st.

**drainage of land Parental School**: see Institutions Department.

**draw, Chelsea bridge**: see Chelsea Bridge

**Dudley st., paving**: see Dndley st.

**Dudley st., widening**: see Dudley st.

**East Boston improvements, erection of clock in tower of South Ferry, dredging channel, Jeffries Point, flight of steps, Leyden to Gladstone st.**: see East Boston

**East Boston, street improvements**: see East Boston

**East Second st., improvement**: see East Second st.

**electric light plant, Rainsford Island**: see Institutions Department

**emergency hospital, Charlestown**: see Hospital Department

**emergency hospital, South Boston**: see South Boston

**Endicott st., asphalting**: see Endicott st.

**Endicott and Blackstone sts., public convenience station**: see Endicott and Blackstone sts.

**engine-house, Forest Hills**: see Fire Department

**engine-house, Heath st.**: see Fire Department

**engine-house, Norfolk st., loan**: see Fire Department

**engine-house, Ward 19**: see Fire Department

**engine-house, Warren ave.**: see Fire Department

**Essex st., Charlestown**: see Essex street, Charlestown

**extension of Brooks st., Brighton**: see Brooks st., Brighton

**extension of water mains, appropriation**: see Water Department

**finance matters**: order that all matters on file in the committee of finance be referred to board of estimate and apportionment, passed a 46 c 48

**fire apparatus, Ward 19**: see Fire Department

**First st., paving**: see First st.

**footbridge, East Boston**: see Wordsworth st.

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funds for needed new school-houses: *see* School Department

Grove, Phillips, Garden and Irving sts., improvements: *see* Grove and other streets

gymnasium, Commonwealth Park: *see* Commonwealth Park

gymnasium, North End Park: *see* North End Park

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gymnasium, Ward 5: *see* Ward 5

gymnasium and playground, Ward 5: *see* Ward 5

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gymnasium, Ward 19: *see* Ward 19

Hanover and other streets, repaving: *see* Hanover, Blackstone, Commercial and Devonshire sts., and Atlantic ave.

Harrison ave., asphaltting: *see* Harrison ave.

Heath sq., iron fence: *see* Heath sq.

Heath st. and New Heath st.: *see* Heath and New Heath sts.

hearing on repairing "down-town" streets: order that board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appoint a time and place, and duly advertise same, for a hearing of persons interested in repairing streets in business section a 169

Hillside st., repairs: *see* Hillside st.

Independence sq., improvements: *see* Independence sq.

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La Grange st., improvements: *see* La Grange st., West Roxbury

Lenox st., paving: *see* Lenox st.

loan for construction of sewerage work: *see* Street Department

loan for construction of Talbot ave.: *see* Talbot ave., Dorchester

loan estimates: communication from the mayor transmitting copy of the loan estimates received from the heads of the several departments which were before the board of estimate and apportionment for its consideration, ordered printed, sent down a 211-placed on file c 217

loan of \$42,000 to meet executions of court: communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$42,000 to meet deficiencies in loan appropriations caused by executions of court, passed a 665-assigned c 690, 691-taken up, passed c 739

loan order for \$709,000: communication from the mayor transmitting general loan order passed by the board of estimate and apportionment a 192, 193-ordered printed and assigned a 193-taken up, passed a 213-discussed c 218, 219-passed c 219

loan for various municipal purposes (\$100,000): communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$100,000 for various municipal purposes, referred to committee on public improvements a 480-report, accepted, order passed a 488-discussed c 500, 501-assigned c 501-taken up, discussed c 513, 514-amended (by changing item for Faneuil Hall), passed c 514-non-concurred a 526

Marine Park at Jeffries Point: *see* Jeffries Point

Marine Park, bathing beach: *see* Park Department

Mead st., steps: *see* Mead st.

methods of collecting department: *see* Collecting Department

Milton st., asphaltting: *see* Milton st.

municipal building, Ward 15: order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of \$15,000 for municipal building, Ward 15, passed c 43-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

new bridge, Medway st.: *see* Medway st.

new buildings, city hospital, appropriation for: *see* Hospital Department

new public library, Charlestown: *see* Library Department

playground, Ward 15: *see* Ward 15

street improvements, Oneida and Seneca sts.: *see* Oneida st. and Seneca st.

new ward-room, Ward 8: *see* Ward 8

Norfolk ave., paving: *see* Norfolk ave.

**Estimate and Apportionment, Board of, *continued.***

open-air gymnasium and playground, Ward 19: *see* Ward 19

paving, Massachusetts ave.: *see* Massachusetts ave.

playground, Roslindale: *see* Playground, Roslindale

playstead, Neponset: *see* Neponset Playstead

police station, Grove Hall: *see* Police Department

portrait of Hon. John H. Sullivan: *see* Sullivan, Hon. John H.

Princeton st., macadamizing: *see* Princeton st.

Princeton st., repaving: *see* Princeton st.

proceedings of board: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide members of the city council with verbatim reports of all the meetings of said board, passed c 118-referred to committee on public improvements a 124-report, accepted, order rejected a 148-discussed, placed on file c 137; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide each member of the city council with a printed stenographic report of each meeting of said board held during the present year, etc., referred to the mayor c 96

purchase of painting, "Boston Massacre": *see* "Boston Massacre," painting

Putnam sq., improvements: *see* Putnam sq.

reconstruction of Faneuil Hall: *see* Faneuil Hall

remodelling of "A" building: *see* Institutions Department

reconstruction of buildings, Rainsford Island: *see* Institutions Department

records of board: communication from the mayor stating that board of estimate and apportionment voted that its records be placed in the custody of the city clerk, placed on file a 831

repeal of apportionment act: *see* Legislative Matters

retaining wall, Freeport st.: *see* Freeport st.

Ruggles st., macadamizing: *see* Ruggles st.

Ruggles st., paving: *see* Ruggles st.

sale of East Boston street department property: *see* Street Department

sewerage for Bates School: *see* School Department

Shawmut ave., paving: *see* Shawmut ave.

Smith st., asphaltting: *see* Smith st.

street cleaning, Dorchester: *see* Street Department

street-cleaning service, Ward 23: *see* Street Department

street improvements, Dorchester: *see* Dorchester

Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial: *see* Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial

telephone cable from Long to Gallop's Island: *see* Institutions Department

Temple st., extension: *see* Temple st., Ward 23

Travers st., tunnel: *see* Travers st.

Utica pl., paving: *see* Utica pl.

waiting-room, Boston side, North Ferry: *see* Street Department, Ferry Division

Ward 1, ward-room: *see* Ward 1

Ward 9, street improvements: *see* Seneca and other streets

Ward 15, gymnasium and bath-house: *see* Bath Department

Ward 17, ward-room, grading grounds: *see* Ward 17

Ward-room, Ward 18: *see* Ward 18

Ward 18, combination building: *see* Ward 18

West Cedar st., repaving: *see* West Cedar st.

Winthrop sq., Charlestown, improvements: *see* Winthrop sq., Charlestown

**Eustis street.**

sign: W. J. Rourke, petition a 697-granted a 708

tree: order to remove dead tree in front of No. 275, passed a 554

**Eustis and Dearborn streets.**

transparencies: Timothy L. Connolly, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Eutaw street.**

**building:** order that permission be granted William F. Seavey to erect building in rear of Eutaw st., referred to the mayor c 824

**electric light:** order to locate at junction of White st., referred to the mayor c 96

**tree:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 113, passed a 621; order that permission be granted F. G. Coburn to remove trees, passed a 661, 662; communication from the mayor vetoing order; veto sustained a 697

**wires to trees:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach a 784-granted a 788

**Eutaw and other streets.**

**guy-ropes:** Frank G. Coburn & Co., petition to stretch a 742-granted a 748

**Evacuation Day.**

**display of flags:** order that the mayor be requested to take the requisite action to cause all flags belonging to the city, or under the control of the various departments, to be displayed upon the public grounds, school-houses, etc., March 17, 1899, referred to the mayor c 209

**holiday:** see City Employees

**Evans street.**

**tree:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 68, passed a 539

**Everett street, Brighton.**

**playground:** order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, to be used as a playground, at a sum not exceeding \$200, passed a 255-referred to committee on public grounds c 256-report, accepted, order passed c 416

**railroad tracks:** notice from railroad commissioners of consent to of construction of tracks, accepted a 599

**track at grade:** Thompson & Norris Co., petition to lay a 525-order for hearing a 530-hearing a 549-granted a 559-notice of acceptance of location a 573

**Everett avenue, Dorchester.**

**tree:** I. L. Wasserboehr, petition, removal a 402

**Everett street, East Boston.**

**bay-window:** Winnie Linden, petition and order for hearing a 326-withdrawn a 354

**sidewalk:** J. Goldinger, petition a 338-granted a 361

**Evergreen Cemetery.**

**fence:** order that the cemetery trustees, through the mayor, be requested to furnish a list of the bidders and contracts awarded, if any, for the construction of the fence, and a statement of the material to be used, referred to the mayor c 319; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from cemetery department, with order rescinding order passed for expenditure of \$1,500 for wall, etc.; assigned c 363, 364, 396-taken up, passed c 414 a 433; communication from the mayor transmitting order from Board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$1,500 for wall, passed a 461 c 496

**repairs and crosswalk:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, make necessary repairs and place crosswalk at junction of North Beacon st., referred to the mayor c 267

**sewer:** John Dennis, *Admin.*, petition to be refunded amount paid for use of sewer; order authorizing the city treasurer to pay same, passed a 103-referred to committee on claims c 109

**Examination of Junk. (See Ordinances.)****Exchange street.**

**area with ash lift:** Albert R. Whittier, petition a 655-granted a 677

**illuminated sign:** G. H. Worcester & Co., petition a 719, 751-granted a 761

**Executions of Court, Loan Appropriation. (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)****F street.**

**building, moving:** John Soley & Sons, petition a 785-granted a 789

**Fairbanks street, Brighton.**

**closing:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to close roadway, passed a 788

**poles:** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 211-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 569

**Fairweather street.**

**electric lights:** Benjamin S. Frost *et al.*, petition a 250

**Falcon street.**

**resurfacing:** see Ward 1, *street improvements*

**Fallon, Thomas R., et als.**

petitions for payment to Solomon A. Bolster, *Attorney*, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Longwood avenue, and Ward streets a 555-granted c 735 a 743

**Falmouth street.**

**barber-pole:** Joseph P. Jones, petition a 464-granted a 527

**Faneuil Hall and County Buildings.**

**committee:** appointed a 62

**appropriation:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment making an additional appropriation of \$1,500, message sent up c 627-placed on file a 698-order assigned c 627-taken up, discussed c 650, 651-assigned c 651-taken up, passed c 691 a 698

**hanging of painting, "Boston Massacre":** see "Boston Massacre," Painting

**reconstruction:** communication from the mayor transmitting communications from the board of estimate and apportionment, relative to extra appropriation for reconstruction; also communication from the chief of the electric construction department and the consulting architect, assigned c 83-taken up, discussed c 111-114-assigned c 114-taken up, amended, discussed c 136, 137-assigned c 137-taken up, discussed c 159-162-order as amended, passed c 162-referred to committee on public improvements a 167-report, accepted, passed in concurrence a 170; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the consulting architect in reference to repairs c 175, 176-placed on file c 176

**stands, Old Court House:** see Old Court House

**use of:** Farmers' National Congress, petition a 144-report, no action necessary a 661; Local Freight Agents' Association, petition a 464; Farmers' National Congress, petition a 578-granted a 582; National Lancers, petition a 578; Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, petitions a 597-report, no action necessary a 661; Democratic City and State Committee, petition a 641-granted a 646; District Assembly No. 30, K. of L., petition a 615-granted a 661; Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, petition a 653-granted a 661; Social Labor party, petition a 655-granted a 661; Josiah Quincy, petition a 655-granted a 601; Ancient Order of Hibernians, petition a 503; Social Democratic City Committee, petition a 720-granted a 723; Woman's Relief Corps No. 67, petition a 720; Josiah Quincy, petition a 720-granted a 723; M. L. Jennings *et als.*, petition a 720-granted a 723; Public School Association, petition a 741-granted a 747; Bunker Hill Chapter, D.A.R., petition a 741-granted a 747; Republican City Committee, petition a 751-granted a 763; St. Mary's Association of the North End, petition a 778-granted a 780; Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, petition a 778-assigned a 780-taken up, granted a 785; Federation of Jewish Charities, petition a 784-granted a 789; Department Massachusetts, G.A.R., petition a 806-granted a 811; John J. Coffey *et als.*, petition a 832-granted a 837

**Farragut Day.**

**celebration:** order that a special committee be appointed to prepare and report a programme for celebration of June 28, etc., passed c 141-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 144, 145; communication from the mayor vetoing order for appropriation of \$1,200, veto sustained, order rejected c 201; order that a

**Farragut Day, continued.**

special committee be appointed to prepare and report a programme for celebration on June 28, etc., laid over c 377-taken up, passed c 395 a 402; communication from the mayor vetoing order; indefinitely postponed c 445

**Farrell, Rev. John J., et als.**

petition for removal of poles, West Cottage st. a 616; motion that committee be instructed to give public hearing a 616-report, with order, rescinding order passed July 17, discussed a 730,731-accepted, passed a 731; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 750-report, discussed a 753, 754-order passed over veto a 754

**Farrington avenue and Highgate street.**

electric light: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 502

**Farrington street.**

claims: Alexander Y. Cocbrane, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate to Charles A. Gleason a 464-granted a 722 c 733

lamps: John McLaughlin *et als.*, petition a 641

**Fast Driving, Blue Hill avenue. (See Blue Hill ave.)****Fast Driving, Chelsea street. (See Chelsea st., East Boston.)****Fauce, William H.**

petition to erect hitching-post, Wayne st. a 193-granted a 199

**Feder, Simon.**

compensation for personal injuries (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

**Federal street.**

area: Walworth Manufacturing Company, petition a 597-granted a 602

coal vault: Walworth Manufacturing Company, petition a 579-granted a 580

illuminated sign: A. Fellner, petition a 597-granted a 603  
sign: Eugene Fellner, petition a 572-granted a 575; Chandler & Farquhar, petition a 641-granted a 646; O'Brien Bros., petition a 697-granted a 708

**Feeley, Catherine E., Adm. et al., lessees. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)**

petition that the board of aldermen estimate damages by taking of estate by Boston Elevated Railway Company a 572

**Fence Viewers.**

appointed a 274-confirmed a 301, 302

**Fenelon street.**

sidewalk: Catherine F. Erb, petition a 338-granted a 361; M. C. Shea, granted a 529; A. McGlennin, granted a 529; Wm. Brummett, granted a 529; W. E. Whipple, granted a 529; Wm. J. Day, petition a 655-granted a 677; W. M. Brummett, petition a 503; Mary E. Whipple, petition a 503; A. M. Glennie, petition a 503; M. C. Shea, petition a 503

**Fenton, John D., Councilman, Ward 15.**

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appointed: committee on art department, fire department, hospital department, street department, street laying-out department c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374

orders offered: Ticknor School, condition of c 75  
Ward 15, gymnasium c 142  
asphalting gutters, Dorchester c 142  
electric light, Woodward st. c 266

**Fenton, John D., Councilman, Ward 15, continued.**

night car to South Boston c 266  
binding in union binderies c 376  
Saturday half-holiday for printing department c 611  
playground, South Boston, Locust st. c 640

remarks: binding in union binderies c 376  
memorial day appropriation c 393  
gymnasium, Ward 9 c 415

**Fenton street.**

acceptance: order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to accept said street as a public way, and construct same, passed c 596 a 598

claims: Edward Reardon, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 464-granted a 621 c 628

**Ferdinand, Frank.**

remonstrance against closing, etc., of Zeigler st. a 251

**Fernald, Charles F.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, North Harvard st. and Bayard st. (referred last year) granted a 304 c 313

**Fernald, Charles, M.D.**

petition, to be paid for professional services a 719-refused a 745 c 765

**Ferries. (See Street Department, Ferry Division.)****Field Drivers and Pound Keepers.**

appointed a 274-confirmed a 301, 302

**Field's Corner Station of N.Y., N.H. & H. R. R.**

fire-alarm box: see Fire Department

**Finance. (See also Board of Estimate and Apportionment.)**

committee: appointed c 267 a 278

matters referred to committee: order that all matters on file in the committee on finance be referred to board of estimate and apportionment, passed a 46 c 48

**Financial Department. (See Treasury Department, Collecting Department and Auditing Department.)****Finkelstein, Benjamin.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 741

**Fire-alarm Wires Underground, Appropriation for. (See Fire Department.)****Fire Department.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

appropriation to restore salaries: order that the mayor be requested to draw a sum sufficient from the reserved fund to make good deficit now existing in the department, so that wages of members may be restored to old rate, discussed c 163, 164-passed c 164-indefinitely postponed a 167-placed on file c 176

Carleton st. fire: order that the fire commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to extend thanks of the citizens of Boston to W. D. Ross, an engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, for his prompt action in giving the alarm and efficient assistance at said fire, discussed a 172, 173-passed a 173

Christ Church steeple: order that the fire commissioner be requested to have woodwork around clock repaired, passed a 330 c 370

claims: John H. Costello, M.D.: see Costello; or, claims

Fire Department, *continued.*

**conveyance of land :** order that the fire commissioner, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to convey to owner of estate adjoining headquarters, Bristol st., a narrow strip of land with wall of building thereon, etc., passed a 747-referred to committee on fire department c 770; report, accepted, order passed c 818

**eight hours for firemen :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to make necessary arrangements to allow the members of department the same privilege given other employees of the city, etc., referred to the mayor c 804

**Engine 21, fire bell :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to replace in service the fire bell, referred to the mayor c 695

**engine-house, Dartmouth st. :** H. C. Whitney, petition for public meeting, relative to location a 337

**engine-house, Forest Hills :** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing land and constructing fire engine-house, passed c 51-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 55; order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for an engine-house and site, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 81

**engine-house, Heath st. :** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$36,900 for establishment of engine-house and suitable apparatus, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 62

**engine-house, Hyde Park ave., near Neponset ave. :** petition of Patrick J. Kelly *et als.* in favor of location; order that fire commissioner be requested to locate new engine-house in said location, referred to mayor c 284

**engine-house, Norfolk st., Dorchester :** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report in their next loan a sum sufficient for the erection of an engine-house near Dorchester station, passed c 41-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**engine-house, Parker Hill :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to report the advisability of providing a new engine-house and apparatus in vicinity of Parker Hill, referred to the mayor c 51; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, placed on file c 216

**engine-house, Ward 19 :** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$20,000 as an appropriation for a chemical engine-house, cor. Hillside and Calumet sts., discussed c 94, 95-referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 95 a 102; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order \$36,000 for erection of engine-house, cor. Calumet and St. Alphonsus sts., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 96 a 103; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$30,000 for an engine-house and combination truck, cor. St. Alphonsus and Calumet sts., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 265 a 275

**engine-house, Warren ave. :** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating sum received for taking engine-house on Dartmouth st. (\$55,000) and that same be expended for purchase of land, Warren ave., ordered printed and assigned a 400-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 434-report, referred to committee on fire department a 443-report, referred to joint committee a 488-report, no further action necessary, discussed, accepted c 518, 519-laid on table a 526-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 534; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the corporation counsel with order approving site, discussed a 506-509-laid over under the rules a 509-taken up, substitute offered, referred to committee on public improvements a 527-report accepted, substitute order passed a 581-discussed c 588-590-passed c 590; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner urging importance of early action, referred to committee on public improvements a 571-report, accepted, message sent down a 581-placed on file c 588-report, accepted, placed on file a 623

**facilities for reaching fires :** order that the fire commissioner be requested to so arrange it, that in responding to fires the captains of the respective engine companies be provided with better means of attending fires than riding on the tender of the engine, referred to committee on fire department a 104

**fire-alarm box, Columbus and Massachusetts aves. :** *see* Columbus and Massachusetts aves.

**fire-alarm box, Field's Corner, Station of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to place box, passed a 231 c 242

**fire alarm box, cor. Regent and Alpine sts. :** order to place keyless box, referred to the mayor c 374

**fire alarm box, Mt. Pleasant ave. :** *see* Mt. Pleasant ave.

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**fire apparatus, Ward 19 :** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$15,000 for a hose house and apparatus, Parker Hill, discussed c 320, 321-passed c 321 a 325

**fire-alarm box, Hillside st. :** *see* Hillside st.

**fire alarm signal in engine-house, Columbia road :** T. Hersey & Co. *et als.*, petition a 832

**fire-alarm wires, placing under ground :** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment, appropriating \$5,000 for placing fire-alarms under ground, passed a 548

**fire-house, Grove Hall :** order that the fire commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to place a suitable sign on new building and to remove colored glass windows in doors and replace same with plain glass, passed a 543

**firemen's salaries :** resolutions relative to, with order that the mayor be requested to instruct the fire commissioner to allow the old rate of compensation for members, to remain without alteration, discussed c 116-118-passed c 118

**flooding land, Kemp and other streets, for skating :** *see* Kemp st., Washington ave., Hyde st., and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad

**keyless box, corner Hamilton and Speedwell sts. :** Charles T. Simpson *et als.*, petition a 667

**leave of absence :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to give members of department a leave of six hours every week in addition to which they now receive, referred to the mayor c 96; order that the mayor request the fire commissioner to grant members of the fire department who have lost their regular leave of absence on account of storms, an additional leave of absence following their next day off, or an additional day's pay, discussed c 141, 142-referred to the mayor c 142; order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to make such arrangement as to allow each member twelve hours leave of absence between his regular days off, discussed c 397, 398-passed c 398 a 402; order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to inform the common council whether he has taken any action upon order passed May 18 and 22 for leave of absence, referred to the mayor c 521; order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow members of veteran firemen's organizations leave of absence to attend muster at Fall River, passed a 577; order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to allow firemen twelve hours leave of absence between their days off, passed c 694 a 698

**list of employees who are not on vacation list :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to furnish list referred to the mayor c 417; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, placed on file c 445; order that five men (names given) employed on outside work given a vacation, passed c 445 a 466

**location of chemical engine, Orient Heights :** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to cause chemical engine now located near the new boulevard, placed in some suitable part, of Orient Heights, referred to the mayor c 455

**old engine-house, Mt. Vernon st., West Roxbury :** use of for school purposes: *see* school department

**pay for firemen in case of sickness :** order that any member who may contract sickness while in discharge of his duties shall be allowed ten days full pay and 30 days half pay, and if injured while in discharge of his duties shall be allowed 30 days full pay and 30 days half pay thereafter, unless in case of recovery sooner referred to committee on fire department c 502

**petroleum :** communication from fire commissioner, approving license of Mrs. Ella Abrams, license granted a 56; report from fire commissioner on petition for license of E. A. Metel, Jamaica st., approving same, granted a 146; communication from the fire commissioner, approving petition of Carpenter-Morton Company license granted a 259, 261; communication from the fire commissioner, approving license of Giuseppe Troccoli, license granted a 256; Glaister Manufacturing Company, license approved a 275, 276; E. C. Powers, license approved a 276; reports on petition of Jenny Manufacturing Co., for license, approved a 302; report from fire commissioner, approving license of Putnam Nail Co., license granted a 326; report from fire commissioner on petition of John C. Talbot, for license, approving same, license granted a 339; report from fire commissioner on petition of Edwin R. Flint, for license for oil, license approved a 357; reports from fire commissioner on petitions of Brown Bros., A. A. White & Co., New England Reed Co., and I. H. Wiley & Co., for sale of oil, etc., approving same, license granted a 436; report from fire commissioner on petition of Rosindale Hardware Co., approving same, license granted a 467; report from fire commissioner, on petition of Gilmore Electric Company, for a license for oils, etc., approving same, license approved a 527; notice from fire commissioner of approval of petition of John E. McPhee, license granted a 573; report on petition of M. Finkelstein for license for petroleum, etc., disapproving same, petition refused a 643; report from fire commis-

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tioner on petition of J. Otis McFadden, approving same; license granted a 619; report from fire commissioner on petition of Morse Bros., disapproving same, license refused a 619; report on petition of C. H. K. Skillin, for license to keep petroleum, oils, etc., approving same, license granted a 722

**reduction of salaries:** communication from the mayor relative to re-establishment of salaries, discussed a 151-153-ordered printed, sent down a 153-referred to committee on fire department c 163

**reorganization:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the fire commissioner to so organize the department that the members shall be divided into two shifts of twelve hours each, so that members shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours of duty in every twenty-four, assigned c 373-taken up, substitute order offered c 396, 397-passed c 397 a 402

**repayment of cut in wages:** order that the mayor be requested to report whether or not action has been taken towards the repayment to the members of department of amount of wages lost by the 7½ per cent. cut down, and whether any action is intended, passed a 346

**reward for firemen:** order that the fire commissioner be authorized to increase the pay of any member who distinguishes himself by conspicuous bravery to the amount of \$25 per annum, passed c 67 a 79

**salaries:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the fire commissioner to allow men employed the amount of salary which they lost in the period between the reduction and the restoration of salaries, passed a 172 c 177

**salary to family of M. F. McDonald:** see McDonald, M. F.; or, Legislative Matters

**smoking, Palace theatre:** see Palace Theatre

**thanks to firemen:** resolution expressing thanks for efficiency displayed by members of department on occasion of fire in Boston Museum, etc., passed c 319

**time to vote at caucuses:** order that the fire commissioner be requested to allow members sufficient time to vote at caucuses, under the same regulations as they are allowed at elections, referred to the mayor c 267; order that the fire commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to allow all firemen sufficient time to attend caucuses, Nov. 15 and 16, passed c 691 a 698

**twelve-hour basis:** resolve that the common council endorses the bill now pending before the Legislature providing for establishment of, passed c 116

**vacation for repair-shop employees:** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to allow employees of repair shop two weeks' vacation, etc., referred to the mayor c 265

**Fire Precaution in Theatres. (See Fire Department.)****Fireworks, Firing of. (See Fourth of July.)****First Massachusetts Regiment of Knights of the Golden Eagle.**

petition for an assignment in Seventeenth of June parade, and petition for an appropriation a 250

**First street.**

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report a sum sufficient to pave from L to P sts., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 318 a 325

**sidewalk:** William T. Eaton, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Fisher avenue.**

**lamps:** order to locate and maintain three lamps between Parker Hill ave. and Bucknam st., passed a 710

**sewer:** order that superintendent of streets be requested to begin work of construction as soon as possible, passed a 146; order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to commence the construction of sewer, referred to the mayor c 265

**sidewalk:** Julia Desmond, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Fisher avenue and Parker street.**

**catch-basin:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 319

**Fitzgerald, Bridget.**

petition, compensation for damages to property, Havre st. a 432

**Fitzgerald, James.**

bay-windows, Hanover st., petition and order for hearing a 236-hearing a 269-granted a 343

**Flad, Clara.**

petition for payment to William A. Plalstead of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Cornell st. a 401-granted a 468 c 493

**Flagg street.**

**lamps:** D. F. Flagg *et als.*, petition a 464

**Flags.**

**display on Evacuation Day:** see Evacuation Day

**Flanagan, Bridget C.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Samoset st. a 324-granted a 468 c 493

**Fleet street.**

**transparency:** Daniel J. Sullivan, petition a 572-granted a 575

**Fletcher, L. E. Company.**

petition to be refunded amount of a tax paid by it, alleged to have been illegally assessed a 401-refused a 437 c 447

**Flint, David B.**

compensation for damage caused by defects in sewers at Commonwealth and Massachusetts aves. (referred last year), refused a 778 c 791

**Flood, Thomas W.**

appointed wire commissioner a 323-confirmed a 338

**Floyd, James A.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Hillside terrace a 300-granted a 342 c 367

**Flynn, Bridget**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate Harvard st. a 515-granted a 779 c 792

**Flynn, George A., Councilman, Ward 17.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on investigation of suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on clerk of committees department, hospital department, public grounds department, street department, water department, music department, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19, police ambulance, ninth district c 267, 268; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

**orders offered:** gymnasium, Orchard park c 141  
Hampden st., widening c 141  
vacation for night men c 376  
drinking fountain, Dudley st. c 455  
Saturday half-holiday for city employees c 596

**remarks:** playground, Geneva ave. c 449  
playground, Morse field c 493

**Folsom street.**

**sidewalk:** Robert Black, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Footbridge, East Boston. (See Wordsworth street.)**

**Forbes street.**

**sidewalk:** M. S. Fenyrus, petition a 562-granted a 581

**Forbes, Sheridan and Cranston streets.**

**sidewalks:** David McIntosh, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Ford, William E., et als.**

petition, removal of poles, Atherton st. a 464-report, no action necessary a 834

**Forest Hills.**

**engine-house:** *see* Fire Department

**Forest Hills square.**

**tracks:** order that the board of aldermen be requested to direct the Norfolk Suburban and the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company to remove tracks from northerly half of square, etc., passed c 454-referred to committee on railroads a 465

**Forest Hills street.**

**claims:** George D. Low *et al.*, trustees; petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 250-granted a 342 c 367

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 55-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166 granted a 306; petition to erect and remove a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 536

**Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company.**

**location:** communication from the railroad commissioners giving decision relative to location a 436, 437-referred to committee on public improvements a 437

**WASHINGTON AND OTHER STREETS:** petition for location of tracks, with right to use overhead electric system a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 579-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements with order to give public hearing a 619

**Forest street.**

**tree:** order to remove tree near estate of J. M. Wade, passed a 470

**Fort avenue and Humphrey street.**

**poles:** Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect and remove a 667-order for hearing a 669-hearing a 697-granted a 708, 709

**Foster, J. B.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 167

**Fourth of July.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**appropriation for Neponset Rowing Club:** order that the committee on Fourth of July be requested to include in the programme for celebration \$150 for Neponset Rowing Club, referred to committee on Fourth of July c 397

**celebration:** order for appointment of committee to prepare and report a plan for the celebration of day, passed c 224 a 230; Social Alliance, petition for certain reforms a 526

**firing of rockets, etc.:** order that the firing of rockets, squibs, crackers, serpents, etc., be permitted in the public streets between hours of 4 A.M. and 12 o'clock midnight, passed a 471

**free ferries:** order to allow and pay superintendent of streets on account of the ferry division the sum of \$25 in lieu of tolls for ferries, passed a 441 e 449

**oration:** resolution disapproving policy outlined in oration by Hon. Nathan Matthews, jr. c 521, 522-ordered printed and assigned c 522-taken up, assigned c 595, 606-taken up, discussed c 632-635-passed c 635-discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 642-report, resolution indefinitely postponed a 837

**use of school-houses:** *see* School Department

**Fourth and L streets.**

**trees:** order to remove in front of Baptist church, passed a 562; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to trim off branches of trees which interfere with the Baptist church, passed a 623

**Fowl.**

**BERRY, G. W., JR.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 742-granted a 752

**BROPHY, MARY:** petition, compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 585-granted a 656

**BURCKHART, GEORGE F.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl a 480-granted a 656

**CONNES, EDITH F.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 402-granted a 656

**HANNAN, ELLEN:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 355-granted a 656

**HODSON, ELIZABETH P.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 655-granted a 656

**HOLLIS, DAVID A.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dog a 250-granted a 341

**MCDONALD, ALBERT:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl a 698-granted a 723

**PETERS, Mrs. A. R.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 250

**SEAVEY, JOHN J.:** petition, compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 832-granted a 835

**SMITH, ELLEN W.:** petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dog a 193-granted a 341

**Fowle, George W.**

damages to estate, Batavia st., refused (claim settled) a 303 c 313

**Fowler, William P.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313

**Francis street.**

**macadamizing:** order that the superintendent of streets cause to be macadamized, referred to the mayor c 210

**Franconia street.**

**changing name of Hunneman and Yeoman sts. and Norfolk ave.:** order to change name of said streets, which makes a continuous thoroughfare from Washington st. to East Cottage st., laid over a 169-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 195-report, recommending reference to street commissioners, accepted a 232

**Frankel, M.**

petition, coal-hole opening, Windsor st. a 78-granted a 81

**Frankfort street.**

**lamp:** order to place gas lamp, passed a 752

**Franklin avenue.**

**flag-pole:** Frank O. Newton, petition a 572-granted a 575

**sign:** Frank O. Newton, petition a 300-granted a 343

**Franklin avenue and Court street.**

**iron pipe:** Puritan Trust Company, petition to lay a 572-granted a 574, 575

**Franklin and Arch streets.**

**unused lamp-post:** National Express Co., petition to place sign a 465-granted a 472; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; permit refused a 523

**Franklin Field.**

- building** : T. J. Billings, petition to move a 561—granted a 566
- skating** : order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to flood for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 819
- speedway** : see Park Department

**Franklin Fund.**

**all the year around bath-house, North End** : see Bath Department

**fund** : request from Samuel F. McCleary, treasurer, that committee be appointed to examine his accounts, referred to special committee; committee appointed a 57—report accepted, ordered printed; resignation of Mr. McCleary referred to board of managers of the Franklin fund a 80

**fund, transfer of** : preamble and order for appointment of special committee to consider propriety of transferring not exceeding \$7,000 from fund to increase Franklin Medal fund, etc., discussed a 658, 659—passed a 659—committee appointed a 659—report a 671—ordered printed and referred to Franklin Fund managers a 671

**bath-house and gymnasium, Ward 18** : amendment relative to bath-house and gymnasium, Ward 18, referred to managers a 658

**union labor to be employed on buildings to be erected from fund** : order that the managers of fund be requested to instruct the city engineer to take necessary steps to provide that none but union labor be employed on erection of buildings from fund, passed a 681

**report of managers on disposition of fund** : communication from the managers submitting a preamble and order providing for disposition of fund, ordered printed and assigned a 658—referred to committee on public improvements a 658—report, with resolution and order, accepted, discussed a 754-761—passed a 760—discussed c 771-774—assigned c 774—taken up, discussed c 796-804—referred to next city government c 804—adhered to former action a 806 c 817—passed in concurrence a 833; petitions of Boston Society for the Advancement of Physical Education, Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston, Twentieth Century Club, Committee of the Clerical Association of the Episcopal Church, Board of Management of People's Institute, Executive Committee of the Municipal League, District 12, Associated Charities, William Lawrence and George A. Gordon *et al.*, relative to, placed on file c 791; Jacob H. Hecht *et al.*, approving measure now before city council a 897—placed on file c 816

**public forum and public college for social sciences and technical arts** : communication from the Social Alliance requesting that funds be used for that purpose a 807

**Franklin park.**

**golf links** : order that the mayor be requested to instruct the park commissioners to place links in proper condition, passed a 308 c 312

**playground** : order that the park commissioners be requested to allow young boys their former playground, passed a 277 c 281; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, sent down a 323—placed on file c 366

**Franklin School.** (See School Department.)**Franklin street.**

- auction flag** : H. M. Rich & Co., granted a 124
- outward swinging doors** : Samuel Ward Company, petition to place a 742—granted a 748; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 776—report, accepted, veto sustained, permit refused a 813
- sign** : Fayerweather & Dadew, petition a 300—granted a 343

**Franklin street, Ward 25.**

- hand rails for tunnel** : order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to provide suitable hand rails in centre of stairway, in addition to those on sides, at each entrance, referred to the mayor c 165
- sidewalk** : order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to remove plank sidewalk, and substitute in place gravel or other hard substance, referred to the mayor c 267

**Franklin Typographical Society.**

petition to be paid for damages and expenses incurred on account of the shutting off of water, Chandler st. a 211

**Free Lectures.** (See Public Lectures.)**Freeman street, Ward 20.**

**precautions at crossing** : order that the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. be requested to provide a flagman or an electric gong at crossing, so as to prevent accidents, passed a 80

**Freeport street.**

- claims** : see Walters, F.; or, Claims
- closing** : order to close during necessary repairs on Commercial Point bridge, passed a 657
- retaining wall** : order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$5,000 for the completion of, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146

**Friel, Michael.**

petition to be paid for awning destroyed by fire engine a 751

**Friend street.**

- barber-poles** : Thomas Moulton, petition a 269—granted a 276
- illuminated sign** : Mrs. Adella McEnnis, petition a 524—granted a 537

**French, Charles E.**

petition for verification of the expenditures incurred in the repairs to the central library c 201

**Front street.**

**electric light** : order to erect and maintain, passed a 712

**Frothingham School.** (See School Department.)**Fuller, George A. Company.**

petition to erect guy-posts, Essex and East sts., and Atlantic ave. a 301—granted a 309

**Fuller, Mary G.**

petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st. a 524—granted a 621 c 629

**Fuller & Howard.**

petition for adjustment of claim for damages on account of loss of horse a 525—refused a 778 c 791

**Fuller street.**

**claims** : Laura Seldner, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 541

**Fulton street.**

- area** : Peter Pastene, petition to construct a 45—granted a 59
- cellar bottom** : Peter Pastene, petition to excavate a 45
- sign** : New Broom Company, petition a 167; Durnin McLaughlin & Co., petition a 719—granted a 723

**Fulton and Clinton streets.**

**sidewalk** : James P. Stearns *et al.*, trustees, petition a 616—granted a 644

**Funerals, Position of Carriages at.** (See Police Department.)

**Gallagher, Sarah A.**

petition, compensation for damages caused by sewage backing into Harvard st., Dorchester a 698

**Gallivan, Hon. James A., et als.**

resolution: sympathy extended to those who were injured in the fall of the elevator, City Hall, passed c 164

**Gallivan, W. J.**

petition for hearing on compensation for damages to carriage a 655

**Gallop's Island.**

**telephone cable from Long Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$2,400 for a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallop's Island, passed a 664, 665 c 688

**Galvin, George W., M.D.**

communication from, relative to the use of street-sweeping machines and the menace to public health, etc., discussed c 64, 65-assigned c 65-taken up (C. D. 47), referred to the mayor c 85

**Galvin, J. Mitchel.**

elected city clerk a 37 c 38; oath of office administered a 59; communication from, tendering resignation as city clerk, referred to committee on public improvements a 601; placed on file a 838; notice of appointment as city clerk pro tempore a 805-placed on file c 816

**Gannon, George.**

petition to be paid damages to sleigh a 55-refused a 437-discussed c 447-recommitted c 448-reinsed c 804 a 807

**Ganong, L. A.**

petition, compensation for damages to stock caused by city team backing into window a 525

**Garbage Buildings on Gibson School Fund Land.**  
(See Public Lands).**Garbage Plant.** (See Street Department.)**Gardner, John L., Estate.**

petition to construct area in sidewalk, Tremont st. a 338-granted a 361

**Gardner street.**

**building:** Alfred D. Perron, petition to erect a 719-granted a 745 c 770

**Gardner street, Brighton.**

**sidewalk:** A. D. Rogers, petition a 301-granted a 309; Martha F. Winship, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Garland, Norman F.**

petition to be paid for expenses incurred by him on account of his acts as a police officer a 525-granted c 735 a 743

**Gas and Electricity, Municipal.** (See Municipal Gas and Electricity.)**Gaston square.**

**square formed by intersection of Zeigler, Washington and Roxbury sts.:** order that the open space formed by said square be hereafter known as Gaston sq., in memory of William Gaston, late mayor of Roxbury and Boston, and Governor of Massachusetts, passed c 265; referred to committee on public improvements a 275; report, accepted, order rejected a 837

**Gates, Mrs. Mary A.**

petition for use of Curtis Hall a 301

**Geiger, Albert.**

bay-windows, Columbus ave., petition and order for hearing a 467-hearing a 524-discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 545-report, permit granted a 551

**General Court.** (See Legislative Matters.)**Geneva avenue.**

**guy-post:** H. P. Nawn, petition a 561-granted a 566

**playground:** see Public Grounds Department

**widening:** order that street commissioners be requested to prepare plans and widen 60 ft. from Bowdoin st. to Grove Hall, passed a 441 c 449

**Geneva avenue and Bloomfield street.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 146

**Geneva avenue and Park street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove (referred last year) granted a 358

**George, Charles P.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of land, Litchfield st., Brighton a 378-granted a 468 c 493

**George street.**

**building:** J. J. & P. M. Ahern, petition to move a 325-granted a 331

**sidewalk:** Maximilian Kaiser, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Georgia street, Roxbury.**

**gas lamp:** Isaac Y. Chubbuck, petition that they be replaced a 778

**Gerald, Warren N.**

petition to be repaid part of amount paid for intelligence office used only six weeks a 101; petition to be refunded amount paid for intelligence office, refused a 327 c 366

**Gerald street.**

**building:** John Cavanagh & Son, Building Moving Company, petition to move a 720-granted a 724

**Gerard street.**

**extension:** order that the street commissioners report estimate of cost of extending from George st., referred to the mayor c 209

**Germantown, Ward 23.**

**voting list:** order that the election commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to place a voting list, referred to the mayor c 653

**Gibbons, John F., Councilman, Ward 5.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on city messenger department, election department, hospital department, library department, wire department, Seventeenth of June c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374

**orders offered:** emergency hospital, Charlestown c 143

playground and gymnasium, Ward 5 c 143

fence, Evergreen Cemetery c 319

Atlantic ave. cars c 319

flag, Hayes sq. c 458

delay in opening Charlestown bridge c 653

New York's greeting to Captain Borchman c 830

widening of Rutherford ave. c 738

**Gibbons, John F., Councilman, Ward 5, continued.**

**remarks:** Boston labor on dry dock c 283  
relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 289, 291  
Evergreen Cemetery fence c 306  
appropriation for extension of water mains c 496  
delay in opening Charlestown bridge c 653  
Rutherford ave., widening c 738  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 798  
closing proceedings c 828, 829

**Gibbons, William H.**

bay-windows, Tremont st., Roxbury, petition and order for hearing  
a 535-hearing a 555-refused a 661

**Giblin, Elizabeth C.**

petitions for compensation for damages to estates, Chelsea and  
Bremen sts. a 432-refused a 723 c 733

**Giblin, John H., Councilman, Ward 15.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** letters c 50; committee on bath department, market  
department, ordinances and law department, park department,  
c 267, 268

**orders offered:** electric light, West Sixth and F sts. c 73  
skating, Ward 15 c 74  
extension of Cove st. c 142  
West Fifth st., coasting c 164  
display of flags, Evacuation Day c 209  
lack of work in park department c 283  
removal tree, Dorchester and Old Harbor sts. a 373  
crosswalk, East Sixth and H sts. c 373  
seats, Dorchester Heights c 453  
Strandway improvement, playground c 453  
condition of Parkman School c 610  
trimming trees, Thomas Park c 653  
extension of Dorchester ave. c 774  
Cove st., extension c 774, 775  
resolutions on death of Gen. Lawton c 819

**remarks:** reduction of firemen's salaries c 117  
employment of citizens c 259  
on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 297  
Strandway improvement c 453  
street lighting contract c 608  
condition of Parkman School c 610  
eight-hour law c 611  
resolution concerning Fourth of July oration c 633, 634  
repaving Devonshire st. c 689  
garbage nuisance c 693  
protest against British monument c 714, 715, 716  
loan of \$42,000 c 739  
resolution of sympathy for Boers c 821, 822  
closing proceedings c 829

**Gibson field.**

removal of old buildings on: *see* Street Department

**Gibson Playground.**

**ropes and bases:** order that the park commissioners be requested to  
place ropes and bases on playground, passed a 330

**Gibson School Fund Land. (See Public Lands.)****Gilchrist & Co.**

illuminated signs, Winter st., petition a 784-granted a 786

**Gipson & Knight.**

hay-windows, Clayton and Dickens sts., petition and order for  
hearing a 275-hearing a 324-granted a 385

**Gladstone and other streets to Revere Line.**

**tracks:** Jones & Meehan, petition for location a 752-order for hearing  
a 753-hearing a 806-granted a 813-acceptance of location referred  
to committee on public improvements a 833-report, placed  
on file a 837

**Gladstone, Walley and Glenway streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company petition to  
erect a 269-order for hearing a 277-hearing a 300-granted a 504

**Glendale street.**

**sidewalk:** J. Homer Pierce, petition a 379-granted a 404; Walter  
H. Pope, petition a 402-granted a 443

**Glennon, Thomas F., et al.**

petition for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balance remaining  
from tax-sale of estate, Ward st. a 211-granted a 342 c 367

**Glenway street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to  
erect a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 597-report with order,  
for hearing, accepted a 603, 604-refused a 708

**Glidden, Charles W.**

repayment of sewer assessment, Breed and Saratoga sts. (referred  
last year) refused a 778 c 791

**Goldsmith, Henrietta.**

petition to construct buildings, Tremont and Prentiss sts. a 269-  
granted a 357 c 367; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit,  
referred to committee on public improvements a 407-report,  
veto sustained a 623

**Good, Delia A.**

petition for payment to Charles T. Gallagher of balance remaining  
from tax-sale of estate, Calumet st., a 300-granted a 304 c 313

**Goode, Jennie M.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 378-refused a 778 c 791

**Gordon street.**

**crosswalk:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to  
construct and to extend across Guilford and Pomeroy sts., referred  
to the mayor c 455

**Gould, Alice E.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Beech Glen st. a 269-  
refused a 745 c 765

**Gove street.**

**asphalting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment  
be requested to provide in next loan a sum sufficient to asphalt from  
Meridian to Chelsea sts., passed a 528 c 594

**poles:** Western Union Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 525-  
order for hearing a 532-given leave to withdraw a 533; petition to  
erect a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 786

**Grace, Pierce J.**

awning, Columbia Theatre, Washington st., petition and order for  
hearing a 620-granted a 675

**Grade Crossings.**

**Dudley st., crossing abolition of:** preamble and order for appointment  
of commission to proceed in premises, as provided by law  
for abolition of grade crossing of New England Railroad, passed  
a 440-report called for a 710

**East Boston, abolition of grade crossings:** order that the city  
engineer be directed to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of  
such alterations of all the crossings of railroads and public ways  
in East Boston as will avoid crossings at grade, passed a 104;  
order that the mayor be requested to request the corporation counsel  
to appear before the committee on railroads of the Legislature,  
and favor such legislation as will provide for a commission to consider  
abolition of grade crossings, etc., discussed a 231, 232-passed  
a 232; resolution petitioning justices of the superior court sitting in  
equity for the County of Suffolk for such alterations of the railroad  
crossings in East Boston as will avoid crossing at grade, passed  
a 409-order that the law department be requested to inform the

**Grade Crossings, continued.**

board of aldermen what action has been taken on the petition praying for the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston, passed a 621; order that the mayor be requested to direct the law department to accord the board of aldermen the courtesy of a reply to their request for information as to what action has been taken on petition for abolition of grade crossing, passed a 662; communication from the corporation counsel relative to, placed on file a 668

**Freeman st., crossing:** see Freeman st., crossing  
**gates, Curtis st., Ward 1:** see Curtis st., Ward 1

**Grain.**

Horace W. Aitken *et als.*, appointed measurers a 274—confirmed a 301, 302; Frank O. Seavey, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326; Lawrence N. Hennessy, appointed a 354 confirmed a 382; S. B. Keene, appointed a 425—confirmed a 466; Mason B. Whittemore, appointed measurer a 533—confirmed a 542; James C. Bell, appointed a 717—confirmed a 743

**Grampian way.**

**electric light:** order to place at No. 60, passed a 236

**Grampian way and Savin Hill avenue.**

**electric light:** order to locate on corner, referred to the mayor c 77

**Grand Army of the Republic.**

**encampment:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow veterans of the civil war to attend encampment without loss of pay, passed a 345 c 370

**leave of absence of city employees to attend encampment:** see City Employees

**Memorial Day appropriation:** see Memorial Day

**Graney, John.**

petition, damages caused by overflow of sewer, Smith st. a 572

**Granite avenue.**

**repairing:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to repair surface from Adams st. to Neponset bridge, referred to the mayor c 652

**Grant, Lucile F.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, St. Stephen st. a 806

**Granville street.**

**claims:** Catherine A. Macdonald, petition for payment to Albert Teele or another the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 144

**Gray, E. E., & Co.**

petition to erect permanent awning, Blackstone and Hanover sts., granted a 55

**Grecco, Lucy.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 615

**Green, Henry H.**

bay-window, Washington st., petition and order for hearing a 326—hearing a 354—granted a 409

**Green, Margaret M.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 401

**Green street.**

**barber-poles:** Jesse M. Patrick, petition a 432—granted a 469

**bulkhead:** Thomas L. Jenks, petition a 433—granted a 442

**illuminated druggist's mortar:** F. W. Reeves, petition a 432—granted a 468

**illuminated sign:** Thomas J. Shanny, petition a 79—granted a 82

**sign:** Thomas J. Shanny, petition a 45; Louis Moskowitch, petition a 572—granted a 575; A. Lipkin, petition a 615—granted a 624

**Green street, Ward 3.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition a 698—order for hearing a 708—hearing a 719—report, no action necessary a 834

**Greenbrier street.**

**sidewalk:** G. L. Davidson, petition a 301—granted a 309; Howard Bros., petition a 325—granted a 331

**Greenbrier street, corner Bloomfield street.**

**sidewalk:** Annie M. Phillips, petition a 301—granted a 309

**Greenwood street.**

**lamps:** Lewis F. Clark *et als.*, petition a 615—order that superintendent of lamps be requested to place sufficient lamps on streets, passed a 626

**Grosvenor place.**

**building:** Frederick Ayer, petition to erect a 250—granted a 305 c 313

**Grove Hall.**

**police station:** see Police Department

**Grove and other streets.**

**improvements:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 for resurfacing and putting in complete order, passed c 71—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**Grush, Jennie L.**

petition, compensation for damages to house by blasting a 641

**Gruzenskie, Meyer B.**

bay-windows, corner Harvard ave. and Woodward Park st., petition and order for hearing a 752—hearing a 784

**Guild, Annie E.**

compensation for damages to estate, Prince st., refused a 403 c 413

**Guild row.**

**bulkhead:** H. E. Weston, petition a 432—granted a 442

**Guild row and Dudley street.**

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place light at junction, referred to the mayor c 397

**Gunboats, U. S. Purchase of. (See Street Department, Ferry Division.)****Gymnasia. (See Bath Department.)****Gymnasium, Commonwealth Park. (See Commonwealth Park.)****Gymnasium and Playground, Ward 19. (See Ward 19.)**

**Haddock George S.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Lonsdale st. a 655

**Hale, Rose A.**

bay-window, Columbus ave., petition and order for hearing a 752-hearing a 784-referred to committee on public improvements a 808-report, permit refused a 813

**Haley, Malachi A.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Heathcote st. a 719

**Haley, W. F.**

petition to stand night lunch wagon, Shawmut ave. a 102-granted a 104; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 144-report, veto sustained a 232

**Half-holiday on Saturdays. (See City Employees.)****Half Moon street.**

**lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to put necessary gas lamps, passed a 575

**Hall, Sarah E.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Sayward st. a 324

**Hall, William Franklin, et al., Trustees.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Charlestown st., by sewer department a 78

**Halleck street.**

**closing:** order to close during sewer construction, passed a 231

**Halpine, Nicholas J., Lieutenant, U.S.N.**

petition to propel through the streets of this city an automobile miniature man-of-war a 250-refused a 277

**Hamilton street, Ward 20.**

**crosswalk:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have crosswalk placed near Bowdoin st., passed a 790

**electric light:** ordered that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place electric light between Stonehurst and Bowdoin sts., passed a 440.

**grades:** order that the street commissioners be requested to give a public hearing on relocating and changing grades, passed a 657

**lamps:** Edward N. Burt, petition a 667

**readjusting grades:** order that street commissioners make a plan readjusting grades of streets, passed a 599

**sidewalk:** John Moran, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Hamilton and Speedwell streets.**

**fire alarm box:** see Fire Department

**Hamlen, Nathaniel P.**

petition to erect post clock in sidewalk, Tremont st. a 407-granted a 566

**Hammond avenue.**

**claims:** Thomas B. Wells, petition, compensation for damages a 167

**Hampden street.**

**sign:** A. Bloomberg, petition, granted a 212; William H. Hickey, petition a 806-granted a 809

**widening:** order that the board of street commissioners be requested to report an estimate of cost of widening, referred to the mayor a 141

**Hancock street.**

**sign:** Ike A. Stearns, petition a 555-granted a 558

**Hancock street, Dorchester.**

**sidewalk:** William A. Whittemore, petition a 325-granted a 331

**widening:** order that the street commissioners be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of widening, from Columbia road to Freeport st., to a width of 80 feet, passed a 46; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the street commissioners giving estimate, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 144

**Hancock street and Cushing avenue, Dorchester.**

**electric lights:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place, passed a 59

**Hanley, Michael E.**

compensation for personal injuries (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

**Hanley square.**

**signs:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to place suitable signs on square, passed a 308

**Hanlon, Elizabeth O.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 751

**Hannan, Ellen.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 355-granted a 656

**Hannon, Michael.**

compensation for personal injuries (referred 1896), refused a 403 c 413

**Hanover avenue and North street.**

**electric lamps:** order to maintain, passed a 80

**Hanover Drug Company.**

petition to erect iron post within illuminated druggist's mortar, Hanover st. a 102-refused a 232

**Hanover street.**

**barber-poles:** Tony M. Guirtosia, petition a 533-granted a 537

**bay-windows:** James Fitzgerald, petition and order for hearing a 236-hearing a 269-granted a 343

**druggist's mortar:** Hanover Drug Company, petition to erect a 102-refused a 232

**drum sign:** Michael Angelo, petition a 597-granted a 603

**illuminated sign:** William H. Crone, petition a 167-granted a 236; A. Rotman, petition a 597-granted a 603

**illuminated mortar:** Hanover Drug Company, petition a 230

**poles:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to direct the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to remove the stumps of poles, passed a 345

**post with clock:** John W. Wilson, petition to erect a 355-granted a 301

**repaving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to repave with granite blocks, from Washington to Commercial st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 58

**signs:** Dr. Charles E. Hale, petition a 211-granted a 230; O. F. Couture, petition a 585-granted a 586; L. Wallace, petition a 597-granted a 603; Mrs. J. B. Wilson, petition a 667-granted a 675; James T. Maguire, petition a 778-granted a 780; G. W. Sammett Co., petition a 784-granted a 786

**transparencies:** John W. Green, petition a 572-granted a 575; D. F. O'Connell, petition a 698-granted a 708

**Harbor View Station and Byron street.**

**fence along railroad:** see Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R.R. Company

**Harbor View street.**

**sidewalk:** Reuben Chapman, petition a 355-granted a 387

**Harbor and Land Commissioners.**

**relocation of water-pipe, E st.:** *see* E st.

**Harding, Ellen M.**

**report with orders to pay balances remaining from tax-sale of estates, Granite avc. (petitions referred last year) accepted, passed a 808 c 816, 817**

**Harmon, James.**

**bay-windows:** Huntington ave., petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527

**Harold, Alfred J.**

**petition for hearing on claim for damages a 784**

**Harrishof street.**

**sidewalks:** A. C. Chisholm, petition a 667; Frederick W. Kennedy, petition a 698-granted a 724

**Harrishof and Haley streets.**

**electric light:** Frank T. Lewis *et al.*, petition a 355

**Harrison avenue.**

**additional cars:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**area:** A. T. Donovan, petition to construct a 102-granted a 104

**asphalting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to allow in their next loan bill a sum sufficient to asphalt, between Kneeland and Bennet sts., passed c 76-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for asphalting, from Northampton st. to East Lenox st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 103; communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$1,000 for asphalting between Asylum and Davis sts., passed a 665-assigned c 690; taken up, referred to board of aldermen as order has already gone into operation, c 818

**closing to travel:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co., assigned a 360-taken up, discussed a 383, 384-referred to committee on public improvements a 384-report accepted, orders passed a 386, 387

**pipe under sidewalk:** Mrs. L. J. O'Toole, petition a 742-granted a 748

**signs:** Harry Freidberg, petition a 432-granted a 468; W. S. Lung & Co., petition a 464-granted a 527; J. G. Stone, petition a 432-granted a 468; Semon Shefro, petition a 572-granted a 575

**transparency:** W. T. A. Fitzgerald, petition a 572-granted a 575

**trees:** order to remove five trees between Beach st. and the Boston & Albany R.R., passed a 441

**Harrison avenue, Rollins and Washington streets.**

**underground conduits:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Harrison avenue and Hampden street.**

**iron pipe under sidewalk:** D. D. Piekard, petition a 778-granted a 779

**Hart, Patrick.**

**petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Bowen st. a 235-granted a 327 c 367**

**Hartford street.**

**sign:** J. E. Peekham & Co., petition a 167

**Hartwell street.**

**sidewalks:** A. C. Chisholm, petition a 269-granted a 278; Allan J. MacKinnon, petition a 355-granted a 387

**Harvard street.**

**closing:** order to close during necessary sewer construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-report, accepted, order passed a 59

**signs:** Sing Lee, petition a 193; M. L. James, petition a 378-granted a 406

**Harvard and Walk Hill streets.**

**land for cemetery purposes:** *see* Boston Catholic Cemetery Association

**Harvard, Waterlow and Elmont streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-granted a 810

**Harvey, William E., Councilman, Ward 24.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on assessing department, city clerk department, vessels and ballast department, public lands c 267, 268; committee on elections c 374

**orders offered:** engine-house, Norfolk st. c 41  
vestibules on street cars c 77  
committee on elections c 374  
lights, Harwood st., Johnson terrace and Ballou ave. c 397  
appropriation for Neponset Rowing Club c 397  
next meeting c 417  
lights on pleasure vehicles in parks c 522  
acceptance of Fenton st. c 596  
cars on Talbot ave. c 596  
electric light, Talbot ave. c 651  
Blue Hill ave., fast driving c 695  
skating, Franklin field c 819

**remarks:** speedway, Franklin field c 142  
drinking fountain, Columbia road c 392  
Memorial Day appropriation c 394  
playground, Geneva ave. c 448, 449  
public landing, Dorehester bay c 494  
purchase of gunboats from United States government c 498  
loan of \$100,000 for various purposes c 514  
exchange of land under Broadway bridge c 591  
sale of Tenean brook c 594  
garbage nuisance c 692  
land adjoining Pierce farm c 766-768  
public market, Park sq. c 770  
land, Codman st. c 793, 794, 818

**Harwich street.**

**improvements:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to put street in a suitable condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 284

**Harwood street, Johnson terrace and Ballou avenue.**

**lights:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested, through the mayor, to locate and maintain a sufficient number of lights, referred to the mayor c 397

**Haskin street.**

**sidewalk:** Benjamin Harris, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Hastings street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 655-granted a 657

**Hauk, Sophia M.**

**bay-window, East Broadway, petition and order for hearing a 382-hearing a 431-granted a 469**

**Haverhill street.**

**illuminated sign:** New England School of Engineering, petition a 655—granted a 661

**sign:** G. O. Goldsmith, petition a 144

**Haverhill and Seaver streets, Charlestown.**

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested, through the mayor, to place light on corner, referred to the mayor c 736

**Havre street.**

**gas lamp in passageway:** order to place in rear of 116, passed a 752

**sidewalk:** Charles F. Ilgrave, petition a 579—granted a 623

**Hawkers and Pedlers.**

report, no action necessary, on remonstrance of Sarah J. Boyden *et als.*, against, accepted a 342 c 367

**Hawley, Mary S.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ballou ave. a 806

**Hay and Straw, Pressed or Bundled.**

Morton, Alden, *et als.*, appointed inspectors a 274—confirmed a 301, 302; Frank O. Seavey, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326; William J. Walter, appointed inspector a 425—confirmed a 466; Michael F. Corfure, appointed inspector a 400—confirmed a 434; William M. Robinson, appointed inspector a 463—confirmed a 503; Mason B. Whittenore, appointed inspector a 533—confirmed a 542; Patrick R. Dunn, appointed a 571—confirmed a 579; Joseph Rourke, appointed a 751—confirmed a 780

**Hayes, Edward F.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 615

**Hayes, James E. (Late Senator.)**

square to be named Hayes sq.: *see* Hayes sq.; statue to: *see* Hayes sq.

**Hayes square.**

**flag and flagstaff:** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to grant permission to Francis J. Doherty *et als.*, to erect flagstaff and provide flag, referred to the mayor c 458; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested, through the mayor, to provide flagstaff and flag, and to unfurl same Memorial Day, referred to the mayor c 373; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public grounds relative to, referred to committee on city messenger department c 412

**improvements:** order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested, through the mayor, to place seats around square, referred to the mayor c 373; order that dead trees be removed immediately, referred to the mayor c 373

**naming:** order that the street commissioners be requested to cause grounds bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton sts., to be named Hayes sq., as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator James E. Hayes, etc., passed c 76—referred to committee on public improvements a 79—report, with order in new draft, accepted, passed a 82 c 83

**statue:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to procure a statue of the late Senator James E. Hayes, to be located in grounds bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton sts., said statue to be unveiled the 17th of June, if possible, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 76 a 79

**Haynes, John C.**

bay-windows, Columbus ave., petition and order for bearing a 326—bearing a 354—granted a 409

**Hayward place.**

signs: H. A. Le Bow & Co., petition a 355—granted a 385

**Heads of Departments.**

**all matters relating to employees:** *see* City Employees

**appropriation bill:** *see* Annual Estimates

**employment of persons already employed in some other department:** *see* Ordinances

**excess in salaries:** *see* Auditing Department

**information regarding city officers:** order that the mayor be requested to submit on or before February 9, 1899, a list of the officers whose names have not been submitted to and confirmed by the board of aldermen; also, reason for violation of law by him, discussed c 95, 96—referred to the mayor c 96; communication from the mayor relative to, ordered printed and assigned c 201—taken up, discussed c 221-223—placed on file c 223

**list of unpaid bills:** order that the heads of the several city departments be requested, through the mayor, to submit a list of all bills remaining unpaid in their respective departments under their charge, referred to the mayor c 804

**reduction in salaries:** *see* City Employees

**Healey, Mrs. James.**

petition, compensation for damages to estates, Smith st., by backing up of sewage a 533

**Health Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**board:** Samuel H. Durgin, appointed member a 323—confirmed a 338

**condition of public alleys in Roxbury and tenement districts:** order that the board of health be requested, through the mayor, to lay out and improve condition of public alleys, referred to the mayor c 652

**crematory:** William Bradley *et als.*, petition for establishment of a 432

**lying-in hospitals:** Annie B. Bates, petition, license, Warren ave. a 269—granted a 339; Kate Murray, petition to maintain hospital, Berkeley st. a 549—granted a 557; Ascension Society, petition to maintain hospital, Pleasant st. a 549—refused a 557; Mary R. Charpiot, petition to maintain a 578—granted a 586; Augusta P. Holmes, petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Lambert ave. a 615—granted a 639; New England Training School for Nurses, petition for hospital, Lewis pk. a 698; Frank L. Burt, petition to maintain hospital, West Springfield st. a 778

**land, Swett st.:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the health department, with order, for transfer of piece of land known as the old small-pox hospital estate, Swett st., etc., passed c 816 a 832

**vaccination:** order that the board of health, through the mayor, be requested to compensate the physicians who were called upon to attend to the vaccination of the public, referred to the mayor c 374

**Heath place.**

**sidewalk:** Thomas H. Shea, petition a 541—granted a 546, 551

**Heath square.**

**curbstone:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to remove the curbstone standing in the open space, referred to the mayor c 319

**iron fence:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be instructed to provide a sum sufficient to place iron fence around square, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146

**naming:** order that territory bounded by New Heath st., Old Heath st. and Parker st., be named and hereafter known as Heath sq., passed a 146

**Heath street.**

**engine-house:** *see* Fire Department

**sidewalk:** A. Diamond, petition a 579—granted a 623; William B. Blakemore, petition a 586—granted a 602; David Rubinovz, petition a 616—granted a 644; Davis & Diamond, petition a 698—granted a 724

**Heath-street bridge.**

**copper gutters:** order that the mayor be requested to petition New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company to restore copper gutters removed from its road elevation, etc., referred to the mayor c 284

**Heath and New Heath streets.**

**paving**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for paving of granite blocks of Heath and New Heath sts., between the location of the American Breving Company and Columbus ave. extension, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 284 a 301

**Heathcote street.**

**claims**: see Haley, M. A.; or, Claims

**Hebenstreit, M.**

sign, Roxbury st., petition a 324-granted a 330

**Henderson avenue and Sixth street.**

**lamp**: Clemeus F. Fein, petition a 407

**Henry, Patrick.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Chelsea st. a 464

**Hersey, F., & Company, et als.**

petition for fire-alarm signal, Columbia road a 832

**Herman, Joseph & Company.**

removal of pole, Dudley st., granted a 358

**Herrick, Sophronia N.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Veruou st. a 337-granted a 468 c 493

**Hersey, Albert W.**

appointed member of board of cemetery trustees a 323-confirmed a 338

**Hersey, Sarah A.**

petition, removal of two trees, Dorchester st. a 300

**Herthel, Frederick J., Jr.**

bay-windows, corner Columbus ave. and Ruggles sts., petition and order for bearing a 467-bearing a 524-granted a 544

**Hewett, George F., & Co.**

petition to be refunded \$500 paid by them for a liquor license a 541

**Hewlett and Hastings streets.**

**poles**: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 78-order for hearing a 81-hearing a 102-granted a 148, 149

**Hibbard, Willard W., Councilman, Ward 24.**

**qualified**: page 2.

**appointed**: committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; committee on badges c 93; committee on building department, institutions department, market department, park department, Fourth of July, badges, discharge of city employees c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374

**orders offered**: badges c 40  
new bridge, Medway st. c 50  
Old South Association, managers c 71  
Adams st., electric lights c 71  
street cleaning, Dorchester c 71  
crosswalks, Richmond st. and Butler st. c 120  
gymnasium, Dorchester Park c 120  
sewer, Dorchester avc. c 208  
Dorchester park, granite wall c 208  
playground, Dorchester, Nightingale field c 265  
water service, Dorchester Lower Mills c 285  
Adams st., condition of c 285  
playground, Tileston School yard c 285  
permit to hold camp-fire, Dorchester park c 320  
playground, Dorchester Lower Mills c 375

**Hibbard, Willard W., Councilman, Ward 24, continued.**

baud concert, Pierce sq. c 375  
Adams st., resurfacing c 458  
condition of Central-ave. bridge c 501  
repair of River st. c 501  
completion of construction of Idaho st. c 595  
skating, Churchill field c 611  
improvement of Adams st. c 636  
resolution, closing proceedings c 825

**remarks**: street watering c 282, 283, 315  
public landing, Dorchester bay c 494  
resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordman c 516  
improvement of Adams st. c 636  
garbage nuisance c 633  
release of land, Codman st. a 818

**Hickey, Joseph F., Councilman, Ward 2.**

**qualified**: page 1

**appointed**: committee on cemetery department, lamp department, registry department, weights and measures department, mayor's address c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298; committee to attend Councilman Bordman to train c 516

**remarks**: election of president c 33, 34  
election of clerk of common council c 34  
investigation of removal of city employees c 39  
paper ruled out by president c 41  
question of privilege c 41, 42  
adoption of rules submitted by president c 63, 64  
investigation order c 69, 71  
powers of common council c 73  
investigation of removal of city employees c 89, 90, 92  
loan for sewerage construction c 110  
reduction of firemen's salaries c 118  
sewerage loan c 131, 132, 135  
reconstruction of Faneuil Hall c 112, 113, 137, 160  
joint rules and orders c 140, 157, 158, 190, 202, 203  
verbatim reports of meetings of board of estimate and apportionment c 157  
transfer from reserve fund to fire department c 163, 164  
Chapman School c 176  
appropriation bill c 179, 180, 183-189  
interest on taxes c 204, 219, 220, 245-249  
loan of \$709,000 c 218  
confirmation of certain officers c 221, 222  
question of privilege, reinstatement of sewer employees c 227  
election of president *pro tem.* c 239  
public landing, Jeffries Point c 243  
sale of city property, East Boston c 243, 245, 256, 257  
interest on taxes c 281, 282  
on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 296, 297  
permit to Collas, Whitman & Co., for erection of building c 314  
annuity to Sarah E. Leavitt c 368  
abolition of bath department c 372  
Memorial day appropriation c 394  
employees of bath department, veterans c 395, 396  
gymnasium, Ward 9 c 414  
results of establishment of repair division c 446, 447  
claim of Malone & Straug c 450  
disapproval of lamp contract c 457  
flagpole, Monmouth sq. c 493  
public landing, Dorchester bay c 495  
motion to report back at next meeting c 496  
appropriation for extension of water main c 496, 497  
purchase of gunboats from United States government c 498  
loan order, \$100,000 c 500, 501  
next meeting c 501  
resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordman c 515  
sale of ferry-boat "Ben Franklin" c 795  
closing proceedings c 826

**Higgins, R. R., & Co., et als.**

petition for license to plant, grow and dig oysters upon Bird Island flats, order granting license for same, discussed a 441, 442-referred to committee on vessels and ballast a 442-report, accepted, order passed a 476

**High Rockway.**

**lamps**: S. B. Shapleigh *et als.*, petition a 533

**High street.**

**barber-pole**: P. Pollia, petition a 578-granted a 581  
**barber-poles and signs**: Placido Pullin, petition a 572-granted a 575  
**changing name**: see Port Norfolk st.  
**signs**: Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, petition a 269-granted a 276

**Highland street.**

**sidewalk:** William Spoth, petition a 586-granted a 602; Charles R. March, petition a 720-granted a 748; B. Rogovin, petition a 806-granted a 814

**Hillsdale street.**

**lamps:** order to furnish three gas-lamps, passed a 441

**Hillside street.**

**alarm box, near Wait st.:** order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to locate box, referred to the mayor c 75

**lamp:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp opposite No. 41, passed a 700; order to maintain opposite No. 41, passed a 719

**repair:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan a sum sufficient to put street in thorough repair from Parker st. to Parker Hill ave., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 93, 94 a 103

**sidewalk:** Daniel H. Sullivan, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Hillside street, Dorchester.**

**lamps:** M. O. Byrne *et als.*, petition a 572

**Hobart, Garret A., Vice-President.**

resolution on death, passed c 739 a 742

**Hodgkins, Joseph O.**

petition to be paid amount of judgment, costs, etc., of suit brought against him as police officer a 464-granted c 735 a 743

**Hodson, Elizabeth P.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 655-granted a 656

**Hodson, Robert, jr.**

petition, compensation for damages to estates, Princeton st. a 401-refused a 745 c 765

**Holborn and Gannett streets.**

**electric light:** order to place on corner, referred to the mayor c 285

**Holbrook, Cabot & Daly.**

petition to close portion of Boston st. a 78-granted a 81; petition to erect guy-posts, Dorchester avenue *and other streets* a 78-granted a 81; petition, guy-posts, Swett st. a 193-granted a 199

**Holiday street.**

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place opposite No. 348, passed a 330

**Holidays.**

**holidays, Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day and Patriots' Day:** *see* City Employees

**Holland, James L., et als.**

petition, electric light, Anawan ave. a 301

**Hollander street.**

**sidewalk:** John J. Johnston, petition a 698-granted a 724

**Hollis, David A.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 250-granted a 341

**Hollis, G. W.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Walnut st., Dorchester a 549

**Hollis street.**

**ash-lift in area:** Nathaniel B. Doggett, petition to build a 407-granted a 442

**Holmes, Augusta P.**

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Lambert ave. a 615-granted a 699

**Home for Destitute Catholic Children.**

ordered that the city collector be authorized to accept \$1 in full for street watering assessment, passed a 47 c 48; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 54-report, accepted, veto sustained a 59

**Homestead street.**

**sidewalk:** James Mulcahy, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Hook & Hastings Organ Factory.**

order that notice be given to owners of building on Tremont st., cor. Weston st., to appear before board of aldermen to show cause why such building should not be adjudged a nuisance, referred to committee on public improvements a 442-report, accepted, order passed a 448-hearing a 464-report, no action necessary a 546

**Horne, James W.**

payment to Mary F. Dilling of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Armandine st., granted a 342 c 367

**Horrigan, Anna.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Decatur st. a 578-granted c 735 a 743

**Horrigan, Charles A., Councilman, Ward 3.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on park department, police department, public buildings department, wire department, Fourth of July, Labor's Holiday, Seventeenth of June c 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298

**orders offered:** employment of residents c 266  
condition of Frothingham School c 266  
square, Bunker Hill, Vinc and Monlton sts. improvements c 397  
improvement of Mystic st. c 397

**remarks:** question of privilege c 49

**Hospital Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**trustee:** Henry H. Spragne, appointed a 211-confirmed a 230

**ambulance station, South Boston:** communication from the mayor rescinding order passed Feb. 27, 1899, and transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment stating that appropriation be expended by public buildings department, passed a 571-discussed c 593, 594-passed c 594; communication from the mayor with order for lease at a certain rental, passed c 648-amended, passed a 653, 656 c 687

**appropriation of \$25,000:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to transfer from some fund or make a new appropriation of \$25,000 in order to open wards now closed, assigned c 502-taken up, discussed c 516, 517-passed c 517 a 526

**down-town relief hospital:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees of city hospital with order that so much as may be needed of the parcel of land transferred to the city by the Boston Transit Commission by Haverhill st., Haymarket sq., Canal and Travers sts., be placed under the charge of the trustees to be used for erection of a relief and ambulance station referred to committee on public improvements a 614-report accepted, order passed a 709-referred to committee on hospital department c 713; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the trustees of the city hospital with order relative to boundaries of lot of land placed under the charge of the trustees, passed a 750, 751-referred to committee on hospital department c 770-report accepted, order passed a 734-report accepted, order passed c 818

**emergency hospital, Charlestown:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to enable trustees to establish and maintain an emergency hospital and ambulance, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 143 a 145

**Hospital Department, continued.**

**emergency hospital to form branch of city hospital**: order that the mayor be requested to appoint a commission to investigate and report as to advisability of acquiring hospital as a branch, passed a 574

**emergency hospital, South Boston**: see South Boston

**invitation to board of aldermen**: to attend opening of the new surgical department and amphitheatre, accepted a 127

**invitation to common council**: to attend opening of new surgical department and amphitheatre, accepted c 131

**new buildings**: communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$14,500 to make good an execution of court, passed a 460 c 497

**South Boston, ambulance service**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from appropriation for hospital department to appropriation for public buildings, to be used for providing ambulance service, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 554

**House of Reformation. (See Institutions Registration Department.)****Howard, Louis T., Councilman, Ward 20.**

**qualified**: page 2

**appointed**: teller c 50; committee on finance, park department, public grounds department, registry department, street department, Fourth of July c 267, 268; committee on judiciary c 374

**orders offered**: electric light, Grampan way and Savin Hill ave. c 77; garbage nuisance, cow pasture c 692

**remarks**: use of Curtis Hall c 65  
electric light plant, Rainsford Island c 282  
playground, Morse field c 498, 499  
loan of \$100,000 for various purposes c 513, 514  
observation stands on the common c 637  
reconstruction of Faneuil Hall c 691  
garbage nuisance c 692  
protest against British monument c 715

**Howard, Thomas and Henry.**

petitions (three) for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Middle st. a 561-granted a 779 c 792

**Howard avenue.**

**coasting**: order to allow from Dewey to Quiney sts., passed a 146

**Howard avenue and Cunningham street.**

**tree**: John C. Meyer & Co., petition, removal dead tree a 464

**Howard Avenue and Woodward Park street.**

**bay-windows**: Meyer B. Gruzenskie, petition and order for hearing a 752-hearing a 784

**guy-posts**: Thomas B. Black, petition a 720-granted a 724

**Howard street.**

**barber-pole**: Vincent Russo, petition a 250-granted a 252

**signs**: Sing Lee, granted a 236; John Conlan, petition a 615-granted a 624

**Howell street.**

**sidewalk**: James F. Kennedy, petition a 597-granted a 623

**Howland street.**

**sidewalk**: O. Reinstein, petition a 325-granted a 331; M. H. Cobe, petition a 338-granted a 361

**Hubbard, William B., et als.**

petition, lamps, Congreve st. a 301

**Huckins street.**

**sidewalks**: Aug. Huckins, M. Scheffreen, petition a 720-granted a 748

**Humboldt avenue.**

**sidewalk**: John F. Murphy, petition a 534-granted a 546

**Humphreys square.**

**acceptance and construction**: order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and construct as a public highway, passed c 736 a 742

**Humphreys street.**

**trees**: L. H. Daloz, petition for removal of two a 561-granted a 619; order to remove two trees, passed a 582

**Hunneman street.**

**sidewalk**: Timothy L. Connolly, petition a 355-granted a 387; John McWeeney, petition a 572-granted a 581

**Hunneman and Yeoman streets, and Norfolk avenue.**

**changing name to Franconia st.**: see Franconia street

**Hunnell, F. W., Trustee.**

petition, compensation for damage to house by removing tree, in constructing Boston Elevated Railway a 655-refused a 785 c 792

**Huntington, Charles.**

order that permission be granted to use a small vehicle on Huntington ave. a 104

**Huntington avenue.**

**bay-windows**: A. T. Rogers, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527; L. J. Lyons, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527; James Harmon, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527; B. J. Connolly, petitions and order for hearing a 744-hearings a 777-granted a 808

**sidewalk**: Joseph Feldman, petition a 465-granted a 482

**vehicle**: order that permission be granted Charles Huntington to use on sidewalk, passed a 104

**Huntington avenue and Heath street.**

**bay-window**: David Rubinovz, petition and order for hearing a 213-hearing a 235-granted a 343

**Hurd, Julia E.**

petition for rebate of portion of sewer assessment, Percival st. a 667-refused a 778 c 791

**Hurley, Michael.**

payment of balance of tax-sale of estate in court off Neponset ave to E. Ramsdell, granted a 304 c 313

**Hyde, William H., et als.**

remonstrance against allowing the use by the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association land on Harvard st. for burial purposes a 355 see also Boston Catholic Cemetery Association

**Hyde Park avenue.**

**electric lights**: order to substitute for gas lamps between Walk Hill st. and Mt. Hope st., referred to the mayor c 164

**electric lights**: Thomas J. Godvin *et als.*, petition a 250

**sign**: Prudential Insurance Company, petition a 641-granted a 646; Dr. Chas. F. Kreppel, petition a 719-report, no action necessary a 761

**widening**: order that the street commissioners report on estimate of cost of widening from Forest Hills sq. to the Hyde Park line, referred to the mayor c 209

**Hyde Park avenue, near Neponset avenue.**

**engine-house**: see Fire Department

**Ice for Municipal Purposes.** (*See* Water Department.)**Idaho street.**

**construction:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to report cause of delay in completion of construction, referred to the mayor c 595, 596; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to, placed on file c 605

**Inches, John C., et al.**

petition to place new lights in area in sidewalk, Court st. a 338—granted a 361

**Independence square.**

**improvements:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$2,700 for improvements, passed a 665—discussed c 688, 689—passed c 689

**Indiana place and Harrison avenue.**

**guy-posts:** J. K. Ryan, petition a 251—granted a 254

**Information Regarding Contracts.** (*See* Street Department; *also* Contracts.)**Information Regarding Excess in Salaries of Heads of Departments.** (*See* Auditing Department.)**Information Regarding Men on Pay-rolls.** (*See* Auditing Department.)**Insane Hospital Trustees.** (*See* Institutions Registration Department.)**Inspection of Prisons in Suffolk County.**

**committee:** order that special committee be appointed to inspect prisons, passed a 37; order that special committee be increased from three to five members, passed a 59; committee appointed a 62

**reports:** first semi-annual report of special committee a 438, 439—accepted, ordered printed a 439; second semi-annual report a 785, 786—accepted, ordered printed a 786

**Institutions Registration Department.** (This also includes Children's Department, Pauper and Penal Departments.)

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267

**trustees for children:** notice of appointment of Miss Helen Cheever a 378—notice of appointment of Miss Helen H. Bailey a 378—notice of appointment of Mrs. George F. H. Murray and John A. Bruen a 378

**appropriation for payment for care of sick soldiers, to be credited to pauper institutions department:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the pauper institutions trustees relative to, with order, that the sum received by the city from the Government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to appropriation for pauper institutions department, passed a 776, 777 c 794

**assistant superintendent of Rainsford Island:** order that the trustees for children, through the mayor, be requested to report reason for appointing John C. Davis of Vermont as assistant superintendent at Rainsford Island after the passage of the ordinance requiring male employees to be citizens and legal voters, discussed c 319, 320—passed c 320—communication from the mayor, ordered printed and assigned c 363—taken up, referred to committee on ordinances c 396

**building at Rainsford Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating sum of \$2,500 for roofing in and preserving building recently damaged by fire, passed a 571—discussed c 592, 593—assigned c 593—taken up, message placed on file; order became operative after lapse of thirty days c 606

**Institutions Registration Department, continued.**

**cable to Long Island from Moon Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting order for \$4,000 from board of estimate and apportionment to be expended in purchasing and laying a telephone cable, etc. a 334, 335—discussed a 335—passed a 336 c 370

**destruction of old Small Pox Hospital:** communications from the mayor and insane hospital trustees relative to, with order authorizing destruction, passed a 78—indeinitely postponed c 84—placed on file a 102

**drainage of land, Parental School:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to drain land, referred to the mayor c 653

**electric light plant, insane hospitals:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an additional appropriation of \$9,500 for the installation of an electric lighting plant at Pierce and Austin Farms, passed a 548

**electric light plant, Rainsford Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment and trustees for children, with order for appropriation of \$4,000 for electric light plant a 270, 271—sent down a 271—adopted in concurrence c 282

**employees at House of Reformation:** order that the trustees for children, through the mayor, be requested to report the name of each employee, date of engagement, residence at time of appointment and by whom appointed; also similar information regarding office of trustees, referred to the mayor c 96

**improvements at Rainsford Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting order transferring \$5,000 from Parental School, drainage of land, to reconstruction and refurbishing buildings, passed a 613 c 629 (notice of reconsideration filed by Mr. Brauer)—taken up, discussed c 649, 650—motion to reconsider lost c 650

**increase of pay, pauper institutions:** order that the pauper institutions trustees, through the mayor, be requested to increase the pay of all officers excepting the superintendent and deputy superintendent employed at Long Island to the same amounts allowed similar officers at Deer Island, referred to the mayor c 284

**insane hospital, additional land:** communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$24,000 for purchase of equity in land lying adjacent to Austin and Pierce farms, referred to committee on public improvements a 666; report of committee on public improvements (referred Nov. 27), accepted, order passed a 764—discussed a 765—770, passed c 770

**insane hospital trustees:** notice of appointment of George A. Sanderson and Katherine L. Marion a 337

**list of employment agencies:** order that the board of trustees of pauper institutions be requested, through the mayor, to report the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments and the payments made to such agencies, discussed c 223, 224—passed c 224; communication from the trustees of pauper institutions relative to, placed on file c 240

**new superintendent at Long Island:** preambles and resolve that the common council requests the mayor to disapprove action of said trustees and suggest advisability of selecting a citizen of Boston; resolve that copy of resolutions be sent mayor and trustees of pauper institutions, passed c 191

**pauper institutions trustees:** communication from the mayor giving notice of appointment of Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill member of board in place of Professor William T. Sedgwick, resigned a 776

**Rainsford Island, condition of institution:** order that a special committee be appointed to examine and report as to condition of city institutions, on Rainsford Island, discussed c 224, 225—passed c 225 a 230—committee appointed c 268 a 278; order that special committee be authorized to employ a stenographer for a report of the investigation, passed a 330 c 370; report of special committee c 519—521—ordered printed and assigned c 521—taken up, accepted, sent up c 595; report submitted by Alderman Day; whole matter referred to committee on public improvements a 598; report on report of special committee, recommending that same be placed on file a 813; minority report of committee a 807, 808—accepted, ordered printed a 808—returned to board of aldermen c 816—referred to committee on public improvements a 833—report, recommending that same be placed on file a 837

**Randidge Fund Excursions:** *see* Randidge Fund Excursions

**reconstruction of "John Howard":** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an additional appropriation of \$1,800 for reconstruction of steamer, passed a 548

**reconstruction and refurbishing buildings, Rainsford Island:** communication from the mayor transmitting order from the board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$7,000 for reconstructing and refurbishing buildings, passed a 613—discussed c 629—632—passed c 632

**Institutions Registration Department, continued.**

**remodelling of "A" building:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$3,000 for remodelling "A" building, passed a 665 c 688

**sale of Marcella-street Home:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the chairman of the trustees for children calling attention to the very crowded condition of the Parental School and to the need of authorizing the sale of Marcella-st. Home; order that the trustees for children be authorized to transfer to board of street commissioners the Marcella-st. Home property in order that means may be provided for making the necessary additions to the Parental School, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 431-report, accepted, order re-committed a 443-report, accepted, order passed a 472-referred to committee on finance c 495

**Insurance of City Hall Elevators.** (See City Messenger Department.)

**Intimidation of City Employees.** (See City Employees.)

**Introduction of Orders and Resolves.** (See Common Council; *Rules and Orders.*)

**Investigation of Bribery of Members of the Common Council.** (See Common Council.)

**Investigation of Removal of City Employees.** (See City Employees.)

**Investigation of Repairs Division.** (See Public Buildings Department.)

**Investigation of Water Tax on Lodging-houses.** (See Water Tax on Boarding and Lodging-houses.)

**Investigation Regarding Suspended Sewer Employees.** (See Street Department.)

**Ipswich place.**

**wooden building:** H. S. Angus, petition to move a 525-granted a 529

**Ipswich street.**

**areas in sidewalk:** J. L. McKay, petition to construct a 579-granted a 580, 581

**roadway:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. H. Andrews to close roadway between Charles-gate West and Boylston st. to public travel, passed a 700

**Irvington street.**

**land damages:** see Railroad Matters

**Island street.**

**building:** John A. Emery, petition to erect a 250-granted a 343 c 367

**Jackson, William.**

appointed city engineer a 299-confirmed a 325

**Jamaica pond.**

**overcrowding of boats:** see Park Department

**Jamaica and Woodward streets.**

**sidewalk:** John W. and Mary E. Patterson, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

**Jaynes & Chapin Company.**

petition to erect illuminated mortar, cor. Summer and South sts. a 465-granted a 538; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 540-report, accepted, laid on table a 546, 550

**Jeffries Point.**

**dredging channel:** see East Boston, *Improvements*

**marine park:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to consider in the first loan a sum sufficient to establish park and playground, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 104

**public landing:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in vicinity to be used as a public landing, etc., passed a 236-discussed c 242, 243-assigned c 243-taken up, amended, passed c 261 a 275

**Jenkins, Henry R.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Riverdale st. (referred last year), granted a 304 c 313

**Jewett Lumber Company.**

petitions (three) for payment to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, of balances remaining from tax-sale of estates, Falcon and Glendon sts. a 578-granted a 621 c 629

**Joel, Maria.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Hollander st. a 641

**John street.**

**sidewalk:** Edward H. Eldredge & Co., agents, petition a 534-granted a 546

**sign:** William Beeching & Co., petition a 741-granted a 744

**Johnson, Charles P.**

report with order on petition (referred last year), for payment of \$233.33 as court officer, West Roxbury, accepted, passed a 747

**Johnson, Frank J., Councilman, Ward 2.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on auditing department, city clerk department, collecting department, vessels and ballast department, music department c 267, 268

**orders offered:** free ferries, Labor Day c 458  
sewer reconstruction, East Boston c 458  
portrait of late Hon. John H. Sullivan c 595

**Johnson, Julius.**

petition to project sign, Washington st. a 102-granted a 104

**Joiner street.**

**poles:** Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 464-order for hearing a 481-hearing a 524-granted a 545

**Jones & Marshall.**

petition to erect a clock, Merchants row a 124-granted a 128

**Jones & Meehan.**

petition, location for tracks, etc., Gladstone and Leyden and other streets to Revere line a 752-order for hearing a 753-hearing a 806-granted a 813; acceptance of location, referred to committee on public improvements a 833-report, placed on file a 837

**Jordan, Abram, Councilman, Ward 22.**

qualified: page 2

**appointed:** committee on art department, cemetery department, health department, public lands, street laying-out department, Fourth of July c 267, 268; committee on lamps c 413; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424

**remarks:** use of Curtis Hall c 65  
repairs on Faneuil Hall c 112

**Jordan, Eben D., Estate.**

petition to erect building, Corey road a 615-granted a 661 c 687

**Jordan, George A.**

petition to be paid amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him as a police officer a 230-refused a 327 c 366; petition to be re-funded amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him as police officer a 655-granted c 735 a 743

**Jordan, Marsh & Co.**

awning, Avon st., petition and order for hearing a 303-hearing a 337-referred to committee on building department a 361-report accepted, order passed a 409

**Josephine street.**

**laying out and construction:** order to refund Hugh McLeod amount paid for assessment, passed a 277 c 281

**Joy street.**

**barber-poles:** G. W. Watts, jr., petition a 751-granted a 761  
**sign:** Bessie Hirshon, petition a 45-granted a 305

**Judiciary.**

**committee:** appointed c 374

**July Fourth. (See Fourth of July.)**

**June Seventeenth. (See Seventeenth of June.)**

**Junk. (See Ordinances.)**

**Jurors.**

**drawn:** a 53, 78, 98, 143, 151, 192, 211, 234, 250, 280, 323, 336, 337, 354, 460, 533, 562, 571, 583, 613, 654, 664, 717, 740, 783, 805

**jury list:** communication from the election commissioners transmitting list, assigned a 197-taken up, approved a 213

**K street.**

**poles:** order that order passed December 5, 1898, granting Boston Electric Light Company a permit to erect be rescinded, passed a 409, 410; communication from the mayor vetoing order referred to committee on public improvements a 425-report, accepted, discussed a 443, 444-passed over veto a 444

**Kasanof, Samuel, Councilman, Ward 9.**

qualified: page 2

**appointed:** committee on bath department, cemetery department, vessels and ballast department, mayor's address c 267, 268

**remarks:** election of president c 33  
investigation of removal of city employees c 39  
investigation order c 70  
reduction of firemen's salaries c 117  
joint rules c 158  
appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 160, 162  
appropriation bill c 182  
relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 289

**Kasanof, Samuel, Councilman, Ward 9, continued.**

on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 297  
eight-hour law c 611  
asphalting Harrison ave. c 690  
closing proceedings c 827

**Keany square.**

**naming of square:** order that the square formed by junction of Charlestown, Causeway and Endicott sts. be called Keany sq., passed c 377-referred to committee on public improvements a 379-report, with order, accepted, passed a 386

**Kearney, Martha J.**

petition, removal tree, Washington st. a 300

**Keefe, William J.**

petition, stand for sale of newspapers a 579

**Keenan, Thomas H., et als.**

petition for transfer station, Northampton st. a 123

**Kelley, Thomas A., Councilman, Ward 4.**

qualified: page 2

**appointed:** committee on auditing department, contingent expenses, engineering department, Seventeenth of June c 267, 268

**orders offered:** electric light, Kingston st. c 76  
drinking fountain, Bunker Hill st. c 375  
asphalting, Bunker Hill st. c 375  
football, Charlestown Heights c 596  
skating Charlestown Playground c 695

**remarks:** asphalting Harrison ave. c 690  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 771, 772, 774

**Kelley & Durkee.**

petition to place illuminated sign on post, Boylston st. a 236-refused a 237

**Kelly, John F., Administrator.**

petitions for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estates, Bismarck and Messenger sts. a 655-granted a 779 c 792

**Kelly, Patrick J., et als.**

petition in favor of location of engine-house at corner of Neponset and Hyde Park avenues; order that fire commissioner be requested to locate new engine-house at said place, referred to the mayor c 284

**Kelly, William J.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 549

**Kelterer, John F., & Co.**

petition, illuminated sign, Canal st. a 79-granted a 82

**Kemp street, Washington ave., Hyde street, and N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R.R.**

order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to flood lot, with consent of owner, referred to the mayor c 77

**Kenah, William H.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, corner Stanley and Quincy sts. a 300

**Kendrick street, Brighton.**

**trees:** order to remove sixteen in front of premises of W. H. Elliot, passed a 329

**Kennedy, John T.**

order to issue a permit to use a post and clock thereon, Warren st., passed a 46

**Kennedy, Patrick J.**

notice of appointment as election commissioner a 805

**Kenwood street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-report, no action necessary a 834

**sidewalk:** Isaiah Nickerson, petition a 572-granted a 581

**Kerr, George E.**

appointed constable a 290-confirmed a 326

**Kerrigan, Michael A.**

appointed overseer of the poor a 337-confirmed a 355

**Kerwin street.**

**lamps:** order to locate and maintain a sufficient number, passed a 752

**Kilbride, John J.**

compensation for injuries to horse (petition referred last year), refused a 437 c 448

**Kiley, Daniel J., Councilman, Ward 8.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; committee on joint rules c 93; committee on elevator accident, City Hall c 164; committee on investigation of repair division c 209; committee on finance, ordinances and law department, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the city council, City Hall elevator accident, discharge of city employees, public buildings repair division investigation c 267, 268

**elected:** president of the common council c 34; manager of Old South Association c 71 a 79

**orders offered:** time for firemen to vote in caucus c 691

**remarks:** election of president c 32  
 adoption of rule regulating decorum in council chamber c 63, 64  
 appropriation for wire department c 85, 86  
 investigation of removal of city employees c 88, 89  
 loan for sewerage construction c 109, 110, 111, 132  
 joint rules c 158  
 appropriation for Malden bridge construction c 163  
 appropriation for electrical construction department c 190  
 interest on taxes c 204, 220  
 telephone to Long Island, appropriation for c 370  
 gymnasium, Ward 9 c 415  
 appropriation for power house, Long Island c 512  
 resolutions expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordin c 516  
 Warren-st. engine-house site c 518, 519  
 location for Engine Company No. 22 c 589  
 appropriation for roofing in and preserving buildings, Rainsford Island c 592  
 ambulance station, South Boston c 593  
 appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 630, 631  
 transfer to reserved fund c 687  
 improvements, Independence sq. c 688, 689  
 loan of \$42,000 c 691, 739  
 land adjoining Pierce Farm c 766, 767, 769  
 disposition of Franklin Fund c 772, 801-803  
 closing address to the Common Council c 830

**Killian, Luke F.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 464-given leave to withdraw a 752 c 765

**Kilsyth road.**

**closing:** order to close to travel, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-report accepted, order passed a 59

**Kilton street.**

**claims:** Charles F. Cass, petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 55

**laying-out:** order that the street commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction from Harvard street to Talbot ave., referred to street commissioners a 149

**Kindergarten Schools. (See School Department.)****King, Patrick P.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Eagle street c 281

**King street, Ward 19.**

**sidewalk:** William Smith, petition a 668-granted a 709; George F. Crossin, petition a 698-granted a 724

**King street, Dorchester.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect five poles a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-assigned a 531, 532, 534, 542-taken up, granted a 550

**Kingston street.**

**area:** J. Franklin Fuller, petition a 402-granted a 442

**area in sidewalk:** J. Frank Fuller, petition to construct a 525-granted a 529

**guy-posts:** Woodbury & Leighton, petition a 433-granted a 443

**poles:** Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 432-order for hearing a 438-hearing a 464-granted a 530

**Kingston street, Charlestown.**

**electric light:** order that the mayor instruct the superintendent of lamps to erect, in place of present gas lamp, referred to the mayor c 76

**Kinney, J. E., M.D.**

damages to carriage, petition referred last year, refused a 384 c 390

**Kirkland street.**

**revised grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 559

**Kitson Hydro-Carbene Heating and Incandescent Lighting Company.**

petition, incandescent light, Washington street a 354-granted a 406

**Kittredge street.**

**completion:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to finish same by rolling, referred to the mayor c 376

**Klemm, Frederick W., Councilman, Ward 21.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on joint rules c 93; committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 143; committee on collecting department, library department, public buildings department, public grounds department, music department, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the city council, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 267, 268; committee to see that British monument is not placed on Common c 796

**orders offered:** reading room, Roxbury c 94  
 electric light, Guild row c 397  
 tracks, Forest Hills square c 454  
 Bower street crosswalk c 454  
 Ruthven street improvement c 454

**remarks:** badges c 40  
 use of Curtis hall c 65  
 bicycle path adjoining Common c 84  
 reading room, Roxbury c 94  
 protest against British monument c 716  
 closing proceedings c 825, 827

**Kluge, Therese, et al.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Columbus ave., cor. Sarsfield st. a 101-granted a 498 c 493

**Kneeland street.**

**barber pole** : L. Villette, petition a 832-granted a 836  
**illuminated sign** : C. N. Campbell, petition a 667-granted a 675  
**sidewalk** : Leonard Ware, petition a 465-granted a 482

**L street.**

**bath-house** : see Bath Department

**Labor Day.**

**celebration** : order that a special committee be appointed to prepare and report a programme for celebration, passed c 224 a 230-appointed a 238 c 268

**free ferries** : order that the committee on Labor Day be requested to include an item for free ferries, and appropriate \$25 for same, referred to committee on Labor Day c 458

**street parade** : order to close streets, etc., passed a 538, 539

**Labor Troubles, Arbitration of.** (See Legislative Matters.)**Laborers.** (See also City Employees.)

**rate of pay** : see Street Department

**half-day's pay when they have reported for work** : see Street Department

**uniform rate** : order that the mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay all laborers at a uniform rate of \$2.25 per day, except where their compensation exceeds that rate, passed a 731-discussed c 733, 734-passed c 734

**uniforms in park department** : see Park Department

**Lafayette avenue and Endicott street.**

**electric light** : order to locate at corner, referred to the mayor c 377

**Lafayette place.**

**lamps** : James W. Tobey, petition a 615

**La Grange street, Ward 23.**

**claims** : William F. Stratton, petition for payment of two-thirds of the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 541

**poles** : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing a 401-granted a 475; petition for extension of time a 641-granted a 646; petition to erect and remove a 784-order for hearing a 788-hearing a 803-granted a 809

**repairing** : order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put in complete order from Washington st. to the Newton line, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 94 a 102

**Lake, Esther.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 101-refused a 327 c 366

**Lally, Frank.**

**bay-window**, Putnam st., East Boston, petition and order for hearing a 127-hearing a 166-referred to committee on public improvements a 198-report, accepted, granted a 198

**crosswalk** : order that the mayor request the superintendent of streets to place a crosswalk at Mozart st., referred to the mayor c 521

**Lamartine street.**

**edgestones** : report and order that so much of order approved March 6, 1898, levying an assessment against estate of L. B. Shannon, be rescinded to correct error in assessment, accepted, passed a 551

**electric lights** : order to locate a suitable number between Boylston and Green sts., referred to the mayor c 141

**lamps** : Elizabeth M. Donovan *et als.*, petition a 300

**trees** : order to remove in front of No. 252, referred to the mayor c 164; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to plant a young tree in front of No. 257, to replace one recently blown down, referred to the mayor c 417; Eliza V. McCormick, petition to remove in front of house a 432

**Lamartine and Boylston streets.**

**transparency** : Daniel J. Byrne, petition a 751-granted a 761

**Lamb, Edmund T.**

petition, compensation for damages to horse a 525-refused a 745 c 765

**Lambert avenue.**

**trees** : Louis Berenson, petition a 667

**Lamp Department.**

**committee** : appointed a 62, 237 c 267

**superintendent** : James Donovan appointed a 299-confirmed a 326

**arc lamps, Charlestown Bridge** : see Charlestown Bridge

**contract with Rising Sun Street Lighting Company** : communication from the mayor transmitting copy of contract between the city and said company executed by the superintendent of lamps and approved by the mayor a 427-429-referred to committee on public improvements a 429-report, referred to committee on lamps a 623; order that the corporation counsel be requested to submit his opinion in writing as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by the city with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, together with a statement of all laws and ordinances relating to the subject, passed c 607; communication from the corporation counsel relative to, assigned c 627-taken up, referred to special committee c 650; order that a special committee of five be appointed to investigate contract, discussed c 607, 608-passed c 608-report called for a 622-committee appointed c 650-report of special committee c 818, 819-accepted c 819-order that the committee on lamps be instructed to inquire into the contract for lamp lighting recently made with Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and report its conclusions regarding same, referred to committee on public improvements a 429-report accepted, order passed a 443; preamble and resolve disapproving contract, discussed c 455-457-passed c 457-referred to committee on lamps a 466; order that the city treasurer be and hereby is directed to refrain from paying any money under the contract made May 31, 1899, etc., discussed a 473, 474-order rejected a 474; order that the corporation counsel be requested to give opinion as to whether, under statute law and the ordinances, the contract made between the Rising Sun Street Lighting company and city is legal, etc., discussed a 439, 440-referred to committee on public improvements a 440-report, discussed a 477-479-assigned a 479-taken up, discussed a 528, 529-referred to committee on lamps a 529; order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to furnish the common council with a copy of the contract for street lighting between the city and Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, together with a schedule of all city property used or controlled by said company, passed c 607; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of lamps relative to c 685-687-assigned c 687-taken up, referred to committee on lamps c 739

**electric lights, Ward 20** : order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place electric lights in Centre, Park, Greenbrier sts. and Cushing and Sawyer aves. passed a 172

**electric lights on streets leading to South Union Station** : order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number, passed a 128

**former lamp employees** : order that the civil service commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to report as to the status of the former employees, on the civil service list, who are now employed by Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, referred to the mayor c 595

**lights under railroad bridge, from Ruggles to Heath sts.** : order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate and maintain electric lights under bridges of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, referred to the mayor c 51

Lamp Department, *continued.*

**names of streets on lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested, where lamp-posts are erected at the corner, that the name of the street be placed on lamp, passed a 574

**lamps removed, information regarding:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to report what has been done with the gas lights recently removed from the streets, and if the same have been sold, to whom and for how much, referred to the mayor c 612; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of lamps relative to, placed on file c 683; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of lamps, with order to sell old street lanterns which have been replaced and for which city has no further use, referred to committee on public improvements a 664-report, accepted, referred to next government a 837

**electric lights:**

ADAMS ST., DORCHESTER: order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to establish lights between Codman st. and Pierce sq., referred to the mayor c 71

ALPINE AND REGENT STS.: *see* Alpine and Regent sts.

ANAWAN AVE.: James L. Holland *et als.*, petition a 301

ARCADIA AND CORWIN STS.: order to place electric light at corner, passed a 232

BAINBRIDGE ST.: *see* Bainbridge st.

BOYLSTON ST.: *see* Boylston st.

BRIGHTON ST., CHARLESTOWN: *see* Brighton st., Charlestown

CAMDEN ST.: Rev. Benjamin W. Farris *et als.*, petition a 806

COLUMBIA ROAD: *see* Columbia road

COMMERCIAL ST.: *see* Commercial st.

COMMON ST.: Salvation Army *et als.*, petition a 269; Massachusetts General Hospital, petition a 432

EDWARD EVERETT SQ. AND DORCHESTERWAY: order to locate, passed a 386

EUTAW ST.: *see* Eutaw st.

FAIRWEATHER ST.: Benjamin S. Frost *et als.*, petition a 250

FARRINGTON AVE. AND HIGHGATE ST.: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 502

FRONT ST.: *see* Front st.

GENEVA AVE. AND BLOOMFIELD ST.: *see* Geneva ave. and Bloomfield st.

GRAMPIAN WAY: order to place at No. 6, passed a 236

GRAMPIAN WAY AND SAVIN HILL AVE.: *see* Grampian way and Savin Hill ave.

GUILD ROW AND DUDLEY ST.: *see* Guild row and Dudley st.

HAMILTON ST.: *see* Hamilton st.

HANCOCK ST. AND CUSHING AVE.: order to place, passed a 59

HARRISHOF AND HALEY STS.: Frank T. Lewis *et als.*, petition a 355

HAAVERHILL AND SEAVER STS.: *see* Haverhill and Seaver sts.

HOLBORN AND GANNETT STS.: *see* Holborn and Gannett sts.

HOLIDAY ST.: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place opposite No. 348, passed a 330

HYDE PARK AVE.: Thomas J. Godvin *et als.*, petition a 250: *see also* Hyde Park ave.

KINGSTON ST.: *see* Kingston st., Charlestown

LAFAYETTE AVE. AND ENDICOTT ST.: *see* Lafayette ave. and Endicott st.

LAMARTINE ST.: *see* Lamartine st.

LANSING AND SHERMAN STS.: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 521

LIVERPOOL ST.: *see* Liverpool st.

M ST.: *see* M st.

MAGAZINE AND DUNMORE STS.: *see* Magazine and Dunmore sts.

MCLELLAN ST.: *see* McLellan st.

MCLELLAN ST. AND BLUE HILL AVE.: order to locate, passed a 385

MEDFORD ST., HANOVER AVE., NORTH ST., COWPER AND WORDSWORTH STS.: order to maintain, passed a 80

MONTCLAIR AVE.: order to locate, passed a 385

MT. VERNON AVE., CHARLESTOWN: order to place electric lights, referred to the mayor c 142

NORTH BENNET ST.: *see* North Bennet st.

PRENTISS AND PARKER STS.: *see* Prentiss and Parker sts.

SAVIN HILL AVE.: *see* Savin Hill ave.

ST. BOTOLPH ST.: *see* St. Botolph st.

SCHOOL ST., WARD 22: *see* School st., Ward 22

SMITH AND PHILLIPS STS.: *see* Smith and Phillips sts.

SYDNEY ST.: order to locate electric light, passed a 359

TALBOT AVE.: order to provide electric lights between Norfolk st. and Blue Hill ave., referred to the mayor c 651

Lamp Department, *continued.*

TERRACE ST.: order to locate electric light, passed a 359

TREMLETT AND WASHINGTON STS., DORCHESTER: Charles H. Collins *et als.*, petition a 300

TREMONT ST., BRIGHTON: order to erect suitable number between Oak sq. and Newton line, passed a 236; order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to furnish a suitable number of electric lights between Oak sq. and the Newton line, referred to the mayor c 43

TUTTLE ST., COR. SAVIN HILL AVE.: Charles P. Connor *et als.*, petition a 815; order for location, passed a 815

UTICA AND BEACH STS.: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place electric light on corner, referred to the mayor c 42

WARD 19: *see* Ward 19.

WARRENTON ST.: order to locate, passed a 359; Massachusetts General Hospital, petition a 432

WEST LEYDEN ST.: Thomas Yeomans, petition a 667

WEST SIXTH AND F STS.: *see* West Sixth and F sts.

WOODWARD ST.: *see* Woodward st.

**lamps:**

A AND B STS.: Louis Berenson *et als.*, petition a 325

ADAMS PLACE, SOUTH BOSTON: J. M. Laubenstein, petition a 407

ALPHA ROAD AND CENTRE COURT: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to maintain, passed a 37

BALLOU AVE.: Frank A. Mayberry *et als.*, petition a 432

BLACKWELL AND BOWMAN STS.: Henry B. Blackwell *et als.*, petition a 533

BREMEN ST.: *see* Bremen st.

BURNHAM PLACE: Watson & Waite *et als.*, petition a 741

CARVER ST.: M. Steinert & Sons Company, petition for arc-light lamps a 806

CEYLON ST.: *see* Ceylon st.

CENTRAL SQUARE PARK: order to locate two boulevard lamps, amended, passed a 554

CLARENCE TERRACE: William E. Littlefield *et als.*, petition a 585

CLAYBOURNE ST.: Wm. A. Long *et als.*, petition a 525

COFFEY ST.: John J. Coffey, petition a 578; order to place three lamps, passed a 764

CONGREVE ST.: William B. Hubbard *et als.*, petition a 301

COVINGTON ST.: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to light up that part of street that leads to Thomas park, passed a 58, 59

CREEK ST., DORCHESTER: Thomas H. Lomasney *et als.*, petition a 541

CUSHMAN AVE.: *see* Cushman ave.

DAKOTA ST.: William J. Tyler *et als.*, petition a 525: *see also* Dakota st.

DURANT AVE.: George Zettel, Jr., petition a 503

EAST NINTH ST., REAR: C. Sheehan *et als.*, petition a 572

EDGEWORTH AND TREMONT STS.: *see* Edgeworth and Tremont sts.

FARRINGTON ST.: John McLaughlin *et als.*, petition a 641

FISHER AVE.: *see* Fisher ave.

FLAGG ST.: D. F. Flagg *et als.*, petition a 464

FRANKFORT ST.: order to place gas lamp, passed a 752

GEORGIA ST.: Isaac Y. Chubbuck, petition that gas lamps be replaced a 778

GREENWOOD ST.: Lewis F. Clark *et als.*, petition a 615; order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place sufficient lamps on street, passed a 626

HALF MOON ST.: *see* Half Moon st.

HAMILTON ST.: Edward N. Burd, petition a 667

HARWOOD ST., JOHNSON TERRACE AND BALLOU AVE.: *see* BalloU ave.

HAYRE ST., PASSAGEWAY IN REAR: order to place gas-lamp in passageway in rear of 116, passed a 752

HENDERSON AVE. AND SIXTH ST.: Clemens F. Fein, petition a 407

HIGH ROCKWAY: S. B. Shapleigh *et als.*, petition a 533

HILLSDALE ST.: order to furnish three gas lamps, passed a 441

HILLSIDE ST.: *see* Hillside st.

HILLSIDE ST., DORCHESTER: M. O. Byrne *et als.*, petition a 572

KERVIN ST.: order to locate and maintain a sufficient number, passed a 752

LAFAYETTE PLACE: James W. Tobey, petition a 615

LAMARTINE ST.: Elizabeth M. Donovan *et als.*, petition a 300

LORETTE ST.: order to locate four lamps, referred to the mayor c 319

**Lamp Department, continued.**

MAGNOLIA SQ.: Gardner & Osgood *et al.*, petition; order to place gas lamps, passed a 710  
 MALCOLM ST.: order to locate either gas or electric light, referred to the mayor c 71  
 MARSH ST.: order to maintain lights, passed a 570  
 MONTCLAIR AVE.: Warren H. Gleason *et als.*, petition a 525  
 NAZING ST.: Geo. W. Curtis *et als.*, petition a 615  
 NORFOLK AND WYMAN STS., ROSLINDALE: order to place gas lamp at corner, passed a 779  
 PALMER ST.: A. S. Walker, petition a 641  
 PATTEN ST.: James Murray *et al.*, petition a 561  
 PHIPPS AVE.: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place gas lamps, passed a 308  
 POSING PL.: order to place gas lamp, passed a 538  
 PUTNAM ST.: *see* Putnam st.  
 REVERE ST., DORCHESTER: Peter B. Corbett *et als.*, petition a 578  
 ROSWELL ST.: William Murphy, petition a 503  
 SOUTH MARGIN ST.: P. B. Goodsell *et als.*, petition a 525  
 TONAWANDA ST., AND RIDGE ROAD: *see* Tonawanda st. and Ridge road  
 UTICA ST.: Geo. W. Armstrong, petition a 655  
 WACHUSETT ST.: Ernest M. Dodd *et als.*, petition a 561  
 WALDECK ST.: *see* Waldeck st.  
 WEST SECOND ST., PASSAGEWAY: Francis E. Macomber, petition a 698  
 WILLIS ST.: Charlotte A. Powell, petition a 308; order for location of gas lamps on said street, passed a 308—order to locate, passed a 386  
 YORK ST.: Victor Wolmer *et als.*, petition a 533

**Lamson, Thomas F., et als.**

petition for branch library in Dorchester a 657; order that trustees of public library be requested to establish a branch to be located at Proctor's Pharmacy, cor. Olney and Bowdoin sts., passed a 657; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the library department, referred to committee on library department a 666

**Lancaster street.**

sidewalks: Joseph Greeu, petition a 211—granted a 214

**Landrie, Mary.**

petition for payment of balace remaining from tax-sale of estate, Weld Hill st. a 337—granted a 438 c 448

**Lands, Public. (See Public Lands.)****Lane, Joseph D. (Deceased.)**

order to pay mother amount authorized by act of the Legislature, passed c 455 a 466

**Lane, Thomas J.**

appointed bath trustee a 323—confirmed a 338

**Lannon, Jane C.**

order that edgestone assessment against estate, Centre st., be rescinded, passed a 237

**Lansing and Sherman streets.**

electric light: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 521

**Latour, A. G.**

petition for transfer of permit to A. Ladd, corner of Tremont and Elliot sts. a 503—report, no action necessary a 623

**Lauriat, Harriet F.**

petitions (two) for payment of balaces remaining from tax-sale of estates, Bainbridge st. a 250

**Lauriat avenue.**

completion: order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to insert a provision in any contracts for the construction of avenue calling for the completion of avenue within three months from date of contract, discussed a 573, 574—passed a 574

crossing: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to use every effort to have work completed at earliest possible day, discussed a 646, 647—passed a 647

**Law Department.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

city solicitor: Thomas M. Babson, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326

corporation counsel: Andrew J. Bailey, appointed a 300—confirmed a 325

corporation counsel, resolution relative to: resolution requesting withdrawal of resignation of Hon. Andrew J. Bailey, adopted a 489

opinions, printing of: *see* Printing Department

opinions: regarding passage of orders sent to mayor, which he neither approves nor vetoes a 127; East Boston tunnel a 166; right of American Sugar Refining Company to operate tracks, First and Granite sts. a 166; rifle range for militia a 302

**Lawn street.**

gutters: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor be requested to have a gutter placed from Buckman to Heath st., referred to the mayor c 319

**Lawn and Heath streets.**

catch-basin: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 319

**Lawrence avenue.**

wires: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires to trees a 778—granted a 779

**Lawton, General.**

resolutions on death c 819 a 832

**League of American Municipalities.**

communication from secretary, enclosing communication and resolution for the purpose of having city become a member of the league, placed on file a 357; communication from executive committee inviting the city to send delegates to its third annual convention to be held in Syracuse, N.Y., accepted a 542 c 588

**League of American Wheelmen.**

order that the mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the city on occasion of their annual meet in August, passed c 521 a 526

**Leahy, Michael E.**

petition, compensation for damages to horse and wagon a 615

**Leary, Edward J.**

elected city messenger a 37 c 38

**Leavitt, Sarah E.**

order that the board of police be authorized and directed to allow and pay to widow of late patrolman William D. Leavitt, an annuity of \$300 per annum, etc., referred to the committee on police a 307—report, accepted, order passed a 341—discussed c 367, 368—assigned c 368—taken up, accepted, passed c 397

**Lectures, Public. (See Public Lectures.)****Lee, Charles E.**

petition for payment to B. Helen Richardson, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Westover st. a 324—granted a 468 c 493

**Lee, Joseph.**

appointed overseer of the poor a 337-laid over a 356-taken up, discussed a 382, 383-referred to committee on public improvements a 383-report accepted, appointment rejected a 387

**Leftovith, Martin, Councilman, Ward 8.**

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appointed: committee on engineering department, health department, public grounds department, labor's holiday c 267, 268

orders offered: Milton st., asphaltting c 77  
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remarks: election of president c 33  
investigation of removal of city employees c 39  
use of Curtis Hall c 65  
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**Legal Voters to be Employed. (See City Employees; or, Ordinances.)****Legislative Matters.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

act relative to building laws: see Building Department

apportionment act, repeal of: preamble and resolve that the common council appeal to the General Court to repeal the apportionment act; to restore to them their former powers, to grant no further increase of power to the mayor, etc., and that committee on legislative matters be directed to appear before the committee of the Legislature to further these subjects and oppose all legislation not in accord with them, discussed c 73, 74-referred to committee on legislative affairs c 74: see also Estimate and Apportionment, Board of

arbitration of labor troubles: order that the committee on legislative affairs be requested to consider advisability of requesting the mayor to petition the Legislature for the passage of a law for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between capital and labor, and that committee be authorized to give public hearing, etc., passed a 643 c 649

bituminous coal nuisance: see Bituminous Coal

bulletin of bills: order that the mayor authorize the clerk of committees to have posted in his room, also in the city messenger's room, a list of all bills pertaining to the city of Boston which are before the General Court for the year 1899, referred to the mayor c 73

development of Boston Harbor: see Boston Harbor

extension of Cove st.: see Cove st.

new City Hall: see New City Hall

new high school, Charlestown: see School Department

pay for caucus officers: order that the mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act authorizing caucus officers to receive compensation for their services, referred to the mayor c 95

payment of legislative expenses: see Ordinances

payment to family of M. F. McDonald: order that the mayor petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the city to pay family of Martin F. McDonald, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived until the close of the fiscal year 1900, passed c 93 a 102

payment to family of Edward Melia: see Melia, Edward

payment to veterans of the late war: order that the mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the city of Boston to pay all city employees who enlisted in the army or navy during the late war the amounts of compensation they would have received had they remained in the service of the city, referred to the mayor c 48

purchase of estate, Chestnut Hill: see Chestnut Hill ave.

powers of city council: see City Council

powers of common council: see Common Council

repayment of sewer tax: order that the committee on legislative matters be requested to petition the Legislature at its present session for the repayment of the sewer rental tax levied in 1897, passed a 403

**Legislative Matters, continued.**

sewerage works, bill relative to: see Street Department

sewer law, repeal of: preambles and resolve that the common council in regular session assembled, hereby places itself on record as opposed to sewer tax law, and as favoring passage of bill now before the Legislature providing for repeal, passed c 141

Stony Brook "Act": see Stony Brook

twelve-hour basis for firemen: see Fire Department

vacancy in 13th representative district: see Election Department

vestibules on cars: resolve, that in the opinion of the city council, such legislation should be enacted by the General Court as will require all street railway companies to equip their cars with vestibules for the protection of both motorman and passengers, referred to committee on legislative matters c 77

**Lehigh and South streets.**

temporary tracks: see Boston & Albany Railroad Company

**Lennon, Malachi.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Blue Hill ave. a 698-referred to board of street commissioners a 745 c 765

**Lenox street.**

paving: order that the board of estimate and apportionment report in the next loan the sum of \$5,000 for paving from Shawmut ave. to Washington st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 118 a 124

sign: Hewes-Mayo Company, petition a 101

**Leon street.**

school building: see School Department

**Leonard, John.**

petition to maintain stand, Old Court House a 325-granted a 350; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 354

**Leonard, Michael, Councilman, Ward 9.**

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appointed: committee on art department, city messenger department, electiou department, engineering department, street department, Fourth of July, Memorial Day c 267, 268

orders offered: resuming unfinished business c 43

remarks: appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 161  
committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298

**Lepore, John.**

hay-windows, Thacher st., petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 354-granted a 409

**Leverett Pond. (See Park Department.)****Leverett street.**

sign: Giovanni Filoearno, petition a 235-granted a 305; Soon Lee, petition a 541-granted a 544; Jacob Perelmutter, petition a 549-granted a 553; Morris L. Morrison, petition a 697-granted a 708

transparencies: Jacob Tarplin, petition a 585-granted a 586; Hyman J. Weinberg, petition a 585-granted a 586; M. Ableman, petition a 719-granted a 723; Henry Gediman, petition a 751-granted a 761

**Leverett and Cambridge streets.**

transparencies: James F. Finnegan, petition a 698-granted a 708

**Leverett and Chambers streets.**

guy-ropes: Louis Segal, petition a 236-granted a 237

**Leverett and Poplar streets.**

guy-posts: Louis Segal, petition a 251-granted a 254

**Lewis & Company.**

petition to project signs, Washington and Brattle sts. and Cornhill, granted a 55

**Lewis street.**

sign: J. S. Trihuna, petition a 235

transparency: Louis Cohen, petition a 615-granted a 624

**Lewis and Sumner streets.**

transparencies: W. C. S. Healey, petitions a 667-granted a 675

**Lexington Club.**

petition to be refunded \$300 paid by them for liquor license which was not issued a 778

**Lexington street, East Boston.**

tracks: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Leyden to Gladstone streets.**

flight of steps: see East Boston, *Improvements*

**Libby, James H.**

hay-window, Tremont st., Charlestown, petition and order for hearing a 357-hearing a 401-granted a 469

**Liberty Bell from Philadelphia. (See Seventeenth of June.)****Library Department.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267, 612

trustees: Josiah H. Benton, jr., appointed a 323-confirmed a 338; Thomas Dwight, appointed a 337-confirmed a 355

branch library, **Dorchester**: Thomas F. Lamson *et als.*, petition, order that trustees of library be requested to establish a branch library, to be located at Proctor's pharmacy, corner Olney and Bowdoin sts., passed a 657; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the library department relative to, referred to committee on library department a 666

branch library, **North End**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment of a branch at the North End, passed c 67-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the establishing of branch library, passed a 646 c 649

Central Library, **repairs**: Charles E. French, petition for verification of the expenditures incurred c 201

decorations for library: communication from the mayor transmitting copy of resolution adopted by trustees recommending passage of order providing for the application of the sum of \$2,500 from the income of the Phillips Fund to purpose of decorating library, referred to committee on public improvements a 719

East Boston, **branch library**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in their first loan bill an appropriation of \$100,000 for a branch library in East Boston, passed c 75-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

new public library, **Charlestown**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to provide new library building, including cost of land, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 47

reading-room, **Roxbury**: order that the trustees of the public library be requested and authorized to establish a reading-room in the building formerly used as pumping-station, Elmwood st., Roxbury, referred to the mayor c 94; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from trustees, placed on file c 215

reading-room, **South Boston**: order that the trustees of the public library, through the mayor, be requested to establish a reading-room in Ward 13, referred to the mayor c 96; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from trustees, placed on file c 215

**Licenses.**

committee: appointed a 62

amusement regulation: regulation to amend chapter 3 of revised regulations of 1898, by striking out "August" and inserting "January," referred to committee on public improvements a 46-report, accepted, regulation rejected a 148

athletic exhibition: Hazel Club, petition, license, Music Hall a 78-granted a 81; Boston '99 Meet Club, license, granted a 230

baseball, etc.: Boston Baseball Association, petition, license a 325-granted a 327

"chutes," **Huntington ave.**: James McInerny, petition in behalf of residents of Ward 19, that the "chutes" be closed at 10 o'clock, P.M. a 561-report, no action necessary, accepted a 573

conveyances: Frank A. Feeney, petition, license to run barges a 123-granted a 147; Samuel J. Ellis, petition, renewal of license to run barges a 211-granted a 213; F. R. Brown & Co., petition, license to run barges a 301-granted a 303; Alvin Spear, petition, license to run barges a 338-granted a 342; Cary F. Johnson, petition, license to run barges a 358-granted a 342; John W. Bryan, petition, license to run barges a 378-granted a 384; John Lane, petition, license to run barges a 378-granted a 384; A. McNealy, petition, license for barges a 402-granted a 403; Shannon Bros., petition, license for barges a 402-granted a 403; Thomas A. Hennessy, petition, license for barges a 402-granted a 403; John J. Martin, petition, license to run barges a 407-granted a 410; John J. Denehy, petition, license to run barges a 407-granted a 410; C. C. Collins, petition, license to run barges a 432-granted a 437; John Dnffy, petition, license to run barges a 432-granted a 437; F. R. Brown & Co., petition, license to run barges a 464-granted a 468

dancing and musical entertainments: H. M. Temple, petition, license, Temple Hall a 123-granted a 128

exhibition of painting: Edwin Read, petition a 167

flying horses: James C. Little, petition, license a 325; petition, license a 337-granted a 342; L. E. Bow, petition, license a 337, 338-granted a 342; George L. Layman, petition a 355-granted a 357; E. J. Loring, petition a 432-granted a 437

food fair: Boston Retail Grocers' Association, petition, license a 578-granted a 580

kinetoscope exhibition: G. N. Hatch & Co., petition, license a 525-granted a 550

marionette'show: Philip Arnone, petition a 778-granted a 780

minors' licenses: granted a 147, 169, 197, 213, 232, 236, 251, 276, 303, 326, 342, 357, 384, 403, 408, 437, 468, 481, 504, 527, 536, 543, 556, 562, 573, 580, 586, 598, 620, 645, 656, 657, 669, 699, 722, 747, 752

minors: Monroe H. Rosenfeld, A. L. Griffin, permits a 45; A. L. Griffin, manager, petition, permit granted a 55; petition, permit a 78-granted a 81; George W. Magee, A. L. Griffin, Isaac B. Rich, petition for permit a 102-granted a 103; Mrs. Thomas Mack, petition, permit a 123-granted a 128; A. L. Griffin, petition, permit a 144-granted a 147; G. H. Bateholder, petition a 193-granted a 198; A. L. Griffin, manager, petition, permit a 211-granted a 213; Mrs. William S. Butler, petition, permit a 211; St. Mary's Catholic Total Abstinence Society, petition, license a 236-granted a 236; T. R. Henry, manager, petition, license a 269-granted a 276; George W. Magee, manager, petition, license a 269-granted a 276; Austin E. McCormack, petition, license a 301-granted a 303; Monroe H. Rosenfeld, petition, permit a 325-granted a 327; Hannah Curran, petition, permit a 325-granted a 326; James R. Waite, petition, permit a 337-granted a 342; A. L. Griffin, petition, permit a 337-granted a 342; J. H. Emery, A. L. Griffin, petition, permits a 378-granted a 384; A. L. Griffin, petition, granted a 403; petition a 407-granted a 410; Mrs. Julia Semon, petition, permit a 432-granted a 437; J. H. Emery, petition, permit a 432-granted a 437; M. Tranfaglia, granted a 527; Thomas Merrigan, petition, license for children a 534-granted a 536; A. L. Griffin, petitions, permits a 572-granted a 573; George W. Magee, petition, permit a 667-granted a 669; Rich, Harris & Frohman, petition a 615-granted a 620; Marciano Tranfaglia, petition a 593; A. L. Griffin, petition, permit a 698-granted a 699; E. A. Mahoney, petition, permit a 698-granted a 699; Morgan Chapel Day Nursery, petition a 741, 742-granted a 747; A. L. Griffin, petitions a 752-granted a 752; I. B. Rich, manager, petition, permit a 784-granted a 789; petition a 806-granted a 810

newsboys' licenses: regulation to amend chapter 2, regulations of 1898, relating to, referred to committee on public improvements a 251; report, with regulation in new draft, discussed a 310, 311-passed a 311 (notice of reconsideration filed by Alderman Adams), reconsidered, referred to committee on public improvements a 326

overcrowding of theatres: communication from the mayor, transmitting communication from the board of police and J. C. S. Taber relative to overcrowding of Boston Theatre, referred to committee on public improvements a 269, 270-referred to committee on licenses a 277-report, no action necessary, accepted a 308, 309

paintings: William Lee *et al.*, petition to exhibit Tissot paintings a 778-granted a 780

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**permits:** order that the chairman of the board of aldermen be authorized, in behalf of the board, to approve permits for amusement licenses until the appointment of the committee on licenses, passed a 37

**polo playing:** Cyrns H. Stowell, petition, license a 78-granted a 81

**revocation of license:** New England Watch and Ward Society, petition for hearing on revocation of license, Puritan Hall a 301-majority and minority reports, discussed a 350-352-majority accepted a 352

**season licenses:** Alhert O. Cullymore, Red Men's Hall, and W. F. Fallon, Jamaica Hall, petition, license a 37; C. F. Densmore, petition, license, Arcanum Hall, granted a 55; J. J. McAuliffe, petition, exhibition of oil painting, Tremont st., granted a 55; Rev. J. N. Supple, petition, license, St. Francis de Sales Parochial Hall a 45-granted a 147; Cyrns Walker, petition, license, Walker's Hall a 193-granted a 197; E. P. Morrill, petition, license, Vine Rock Hall a 193-granted a 197; W. H. J. Stone, petition, license, Fairview Hall a 211-granted a 213; Highland Club, petition, license, Highland Hall, West Roxbury a 301; Scandinavian Workingmen's Association, petition, license a 301-granted a 303; F. T. Bridge, petition, license, Jubilee Hall a 325-granted a 327; Henry H. Sprague, petition, license for Union Hall a 337-granted a 342; Bothnia Club, petition, license for clnh hall, Polk st. a 402-granted a 403; A. Davis Weld, trustee, petition, license, Elliot Hall a 464-granted a 468; W. C. Blodgett, petition, licenses, Dudley Street Opera House, Orienta Hall, Palladio Hall a 525-granted a 550; John B. Schoeifel, manager, Tremont Theatre; J. N. Emery, Castle Square Theatre; B. F. Keith Keith's New Theatre; George W. Magee, Grand Opera House; G. H. Batcheller, Lyceum Theatre; G. E. Lothrop, Bowdoin Square; Stone & Shaw, Austin & Stone's Museum; Charles H. Waldron & Co., Palace Theatre; Wallace E. Hyde, Water Chutes; Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, Mechanics Building; D. A. Linsky, Leopold Hall; Morris Shenker, West End Union Hall; W. N. Carroll, agent, Colonial Hall; J. M. E. Morrill, Central Hall; Nathaniel Burgess, Gypsy Camp, Tremont row, petition, license a 533, 534-referred to committee on public improvements a 535, 536-report accepted, license granted a 538; hall licenses granted a 535, 550; Eugene Tompkins, Boston Theatre and Park Theatre; Isaac B. Rich, Hollis Street Theatre; Field *et als.*, Boston Museum; L. N. Mudgett, agent, Boston Music Hall; L. D. Brandeis *et al.*, trustee, Gruddmann Studios; J. Loring Thayer, Knights of Honor Hall; J. J. McHugh, Caledonia Hall; Cyrus Walker, Walker's Hall; Prosper Smith, Anawan Hall; J. Schaffer, Lincoln Hall; H. H. McInnes, Marine Park Hall; J. H. Dwyer, Shawmut ave.; H. W. Jones, Independent Club Hall; Boston Turn Verein, Turu Hall, petition a 541-granted a 543, 550; James F. Haddock, Washington Hall; John J. Teevens, Clan-na-Gael Hall; William McAvoy, Howard Athenaeum; G. E. Lothrop, Grand Dime Theatre, petition, licenses a 549-granted a 550; Pierce J. Grace, Columbia Theatre, petition, license a 555; L. A. Ginsburg, Webster Hall; M. Greenburg, Beverley Hall, University Hall and Union Park Hall; John S. Brett, Eutaw Hall; Charles F. Von Euw, Conant Hall; G. T. Banks, Odd Fellows' Hall, North Russell st.; M. C. Crossen, Friendship Hall, petition, license a 555-granted a 556; Horn & Jackson, petition for license, Knights of Honor Hall, Roslindale a 561-granted a 562; Bertha Sampson, Leverett st.; John Booth, Booth's Hall; George W. Jones, Temple Hall; Charles B. Woolley, Putnam Hall; C. A. Sullivan, agent, Lyceum Hall; Thomas Miley, Columbia Hall, petition, licenses a 572-granted a 573; H. L. Tobin, Sunlight Hall; J. J. Delaney, Red Men's Hall; L. W. Rumney, Castle Square Hall; A. P. Wheelock, Wheelock Hall; F. T. Bridge, Jubilee Hall; N. Churchhill, basement, South Margin st., petition, licenses a 578, 579-granted a 580; M. Roughan, Roughan Hall; Arthur E. Honsenan, Mystic Social Club Hall, Medford st.; H. Rosenberg, Evans Hall, Howard st., petition, license a 597-granted a 598, 599; M. A. Brainard, St. Omer Hall; William McDonald, Association Hall, Boston and Charlestown; Frank O. Otto, German Workingmen's Association Hall; Roanoke Social and Athletic Club; C. H. Waldron, America Hall; John H. Cauley, Cauley Hall, petition, licenses a 641-granted a 645; Pitts-Kimball Company, petition, license for hall, Washington st. a 667-granted a 669; Rev. J. N. Supple, petition, license for St. Francis Parochial Hall a 667-granted a 669; Wm. M. Farrington, agent, Allston Hall; Harvard University Athletic Association, Soldiers' Field; C. B. Knowles, Lawrence Encampment Hall; T. M. Roddy, Roddy Hall; J. C. Nichols, Bethesda Hall; Charles F. Densmore, Arcanum Hall, Brighton; S. A. Chans, Unity Hall; Wm. J. Nolan, Touit Hall; Pierce J. Grace, Columbia Theatre, petition a 615-granted a 620; Division 22, A. O. H., petition, license, Sheridan Hall a 655-granted a 657; F. Weisenberger, petition, license, Germania Hall a 655-granted a 657; Hugh W. Sanford, petition, license shooting pigeons, Soldiers' Field a 655-granted a 657; E. F. Turner, petition, license, Fraternity Hall, Roslindale a 698-granted a 699; J. J. Murray, petition, license for billiard games, etc. a 698-granted a 699; Harugari Club, petition, license, Kossuth Hall a 720-granted a 722; Luther A. Dandridge, manager, petition, license, Chickering Hall a 720-granted a 722; Joseph T. Mitchell, petition, license, bicycle academy, Park square a 720-granted a 722; Catholic Union of Dorchester and Milton, petition, hall, River st.; Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, Norfolk Hall; Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, Columbia Hall; Dorchester Woman's Club House, Centre st.; E. R. Bullington, hall, Warren st. a 742-granted a 747; Charles W. Pierce, petition, license, Red Men's Hall a 751, 752-granted a 752; M. A. Dwyer,

Licenses, continued.

petition, license, Knights of St. Rose Hall a 752-granted a 752; John J. O'Hara, petition, license, Hollis Hall a 778-granted a 780; Patrick Kelleher, petition, license, Music Hall, Neponset ave. a 806-granted a 810

**"standing room only" sign in theatres:** order that the committee on licenses be requested to instruct the managers of the various theatres to display a sign in box-office where there is only standing room, stating such fact, referred to committee on licenses a 232

**use of theatres on Sundays:** regulation to amend chapter 3 of Revised Regulations of 1898, relative to use of theatres, etc., on Sunday, referred to committee on public improvements a 330-report, accepted, regulation adopted a 331; communication from the mayor vetoing regulation, referred to committee on public improvements a 354-report, accepted, veto sustained a 813

**vaudeville entertainments and exhibition of freaks:** L. B. Walker, Nickelodeon, petition, license a 525-granted a 550

**vaudeville and wrestling entertainment:** B. H. Benton, petition, license, Music Hall a 832-referred to next government a 837

Lime.

Patrick J. McCarthy, appointed inspector a 274-confirmed a 301, 302

Lincoln street.

**areas in sidewalk:** Augustus P. Loring, trustee, petition to construct a 525-granted a 529

**claims:** Maurice Clarke, petitions, two, for payment to John Gilcreast balances remaining from tax-sales of estate a 549-granted a 722, 723 c 733

**excavation under sidewalk:** Augustus P. Loring, trustee, petition a 615-granted a 645

**sign:** Ira P. Pope, petition a 741-granted a 744

Lincoln street, Brighton.

**tracks:** Thompson & Norris Co., petition to lay a 464-order for hearing a 476-given a hearing, leave to withdraw a 524

**trees:** order to remove two dead trees, referred to the mayor c 399

Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeland streets.

**cellar bottom:** J. Morris Meredith *et al.*, trustees, petition to construct a 480-granted a 481

**sidewalk:** J. Morris Meredith *et al.*, trustees, petition to use space under a 481-report, no action necessary a 814

Lincoln, Franklin and North Harvard streets.

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition, location a 401-granted a 475

Linden, Winnie.

**bay-window,** Everett st., East Boston, petition and order for hearing a 326-withdrawn a 354

Linden street.

**poles:** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect six poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 558

Linehan, Frank J., Councilman, Ward 13.

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; committee on elevator accident, City Hall c 164; committee on investigation of repairs division c 209; committee on building department, claims, health department, ordinances and law department, investigation of Rainsford Island, City Hall elevator accident, discharge of city employees, public buildings, repairs division investigation c 267, 268; committee on legality of street lighting contracts c 650

**orders offered:** employment of citizens on contracts c 49, 50  
Commonwealth Park, flooding c 76  
ordinance regarding engine smoke c 76  
office for councilmen c 76  
report of meetings of board of estimate and apportionment c 96  
employees at House of Reformation c 96  
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 extra compensation for policemen c 164  
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 new superintendent at Long Island c 191  
 ordinance relative to hiring of citizens of Boston c 191  
 bulletin of advertisements of contracts c 209  
 investigation of repairs division c 209  
 Cove st., extension c 209  
 paving, B st. c 224  
 institutions at Rainsford Island c 224  
 elevator insurance, City Hall c 225  
 printing of building laws c 266  
 list of streets given to Old Colony R.R. Company c 266  
 bridge division employees c 285  
 assistant superintendent, Rainsford Island c 319  
 salaries of bridge tenders c 320  
 resolution protesting against tracks of American Sugar Refinery in South Boston c 322  
 question of privilege c 373  
 refunding money paid for permits c 375  
 Cove st. bridge c 595  
 appointment of committee to investigate the lamp department and contract with Rising Sun Street Lighting Co. c 607  
 Bolton st., repairing c 608, 609  
 legislation to protect citizens against police c 736  
 resolution of sympathy for Boers c 819

**remarks:** election of president c 33  
 relocation of water pipe, E st. c 66  
 office for councilmen c 76  
 loan for sewerage construction c 109  
 repairs on Faneuil Hall c 113  
 reduction of firemen's salaries c 116  
 sewerage loan c 133  
 appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 160  
 transfer from reserve fund to fire department c 163  
 extra compensation for policemen c 164  
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 employment of citizens c 205  
 extension of Cove st. c 209  
 list of employment agencies c 223  
 condition of institutions at Rainsford Island c 224, 225  
 question of privilege, reinstatement of sewer employees c 227  
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 sale of city property, East Boston c 244-257  
 appointment of assistant superintendent of Rainsford Island c 319, 320  
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 fees for permits, restoration of c 375, 376  
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 gymnasium, Ward 9 c 414  
 repairing railroad bridge of New England R.R. Company, Silver st. c 418  
 Farragut Day celebration c 445  
 results of establishment of repairs division c 446  
 public landing, Dorchester bay c 494  
 appropriation for extension of water mains c 496  
 resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordman c 515  
 condition of Mather School c 605  
 appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 629, 632  
 resolution concerning Fourth of July Oration c 634, 635  
 observation stands on the Common c 637, 639, 640  
 location for Engine Co. No. 22 c 589, 590  
 exchange of land under Broadway bridge c 590, 592  
 street lighting contract c 607, 608  
 condition of Parkman School c 610  
 eight hour law c 611  
 legality of street lighting contract c 650  
 appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 650, 651  
 improvements, Independence sq. c 689  
 asphaltting Harrison ave. c 690  
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 protest against British monument c 714, 716, 736  
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**List of Employees.** (See City Employees.)

**List of Streets Taken by Terminal Company.** (See Street Laying-Out Department.)

**List of Unpaid Bills.** (See Heads of Departments.)

**Litchfield street, Brighton.**

**claims:** Charles P. George, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of land a 378-granted a 468 c 493

**Liverpool street.**

**bulkhead opening:** John P. Gallagher, petition a 720-granted a 724  
**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to place between Mavrick and Sumner sts., referred to the mayor c 76  
**improvement:** order that the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through the mayor, to keep street free from snow and ice during the winter season, etc., referred to the mayor c 42

**Loan Estimates.** (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)

**Loans.** (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)

**Locust street Playground.**

order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes, etc., passed c 640-referred to committee on public improvements c 642-report, no action necessary a 837

**Lodging-Houses, Water Tax.** (See Water Tax on Lodging-Houses.)

**Logan, Edward L., Councilman, Ward 14.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** teller c 50; committee on joint rules c 93; committee on elevator accident, City Hall c 164; committee on art department, claims, legislative matters, schools and school-houses, water department, rules and orders of the city council, City Hall elevator accident c 267, 268; committee on judiciary c 374; committee to attend funeral of ex-mayor Prince c 424

**orders offered:** notice of election of officers c 49  
 Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial c 49  
 extra "starter" at Broadway transfer station c 318  
 electric light, M st. c 318  
 First st., paving c 318  
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**remarks:** joint rules and orders c 139, 140, 189, 190, 203  
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 disposition of Franklin Fund c 771, 773, 774, 799, 800-803, 817

**Logan, William J., & Co.**

petition, sign, Province st. a 79-granted a 82

**Long Island.**

**land for war department:** communication from the mayor transmitting order that the mayor be authorized to convey to the United States government the land required by the war department for an enlargement of the parcel of land used for military purposes at a price of \$200 per acre, passed a 480-referred to committee on public lands c 500-report, accepted, order passed c 716

**new superintendent:** see Institutions Registration Department

**power house:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for new power house and equipment, passed c 512 a 526

**telephone to Gallop's Island:** see Institutions Registration Department

**telephone cable:** see Institutions Registration Department

**Long, John.**

compensation for damages to estate, Huntington ave. a 337

**Longfellow street.**

**acceptance:** order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to accept and construct same, passed a 441 c 449

**Longwood avenue and Ward street.**

**claims:** Thomas R. Fallon *et als.*, petitions for payment to Solomon A. Bolster, attorney, balance remaining from tax-sale of estates a 555-granted c 735 a 743

**Longwood and Brookline avenues.**

**widening:** order that the street commissioners give estimate of cost, referred to committee on street laying-out department c 96

**Loomis, E. F., et als.**

petition for removal of pole, Ruggles st., order for same, passed a 489

**Lorette street.**

**lamps:** order to locate four lamps, referred to the mayor c 319

**Lorey, George W., Councilman, Ward 22.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on contingent expenses of city council, fire-department, police department, registry department, street department, Labor's holiday c 267, 268

**orders offered:** crosswalk, Clive and Boylston sts. c 67  
crosswalk, Boylston st. and Chestnut ave. c 67  
crosswalk, junction of Bromley and Heath sts. c 141  
electric lights, Lamartine st. c 141  
improvements, Bromley park c 318  
extension of Norfolk House line c 736

**remarks:** playground, Ward 22 c 651

**Lorgenfeld, John.**

bay-window, cor. Boston and Rawson sts., petition and order for hearing a 467-hearing a 524-refused a 624

**Loring, Augustus P., Trustee.**

petition to construct areas in sidewalk, Lincoln street a 525-granted a 529

**Low, George D., et al., Trustees.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Forest Hills st. a 250-granted a 342 c 367

**Lowell street.**

**barber-poles:** Alexander Sholton, petition a 464-granted a 527; Isaac Pond, petition a 615-granted a 624

**clock sign:** William Shitzki, granted a 45

**sign:** Abram Peton, petition a 655-granted a 661; Eli Goldstein, petition a 655-granted a 661

**Lowell and Causeway streets.**

**transparency:** Joseph P. Lomasney, petition a 597-granted a 603

**Lucas street.**

**acceptance:** order to accept, passed a 346

**Lydon, Michael J., Councilman, Ward 13.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on common council rules c 93; committee on finance, legislative matters, police department, public lands, schools and school-houses, Memorial Day, rules and orders of the common council c 267, 268; committee on annual dinner c 804

**elected:** president *pro tem.* c 239

**Lydon, Michael J., Councilman, Ward 13, continued.**

**orders offered:** park, Ward 13 c 44  
crosswalk, foot of Broadway c 44  
city bindery c 51  
introduction of orders and resolves c 51  
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placing of cables, Broadway, underground c 458  
spitting in Palace Theatre c 824  
skating, Commonwealth Park c 824

**remarks:** street sweeping c 65  
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investigation order c 69  
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loan order, \$100,000 c 501  
location for Engine Company No. 22 c 589  
exchange of land under Broadway bridge c 590, 591  
appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 630  
resolution concerning Fourth of July oration c 634  
observation stands on the Common c 637-640  
new city hall c 691, 692  
land adjoining Pierce Farm c 767  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 773, 774, 799  
land, Codman st. c 793, 794  
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sale of ferry-boat Franklin c 795  
resolution of sympathy for the Boers c 823  
closing proceedings c 829, 830

**Lynch, Catherine J.**

petitions for payment to S. L. Whipple, balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, southwest side Sixth st. a 524-granted a 621 c 628

**Lynde street, Charlestown.**

**closing roadway:** order to close to public travel, passed a 700

**Lyons, L. J.**

bay-windows, Huntington ave., petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527

**M street.**

**electric light:** order to change location of light now situated at corner of Second st. to opposite corner, referred to the mayor c 318

**Macdonald, Catherine A.**

petition for payment to Albert A. Teele or another the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Granville st. a 144-granted a 304 c 313

**MacDonald, Donald H., Councilman, Ward 12.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on clerk of committees department, hospital department, market department, public buildings department c 267, 268; committee on elections c 374; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

orders offered: sidewalk, Northampton st. c 736

**MacDonald, John.**

petition, compensation for damages to estates, Lauriat ave. a 300

**Mack, J. J., & T. F.**

petition to stretch guy-ropes, Pinckney st. a 78-granted a 81

**Madden, Edward H., Councilman, Ward 5.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city clerk department, registry department, treasury department, weights and measures department, Seventeenth of June c 267, 268

orders offered: concrete walks, training field c 522  
arc lamps, Charlestown bridge c 522  
seats in City square c 522

**Madden, Thomas F.**

petition for payment to Charles I. Quirk, attorney, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Ingleside st. a 784

**Magazine and Dunmore streets, Ward 17.**

electric light: order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to place, referred to the mayor c 143

**Magnolia square.**

lamps: Gardener and Osgood *et al.*, petition, order to put necessary gas lamps, passed a 710

**Magnolia street.**

sidewalk: Edwin A. Stevens, petition a 269-granted a 278

**Magnolia and Catawba streets.**

wires to trees: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach a 655-granted a 657

**Magnolia and Quincy streets.**

tree: Mrs. C. F. Smith, petition for removal a 578-granted a 619

**Maguire, Annie.**

petition for payment to John B. Dore of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, East Fourth st. a 480-granted a 621 c 628

**Mahoney, Daniel.**

order for hearing on petition for the board of aldermen to estimate damages by taking of land by Boston Elevated Railway Co. a 643-hearing, order awarding damages, passed a 697

**Mahony, Frederick C.**

petition, compensation for injuries by elevator, City Hall a 355

**Mahony, James T., Jr.**

notice of vacancy in House of Representatives caused by death of a 46

**Main street.**

brass letters in sidewalk: Frank Ward, petition to insert a 525-granted a 529-communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 540-report accepted, permit granted, veto not sustained a 546

**Main street, continued.**

poles: Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, petition to erect and remove a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-granted a 809

sign: George J. Steven, petition a 78-granted a 193; David Gaffen, petition a 641-granted a 646; James J. Brock, petition a 667-granted a 675; Rneter & Co., petition a 667-granted a 675; Arthur Pond, petition a 806, 832-granted a 836; John J. Cronin, petition a 697-granted a 708

transparency: Peter F. Tague, petition a 572-granted a 575

trees: Mrs. Chamberlain, petition to remove a 533-refused a 619; Wm. J. Porter and Boston Elevated R.R. Co., petition to remove, granted a 562

**Main and Alford streets.**

areas in sidewalks: Boston Elevated Railway Co., petition to construct a 585-granted a 602

**Malcolm street.**

lamp: order to locate either gas or electric light, referred to the mayor c 71

**Malden bridge.**

reconstruction: communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment, appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding draw and reconstructing bridge, ordered printed and assigned c 131-taken up, discussed a 162, 163-passed a 163-referred to committee on public improvements a 167-report, accepted, order passed a 169; communication from the mayor, with order from board of apportionment, rescinding order passed Feb. 7, 1899, appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding draw and reconstructing bridge, passed a 429 c 448; communication from the mayor transmitting communications from the war department approving plan, passed on file a 832

**Maley, Mary.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 480-refused a 778 c 791

**Mallon, Mary F.**

petition (referred last year) for compensation for loss of horse, refused a 646 c 648

**Malone & Strang.**

order that the city engineer be authorized to settle claim for damages on account of excavations for building the water basin in Southborough, passed a 441-discussed c 449-451-referred to committee on finance c 451

**Maloney, M.**

bay-window, St. Martin st., petition and order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584-granted a 646

**Maloon, Horace A.**

petition for hearing on claim for damages a 549

**Maloy, Thomas F.**

bay-window, Columbus ave., petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 537

**Mandlestein, I.**

petition to box tree, Sumner st. a 167-refused a 170, 211-granted a 309; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 323

**Manning, Margaret.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 578

**Mansfield, Walter R., Councilman, Ward 10.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on city messenger department, health department, hospital department, institutions department, music department c 267, 268

**Mansfield, Walter R., Councilman, Ward 10, continued.**

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**Mansfield street, Brighton.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 786

**Maple street, Roxbury.**

**poles:** Boston Electric Light Co., petition to erect a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-referred to committee on public improvements a 537-report accepted, permit granted a 538

**Maps.** (See Printing Department.)**Marble, Freestone and Soapstone.**

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**Marcella-street Home.**

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**March 17.** (See Evacuation Day.)**Marginal street.**

**building:** Collas, Whitman & Co., limited, petition to erect a 167-granted a 305 c 313, 314, a 538 c 594; H. W. Coltman, petition to erect a 250-granted a 305 c 313; Collas, Whitman & Co., petition to erect a 503

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**bathing beach:** see Park Department

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**Marion and Princeton streets.**

**tree:** Mead, Mason & Co., petition, removal two trees, order to remove same, passed a 668

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**lights:** order to maintain lights, passed a 570

**Market Department.** (See also Faneuil Hall and County Buildings.)

**committee:** appointed a 62, 237 c 267

**superintendent:** George E. McKay, appointed a 300-confirmed a 326

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**poles:** Thomas M. Roddy, petition for relocation a 250; report, no action necessary, accepted a 408

**sidewalks:** William Ready, petition a 269-granted a 278

**Market street and Western avenue.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 531

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**Marsh, W. W.**

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**Marshfield street.**

**catch-basin:** order that the superintendent of streets be instructed to construct catch-basin near corner Batchelder st., referred to the mayor c 143

**sidewalk:** L. M. Best, petition a 325-granted a 331

**Martin, Augustus P.**

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**appointed:** committee on joint rules c 93; committee on finance, institutions department, overseeing of the poor, public buildings department, school and school-houses, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the city council c 267, 268; committee on elections c 374; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

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**transportation and target practice :** see Armories and Military Affairs

**leave of absence :** order that the mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to allow employees who are members of said organization, leave of absence without loss of pay, during time spent in performing military duty, passed a 528

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**campaign transparency :** William J. Donovan, petition a 719-granted a 723

**newspaper stand :** William J. Keefe, report, no action necessary, accepted a 623

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**stand with sign :** Vincent Marino, petition to construct a 525-re-fused a 530

**stereopticon cloth :** Frederick W. Day, petition a 719-granted a 723

**Maverick square and Maverick street.**

**stereopticon :** William J. Hartnett, petition a 578-granted a 581

**Maverick street.**

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**BENTON, JOSIAH H., JR. :** appointed trustee public library a 323-confirmed a 338

**BILLINGS, EDMUND :** appointed overseer of the poor a 751-referred to committee on public improvements a 780-report, placed on file a 838

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**DE VOTO, ALFRED :** appointed music trustee a 323-confirmed a 338

**DODGE, JAMES H. :** appointed city auditor a 299-confirmed a 325

**DONOVAN, JAMES :** appointed superintendent of lamps a 299-con-firmed a 326

**DONOVAN, JOHN H. :** appointed member of board of assessors a 250-assigned a 275-taken up, confirmed a 302

**DOOGUE, WILLIAM :** appointed superintendent of public grounds a 300-confirmed a 326

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**MURPHY, JOHN J. :** appointed member of board of assessors a 250-assigned a 275-taken up, confirmed a 302

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**O'NEIL, JOSEPH H. :** appointed sinking funds commissioner a 337-confirmed a 355

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McDowell, Richard W., *Administrator.*

petition that balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Wentworth st., be paid to Willard Welsh a 561-granted a 722 c 733

## McFeeley, Lizzie.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 464

## McGaw, John.

petition to construct area in sidewalk, Charlestown st. a 230-granted a 254

## McGovern, Hugh.

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## McInerney, James, Councilman, Ward 19.

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on badges, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; investigation regarding suspended sewer employees c 210; committee on claims, institutions department, lamp department, public lands, wire department, Fourth of July, Labor's holiday, badges, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19, reinstatement of sewer employees c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374

**McInerney, James, Councilman, Ward 19, continued.**

**orders offered:** electric lights, Smith and Phillips sts. c 75  
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**McInerney, James.**

petition in behalf of residents of ward 19, that the board order closing of "Chutes," Huntington ave., at 10 o'clock a 561-report, no action necessary, accepted a 573

**McKay, George E.**

appointed superintendent of markets a 300-confirmed a 326

**McKenna, Charles.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maple st. (referred in 1898), refused a 303 c 313

**McKinley, President. (See Distinguished Visitors; or, President of the United States.)****McLaughlin, Margaret M., et al.**

petitions for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Bay st. and Birch st., to E. E. Richards a 250-granted a 384 c 390, 391

**McLean, Irving N.**

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**McLellan street.**

**electric light:** order to replace light, corner Blue Hill ave., referred to the mayor c 375

**lowering grade:** H. Burr Crandall, petition for assessment of damages a 144-referred to board of street commissioners a 236

**sidewalk:** James Calder and John J. Cushman, petition a 379-granted a 404; James J. Cashen, James Calder, Ellen T. Bresnahan, petition a 433-granted a 471; Dudley C. Thornton, petition a 465-granted a 482

**McLellan street and Blue Hill avenue.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 385

**McLellan and Newport streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-granted a 809, 810

**McLeod, Hugh.**

order to refund \$83.16 paid for laying out and construction of Josephine st., passed a 277 c 281

**McMahon, John R.**

petition to be paid for alleged overtime work in sewer department a 300

**McNealy, Margaret E.**

petition for hearing on claim for damages for personal injuries a 541-refused a 745 c 765

**McNeil Bros.**

petition to erect guy-posts, Beacon st. a 78-granted a 81; petition to erect guy-posts, Bowdoin st. a 338-granted a 350

**McSweeney, Catherine B.**

petition, compensation for injuries to husband a 250

**McSweeney, Mrs.**

petition, compensation for injuries to husband, now deceased, while employed by the city a 578

**Meacham, F. F.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Rosseter st. a 230

**Mead street, Charlestown.**

**steps:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of \$15,000 for steps, passed c 50 a 55

**Medal, Franklin. (See Franklin Fund.)****Medford street.**

**lamps:** order to erect, passed a 80

**tramway:** Braman, Dow & Co., petition a 741-granted a 744

**Medford street, Ward 8.**

**guy-posts:** G. W. Harvey, petition a 481-granted a 482

**Medical Examiner. (See Suffolk, County of.)****Medway street.**

**new bridge:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the construction of a new bridge across the Shawmut branch of the N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R., passed c 50-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 55

**Meeting House Hill Cars. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)****Melia, Edward.**

order that the mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act, authorizing city to pay to family the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold office until the end of the fiscal year, passed c 67 a 79

**Melville avenue.**

**driveway in sidewalk:** F. L. Walker, petition a 433-report, no action necessary, accepted a 546

**Melville avenue and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 123-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306

**Memorial Day.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**appropriation:** order that all applications for money for memorial purposes be submitted to the city council on or before the first of April, 1899; that a special committee be appointed to make apportionment of money appropriated, passed c 94 a 102; Gettysburg post No. 191, G.A.R., petition for an appropriation a 250; Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association, petition for increased appropriation c 266; Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R.A. and N.U., petition a 269; Thomas F. Meagher Command No. 3, petition a 269; Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, G.A.R., petition for an appropriation c 281; Gen. R. S. Mackenzie Garrison No. 4, R.A. and N.U., petition for an appropriation c 281; Francis Washburn Post 92, G.A.R., Boston Post 200, G.A.R., Trimountain Garrison 98, R.A. and N.U., petition for appropriations a 301; report of special committee with order to pay posts named, sums specified a 339, 340-discussed, referred to committee on public improvements a 340-report, accepted, order passed a 350-discussed c 368, 369-amended, passed c 369-referred to committee on public improvements a 381-report, adhered to former action a 386-discussed c 392-395-adhered to former action a 395-referred to the mayor a 402-communication from the mayor relative to, sent down a 425-placed on file a 447; Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R., petition for an appropriation a 355; report of Memorial Day expenses by Friedrich Hecker Post 21, G.A.R., Edward Kinsley Post 113, G.A.R., John A. Hawes Post 159, G.A.R., Gettysburg Post 191, G.A.R., Boston Post 200, G.A.R. a 465; reports of expenses of Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R., Francis Washburn Post 92, G.A.R., Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association, Thomas F. Meagher Command No. 3, Gen. Joseph Hooker Command No. 9, Trimountain Garrison No. 98, C. R. Lowell Post 7, G.A.R. a 480; John A. Andrew Post 15, G.A.R., Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26, G.A.R., Robert A. Bell Post 134, G.A.R., Ninth Regiment Infantry, M.V.M., Gen. R. S. McKenzie Garrison R.A. and N.U., reports of expenses a 525; report of Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G.A.R., of expenses a 534; reports of Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans and Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R.A. and N.U., of expenses a 541; J. Hooker Post 23, Dahlgren Post 2, Washington Post 32, report of expenses a 503

**appropriation for Spanish soldiers:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$500 to be expended to decorate graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the late Spanish war, passed c 374 a 379

**appropriation for Ninth Massachusetts Inf.:** John H. Dunn, petition for appropriation a 335

**holiday:** order to allow holiday to all employees of ferry division who are members of the Grand Army or other veteran organizations, passed c 416 a 433

**Menzies, James, et als.**

petition, removal pole, corner Bennington and Brooks sts. a 741-granted a 788; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 831; report, veto sustained a 838

**Mercer street.**

**sidewalks:** Frank A. Leicht, petition a 301-granted a 309; Elizabeth J. Daly, petition a 379-granted a 404; Ann Trainor, petition a 379-granted a 404

**tree:** order to trim in front of No. 10, passed a 661; John C. Gerior, petition for trimming a 751

**Mercer and Eighth streets.**

**pipe under sidewalk:** Ed. Muhlitz, petition a 465-granted a 473

**Merchants row.**

**clock:** Jones & Marshall, petition to erect a 124-granted a 128  
**sign:** F. O. Lyon, petition a 464-refused a 528

**Merchants row and North Market street.**

**areas:** Day & Stinson, petition to construct a 338

**Merchants row and other streets.**

**guy-posts:** Stephen Brennan, petition to erect a 78-granted a 81

**Meredith, J. Morris, et al., Trustees.**

petition to construct cellar bottom of building, Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeland sts. a 480-granted a 481; petition to use space under sidewalk a 481

**Meridian street.**

**illuminated sign:** Central Associates, petition a 324-granted a 330

**transparencies:** James N. Donovan, granted a 579

**Meridian-street bridge.**

**lighting of draw:** order that the mayor be requested to direct the superintendent of streets to have necessary repairs made so that the draw will be lighted as formerly, etc., passed a 528

**Merrimac street.**

**sign:** Louis Herman, petition a 533-granted a 537; Louis Cohen, petition a 615-granted a 624; Echel Herman, petition a 741-granted a 744

**Meshulam, Rachel.**

compensation for damages to team, refused a 403 c 413

**Messenger, City. (See City Messenger Department.)****Metropolitan avenue.**

**wooden building:** John Soley, petition to move a 572-granted a 575

**Metropolitan Park Commissioners.**

**Dorchester District to be connected with Park system:** see Park Department

**transfer of Squantum to:** see Squantum

**Metropolitan Water Board.**

communication transmitting statement of rules and regulations adopted by State Board of Health relative to sanitary protection of water supply a 562

**Michigan avenue.**

**sidewalk:** Herman Wescbkolofsky, petition a 572-granted a 581

**Middle street.**

**claims:** Thomas and Henry Howard, petitions (three) for payment of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates a 561-granted a 779 c 779

**sidewalks:** Margaret Fitzgibbon, petition a 525-granted a 546; C. H. Wheelock, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Mildram, Samuel H., Councilman, Ward 24.**

**qualified:** page 48

**appointed:** committee on auditing department, city messenger department, contingent expenses, engineering department, music department, mayor's address, reinstatement of sewer division employees c 267, 268; committee on Squantum park c 796

**orders offered:** speedway, Franklin field c 142  
improvement of Shelton st. c 339  
Granite ave., repairing c 652  
Adams and Milton sts., catch-basin c 652  
Adams st., crosswalk c 652  
crosswalks, Dorchester ave. c 696

**Milford street.**

**trees:** Benjamin F. Dewing *et al.*, petition that some provision be made to prevent caterpillars from injuring trees and that they be trimmed a 355

**Militia.** (See Armories and Military Affairs.)

**Mill pond, Dorchester.**

M. V. Dunning *et al.*, petition for abatement of nuisance; order that the mayor be requested to grant a hearing passed a 504

**Mill street.**

**claims:** Harriet B. Preston, petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 144-granted a 342 c 367

**Miller, George R., Councilman, Ward 20.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on police department, schools and school-houses, street laying-out department c 268; committee to attend Councilman Bordman to train c 516

**orders offered:** opening of schools c 375  
electric light, cor. McLellan st. and Blue Hill ave. c 375  
Ceylon st., lamps c 609  
Puritan ave., improvement c 609  
holiday, Dewey Day c 609  
change in Dorchester High School entrance c 652

**remarks:** repairs on Faneuil Hall c 112, 113  
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relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 287, 290, 291  
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abolition of bath department c 372  
drinking fountain, Columbia road c 392  
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appropriation for roofing in and preserving building, Rainsford Island c 533  
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repaving Devonshire st. c 689  
garbage nuisance c 694

**Miller, William L., & Co.**

order to issue permit to close roadway, Webster ave., passed a 644

**Miller street, Charlestown.**

**sign:** David Stein, petition a 697-granted a 708

**Millet street.**

**sidewalk:** Katherine F. Sullivan, petition a 534-granted a 546

**Milton street, Ward 8.**

**asphalting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in their first loan order a sum sufficient for asphalting, passed c 77-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**Minden street.**

**sidewalk:** Walter H. Baldwin, petition a 641-granted a 660; Walter Baldwin, petition a 720-granted a 748

**Mindora street.**

**areas in sidewalk:** S. B. Hall, petition to construct a 480, 481-granted a 482

**Minot, Laurence.**

oaths of office administered as member of board of apportionment, page 1

**Minot, William, et al., Trustees.**

petition to maintain space under sidewalk, Beacon st., for storage of coal a 78-granted a 81; petition to build door in building, Water st. a 407

**Minton, Thomas, et als.**

petition that Walk Hill st. be widened a 123

**Mitchell, John T.**

petition for compensation for damages for failure to allow him use of Old Public Library, etc. a 324

**Monadnock street and Moultrie avenue.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect, order for hearing a 81-hearing, assigned a 102-taken up, recommitteed a 127-report, assigned a 148-taken up, rejected a 168-report, no action necessary a 834

**Monmouth square.**

**relocation of flagpole:** order that the city messenger be instructed to remove flagpole and relocate it at junction of Saratoga and Bays-water sts., passed a 470-assigned c 493-taken up, indefinitely postponed c 516-placed on file a 526

**Monmouth street.**

**trees:** order to remove two trees opposite No. 33, referred to the mayor c 695

**Montclair avenue.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 385

**lamps:** Warren H. Gleason *et als.*, petition a 525

**Montrose street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires to trees a 525-granted a 532

**Moon to Clark streets.**

**telephone wire:** Rev. D. H. O'Farrell, petition for permission to stretch a 555-referred to committee on public improvements a 834-report, no action necessary a 834

**Moore, George H., Councilman, Ward 10.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on water tax on boarding and lodging-houses c 93; committee on clerk of committees department, election department, fire department, overseeing of the poor department, police department, Labor's holiday, water tax on boarding and lodging-houses c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298; committee on municipal lighting c 374; committee to attend Councilman Bordman to train c 516

**orders offered:** Belvidere st., construction c 208  
vacation for repair-shop employees of fire department c 265  
resolution expressing good wishes to John Bordman, jr. c 515  
construction and laying out Carlton st. c 691  
repaving sidewalk, Columbus ave. c 691  
new City Hall c 691

**remarks:** relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 287  
resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordman c 515  
repaving, Devonshire st. c 689  
new City Hall c 692  
closing proceedings c 828

**Moore street.**

**plankwalk:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to place from Horace to Cowper sts., passed a 481

**Moran, Mrs. F. W.**

petition to be paid for damages to clothing while in waiting-room of East Boston ferry a 55

**Morbiani, G.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 597

**Moreland and Dennis streets.**

sidewalk: M. Scheffreen, petition a 720-granted a 748

**Morley, M. F.**

petition, compensation for damages done by sewer at cor. Western ave. and Market st. a 300-refused a 646 c 648

**Morely street.**

claims: Annie E. Wells: see Wells, Annie E.; or Claims

**Morris, Matthew.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Maywood st. a 698-granted a 779 c 792

**Morris street.**

claims: Augusta A. Way, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate a 167-granted a 620 c 628

sidewalk: J. Goldinger, petition a 338-granted a 361; Fanny Faingold, petition a 572-granted a 581; I. Levin, petition a 525-granted, a 546; Anna Rome, petition a 720-granted a 748

**Morrison, Hugh J.**

petition to stand night lunch wagon, Field's Corner a 193-granted a 198, 237

**Morrison, John.**

petition to erect building, Sumner st. a 464-granted a 470 c 493

**Morrison, Mary T.**

petition, compensation for damages to carriage a 751; petition, compensation for damages to ber carriage by fire department wagon a 896

**Morse, Albert, Estate.**

petition that city pay a bill for labor in connecting barn with sewer, Columbia road a 193

**"Morse Field," Dorchester. (See Public Grounds Department.)****Morse street.**

sidewalk: Louis Henlein, petition a 338-granted a 361; Sarah E. and Charles E. Cook, trustees, petition a 549-granted a 566; Gideon Carrier, petition a 555-granted a 566

**Moses, Horace H., et als.**

petition of Boston Elevated Railroad Company, that the board estimate damages by taking of land, referred to committee on public improvement a 550; report, with order for hearing, accepted, passed a 552

**Motor Vehicles. (See Aldermen, Regulations.)****Motte street.**

bulkhead: Pierce J. Grace, petition a 555-granted a 559

illuminated sign: Pierce J. Grace, petition a 751-granted a 761

**Moulton, Charles F.**

petition for hearing on claim for services rendered city at Marcella-street Home (referred last year), refused a 384 c 390

**Mountain avenue.**

claims: Bertha Rosenfeld, petition for payment to Willard T. Perrin of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 78

**Mountfort street.**

claims: George S. Daniell, petition for payment to James W. French, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 193-granted a 438 c 448

**Moynihan, D. J., Jr.**

notice of withdrawal of appointment as deputy sealer of weights and measures a 323, 324

**Mt. Pleasant avenue.**

areas: Estate of John P. Nichols, petition a 597-granted a 622

closing: order to close to travel July 1, passed a 441

fire box: order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to locate, referred to the mayor c 612

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires a 324-granted a 329; Boston Electric Light Company, petition a 353-order for hearing a 339-hearing a 378-granted a 385

sidewalk: James W. Woodward, petition a 585-granted a 602

trees: order to remove dead tree in front of estate of J. M. B. Reynolds, passed a 467; Frank Jenkins, petition, removal a 641; T. C. Barclay, petition, removal a 784

**Mt. Vernon avenue, Charlestown.**

electric light: order to place, referred to the mayor c 142

**Mt. Vernon street.**

claims: S. N. Herrick, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 337-granted a 468 c 493

**Mt. Vernon street, Dorchester.**

sidewalk: order that so much of order levying assessment against estate of Catherine Tobin be rescinded, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-report, accepted, order passed a 59

**Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury.**

claims: Gullford L. Stark, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 53-granted a 438 c 448

**Mt. Washington and Dorchester avenues and other streets.**

poles: Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 719, 720-order for hearing a 739-hearing a 741-report, no action necessary a 788

**Mulcahy, James F., Councilman, Ward 14.**

qualified: page 1

appointed: committee on cemetery department, collecting department, vessels and ballast department, lamp department, mayor's address c 267, 268

orders offered: election of clerk of the common council c 34 ordinance establishing building construction department c 43, 44

remarks: election of president c 34  
election of clerk c 35  
investigation of removal of city employees c 89, 89-92  
ordinance establishing building construction department c 44  
street sweeping c 64  
appropriation for wire department c 66, 84, 85  
investigation order c 68, 69  
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appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 111-114, 136, 159-161  
joint rules and orders c 149  
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loan of \$709,000 c 218, 219  
contracts of street department c 221  
question of privilege, reinstatement of sewer employees c 226  
election of president pro tem. c 239  
non-resident employees c 241  
amendment to joint rules relative to finance committee c 242

**Mulcahy, James F., Councilman, Ward 14, continued.**

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 relaying of tracks, Tremont st. c 288, 291  
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 picnic of Ben Franklin Assembly, Knights of Labor c 391, 392  
 drinking fountain, Columbia road c 392  
 Memorial day appropriation c 393, 394  
 leave of absence for firemen c 398  
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 fire employees, vacation c 445  
 Farragut day celebration c 445  
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 appropriation for extension of water mains c 497  
 eight-hour law c 611  
 appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 629-632  
 observation stands on Common c 639  
 appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 650, 651  
 improvements, Independence sq. c 688, 689  
 pay of laborers c 734  
 land adjoining Pierce farm c 767, 769  
 disposition of Franklin Fund c 773, 796, 798  
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**resigned:** committee on cemeteries, collecting department, mayor's address and lamp department c 284; committee on cemeteries c 413; committee on lamps c 413

**Mullaney, John T.**

petition, compensation for damages to team a 432

**Mullen, Patrick.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 698

**Municipal Building, Ward 15. (See Estimate and Apportionment, Board of.)****Municipal Camp. (See Boston Municipal Camp.)****Municipal Election.**

notice of a 745

**Municipal Gas and Electricity.**

order that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report as to the advisability of petitioning the present General Court for the right to allow the city to manufacture and sell gas and electricity, passed c 319 a 325; committee appointed a 325 c 374; report called for a 471

**Municipal Printing Office. (See Printing Department.)****Municipal Register. (See Printing Department.)****Municipal Statistics. (See Statistics Department.)****Munroe street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 230

**sidewalk:** E. Savage, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Murphy, Arthur.**

bay-windows, Neponset ave. and Chickatawbut st., petition and order for hearing a 579-report, granting permission, assigned a 733-taken up, recommitted a 743-report, giving leave to withdraw a 761

**Murphy, Daniel.**

order that order passed, September 18, 1898, directing payment to widow of police officer be rescinded, passed a 198 c 202; order to pay \$1,209.86 to widow, the sum being balance of salary to which he would have been entitled as a police officer had he lived until the close of the fiscal year, 1898-99, passed a 198 c 202

**Murphy, Daniel J.**

petition, periodical stand at Franklin school-house a 133; report, no action necessary a 310

**Murphy, James J.**

bay-window, cor. Camden st. and Columbus ave., granted a 252

**Murphy, John J.**

appointed member of board of assessors a 250-assigned a 275-taken up, confirmed a 302

**Murphy, Mary Jane. (See Murphy, Daniel.)****Murray, George F.**

petition, compensation for damages caused by breaking of drains, Fuller st. a 300

**Murray, Mrs. George F. H.**

notice of appointment as member of board of trustees for children a 378

**Murray, Jennie L.**

petition, compensation for damages caused by breaking drain, Fuller st. a 300

**Murray, Kate.**

petition to maintain a lying-in hospital, Berkeley st. a 549-granted a 557

**Museum of Fine Arts.**

petition for release of conditions and restrictions in deed of estate, Copley sq. a 641-granted a 645-discussed c 648, 649-passed c 649; resolution, that the City Council condemn the method of securing passage of said order, and that they desire the opinion of the corporation counsel as to some means to secure the re-establishment of the restriction, discussed a 811-813-adopted a 813 c 817; preamble and resolve that the corporation counsel and city solicitor are requested not to enter any deed of release of said restrictions unless the trustees shall execute an agreement to open any building which they may in future occupy, to the public free of charge, etc., discussed a 834-835-referred to committee on public improvements a 835-report, resolution rejected a 838

**Music Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 268

**trustee:** Alfred De Voto, appointed a 323-confirmed a 338

**additional concerts, Marine Park:** order that the commissioners of the music department be requested to provide additional Sunday evening band concerts at park, referred to the mayor c 521

**band concerts, Massachusetts ave., Ward 12:** order that the music trustees, through the mayor, be requested to provide two free band concerts in the square between Tremont st. and Shawmut ave., and Franklin sq., referred to the mayor c 598; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the secretary of the music department, referred to committee on music department c 510

**band concert, Pierce sq.:** order that the music commission, through the mayor, be requested to provide for a band concert during the summer season; referred to the mayor c 375; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the secretary of the music department, referred to committee on music department c 510

**concert in Ward 11:** ordered that the music trustees, through the mayor, be requested to provide a concert by the Municipal String Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, referred to the mayor c 94; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the commissioner relative to, placed on file c 200

**expenses of music commission:** order that the music trustees, through the mayor, be requested to submit an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures of their department from the date of its creation to the date of such report, the same to be presented before February 9, 1899, referred to the mayor c 95

**Myrtle and Joy streets.**

**areas under sidewalks:** Augustus P. Loring *et al.*, trustees, petition a 720-granted a 724

**guy-posts:** Webb Granite and Construction Company, petition a 667-granted a 677

**Mystic river.**

**bridge, temporary:** communication from the war department approving plan, placed on file a 832

**sea-wall:** communication from the war department approving plan, placed on file a 832

**Mystic and Elm streets.**

**improvements:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to replace edgestones, sidewalks and gutters from Bunker Hill to High sts., referred to the mayor c 397

**Nangle, Charles P., Councilman, Ward 19.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** teller c 50; committee on playground, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on collecting department, park department, weights and measures department, street department, statistics department, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19, c 267, 268; committee to attend Councilman Bordenau to train c 516

**orders offered:** playground, Wards 18 and 19 c 42, 51  
 plan of council seat c 51  
 lights under New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad from Ruggles to Old Heath sts. c 51  
 sanitary station, Roxbury crossing c 67  
 Hillside st., repair c 93  
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 playground, Ward 19 c 694

**remarks:** playground for Wards 18 and 19 c 42, 43, 76  
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 appropriation for wire department c 85  
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 appropriation bill c 187, 188  
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 sale of property, street department, East Boston c 244, 245  
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 Stony Brook act, acceptance of c 453  
 resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Bordenau c 515  
 playground, Ward 19 c 694  
 closing proceedings c 825

**Nash, Bennett H.**

order that the mayor be authorized to cancel agreement made November, 1888, holding the city blameless for all claims, etc., on account of placing area and Hyatt light, Boylston st., passed a 330-referred to committee on claims c 370-report, accepted, order passed c 635

**Natick Five Cents Savings Bank.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Don st. a 211

**National Airs to be Played at Close of Every Theatre Performance.** (See Theatre Managers.)**National Express Company.**

petition, sign on unused lamp-post, Franklin and Arch sts. a 465-granted a 472; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; permit refused a 523

**National Order of Railway Conductors.**

order that the mayor be requested to extend courtesies of the city to said organization on occasion of their convention, May 26, 1890, passed a 344 c 370

**Navy Yard, Dry Dock Building.**

preamble and resolve requesting president of the common council to transmit to the president of the United States a protest against employment of alien labor on government contract work to the detriment of our unemployed people, etc., discussed c 283-284-passed c 284-communication from the assistant secretary to the president relative to c 365, 366-ordered printed and assigned c 366-taken up, placed on file c 395

**Nazing street.**

**lamps:** George W. Curtis *et als.*, petition a 615

**Neponset avenue.**

**poles:** American Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 719-order for hearing a 730-hearing a 740, 741-granted a 762, 763

**sidewalks:** Quiney and Boston Street Railway Company, petition a 526-granted a 530; E. D. Berrigan, petition a 698-granted a 724

**sign:** John B. Boyle, petition a 572-refused a 582-granted a 642; petition a 642-granted a 642

**Neponset avenue and Chickatawbut street.**

**bay-windows:** Arthur Murphy, petition and order for hearing a 579-report, granting permission, assigned a 723-taken up, recommitted a 743-report, giving leave to withdraw, accepted a 761

**Neponset Playground.**

**lights on skating ground:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to place a suitable number of lights on area, passed a 46

**playstead:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$25,000 for the improvement and construction of playstead, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146

**Neponset Rowing Club.** (See Fourth of July.)**New City Hall.**

order that the committee on legislative matters be instructed to appear before the General Court and advocate legislation giving the city authority to take by right of eminent domain the land bounded by Somerset, Beacon, Bowdoin and Allston sts., for purpose of erecting a new city hall, referred to committee on legislative matters c 283; order that a special committee be appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a new city hall on the site formerly occupied by Providence Division of N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R., discussed c 691, 692-amended, passed c 692-referred to committee on public improvements a 699-report accepted, order indefinitely postponed a 837

**New England Gas and Coke Company.**

petition to trim trees, Alford st., granted a 579

**New England Newspaper Union.**

petition to place sign on lamp-post, Pearl st., granted a 540, 541; communication from the Mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 548

**New England Printing Telegraph Company.**

order that conditions embodied in the order under date of Oct. 12, 1891, be rescinded; order that permission is hereby granted the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to remove all poles belonging to said company, referred to the committee on public improvements a 400, 401-report, accepted, message placed on file a 546

**New England Railroad Company.**

**bridge on Silver st.:** order that the law department, through the mayor, be ordered to take such action as may be necessary to compel said company to repair bridge between A and B sts., referred to the mayor c 417, 418

**roadway across West Fourth st.:** petition and order for hearing on proposed extension of its road across West Fourth st. and Broadway, and any other ways in this city a 699-hearing a 711-granted a 836

## New England Sanitary Product Company.

order that the mayor be requested to use his influence with said company to have them place their employees on a union basis, referred to the mayor c 284: see also Street Department, *Garbage Nuisance*

## New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

**extension of time:** petition for extension of time to June 30, 1899, in which to erect and remove poles a 432-granted a 475

**ownership of pole:** communication from said company relative to communication from the mayor, placed on file a 535

**poles:**

ADAMS *and other streets:* petition to erect poles a 300-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 358

ALFORD ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 536, 537

ALLEGHANY ST.: referred to committee on public improvements a 385-report, no action necessary a 814

ALLEGHANY, DENNISON STS., AND WALNUT AVE.: petition to attach wires to trees a 378-granted a 385

ASHLAND ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 572-order for hearing a 576-hearing a 579-granted a 582

ASHMONT ST.: petition, extension of time a 230-granted a 306; petition to erect and remove one pole a 324-order for hearing a 329-hearing a 337-granted a 359; petition to erect poles a 719-order for hearing a 730-hearing a 740-granted a 788

ASHMONT, WALDORF AND MARSH STS. AND TALBOT AVE.: petition to erect and remove poles a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 573-granted a 577

ATHERTON ST.: petition to erect poles a 193-order for hearing a 198-hearing a 211-granted a 306

BAY STATE ROAD, MINOT AND ANDERSON STS.: petition to lay conduits a 123-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306

BEECH ST., WARD 23: petition to erect a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 597-granted a 603

BEECH *and other streets:* report, no action necessary a 834

BEEHOFEN ST.: Mrs. M. E. Cable *et al.*, petition for removal of poles a 432-report, no action necessary a 834

BELLEVUE ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576; petition to erect and remove pole a 781-order for hearing a 788-hearing a 805-granted a 816

BLUE HILL AND GENEVA AVES.: petition to erect and remove poles a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787

BOSTON ST.: petition to attach wires to poles of Postal Telegraph Cable Company a 50-granted a 148

BULFINCH *and other streets:* petition to lay conduits a 230-hearing a 324

CAMBRIDGE ST., BRIGHTON: petition to erect and remove poles a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 573-granted a 577

CARRUTH ST.: petition to erect poles a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing a 401-granted a 475

CARRUTH ST. AND EATON SQ.: assigned a 534, 542-taken up, granted a 550

CENTRE ST., WARD 23: petition to erect and remove pole a 464-hearing a 524-granted a 531

CHESTER AND FARRINGTON STS.: petition to erect poles a 55-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306

CIRCUIT AND DENNISON STS. AND WALNUT AVE.: petition to attach wires to trees a 561-granted a 568

COLUMBIA ROAD AND GLENDALE ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 536

COLUMBUS AVE.: petition for extension of time to erect poles a 55-granted a 148

CONGRESS ST.: petition to erect and remove pole a 719-order for hearing a 730-hearing a 740-granted a 782

CORNELL ST.: petition to erect poles a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576

E AND MUNROE STS. AND BROOKSIDE AVE.: petition to erect poles a 230-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 358, 359

EAGLE ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 561-order for hearing a 568-hearing a 572-granted a 576

EAST CONCORD ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-granted a 787

EAST COTTAGE ST.: petition to remove pole a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787

EAST SECOND ST.: petition to remove pole a 167-order for hearing a 170-hearing a 193-granted a 306; order that pole be relocated that is at present opposite No. 722, passed a 357; petition to erect and remove one pole a 432-hearing a 524-granted a 531

EUTAW ST.: petition to attach wires to trees a 784-granted a 788

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, *continued.*

FOREST HILLS ST.: petition to erect and remove one pole a 55-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306; petition to erect and remove poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 536

GENEVA AVE. AND PARK ST.: erection and removal of poles (petition refused last year), granted a 358

GLADSTONE, WALLEY AND GLENWAY STS.: petition to erect poles a 269-order for hearing a 277-hearing a 300-granted a 504

GLENWAY ST.: petition to erect poles a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 597-report with order for hearing a 603, 604-refused a 708

GREEN ST., WARD 3: petition to erect poles a 698-order for hearing a 708-hearing a 719-report, no action necessary a 834

HARRISON AND MASSACHUSETTS AVES.: petition for permission to transfer to and of the Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to acquire poles a 806

HASTINGS ST.: petition to remove poles a 655-granted a 657

HARVARD, WATERLOW AND ELMONT STS.: Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, petition to erect and remove poles a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-granted a 810

HEWLETT AND HASTINGS STS.: petition to erect poles a 78-order for hearing a 81-hearing a 102-granted a 148, 149

KENWOOD ST.: petition to erect poles a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-report, no action necessary a 834

KING ST., DORCHESTER: petition to erect five poles a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-assigned a 531, 532, 534, 542-taken up, granted a 550

LA GRANGE ST.: petition to erect poles a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing a 401-granted a 475; petition for extension of time a 641-granted a 646; petition to erect and remove pole a 784-order for hearing a 788-hearing a 805-granted a 809

LAWRENCE AVE.: petition to attach wires to trees a 778-granted a 779

LINCOLN, FRANKLIN AND NORTH HARVARD STS.: petition, location poles a 401-granted a 475

MAGNOLIA AND CATAWBA STS.: petition to attach wires to trees a 655-granted a 657

MANSFIELD ST., BRIGHTON: petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 786

MARKET ST. AND WESTERN AVE.: petition to erect and remove a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 531

MAVERICK ST.: order for hearing a 708-hearing a 719-granted a 762

MELVILLE AVE., SALEM ST., ST. JOHN AND ROCKVIEW STS., WASHINGTON ST., WARD 20: petition to erect and remove poles a 123-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 306

McLELLAN AND NEWPORT STS.: petition to erect a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-granted a 809, 810

MONADNOCK ST.: report, no action necessary a 834

MONADNOCK ST. AND MOULTON AVE.: petition to erect poles a 78-order for hearing a 81-hearing, assigned a 102-taken up, recommitment a 127-report, assigned a 148-taken up, rejected a 168

MONTROSE ST.: petition to attach wires to trees a 525-granted a 532

MT. PLEASANT AVE.: petition to attach wires to poles a 324-granted a 329

NORTH BEACON ST.: report and order on petition (refused last year) to allow attachment of span wires, granting same, accepted, passed a 475

NORTHAMPTON ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 553

OAK ST.: petition to erect poles a 236-order for hearing a 237-hearing a 250-granted a 305, 306

OAK ST., CHARLESTOWN: petition to erect pole a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing, assigned a 401, 434-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 466, 467; petition to remove three poles a 432-granted a 475

PARK AND CENTRE STS., WEST ROXBURY: petition to erect and remove poles a 533-order for hearing a 537-hearing a 542-granted a 787, 788

PARKER, CATAWBA, SHERMAN AND DALE STS.: petition to erect poles a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-referred to committee on public improvements a 834-report, accepted, permit granted a 838

PRINCETON, MORTON, FAIRVIEW, CORINTH AND ROBERTS STS.: petition for extension of time a 123-granted 307

PROVIDENCE ST.: petition to remove poles a 167-granted a 307

ROCKLAND ST.: petition for extension of time a 300-granted a 358

ROCKLAND ST., BRIGHTON: petition to erect and remove poles a 432-granted a 475

ROCKVIEW *and other streets:* petition to erect and remove poles a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 573-granted a 576

ROCKVILLE PARK: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires to trees a 778-granted a 779

**New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, continued.**

SEAVER ST.: granted a 810

SIGOURNEY *and other streets*: petition to erect poles a 300—order for hearing a 305—hearing a 324—granted a 358

SOLEY, WATER, OCEAN AND MELLEEN STS.: petition to erect and remove poles a 778—order for hearing a 779—hearing a 805—granted a 810

SOUTH ST.: petition to erect poles a 719—order for hearing a 730—hearing a 740—granted a 762; petition to erect and remove poles a 741—order for hearing a 747—hearing a 751—granted a 786, 787

SPRING PARK AVE.: petition to erect poles a 741—order for hearing a 747—hearing a 751—granted a 787

STOUGHTON ST.: petition to erect poles a 751—order for hearing a 762—hearing a 777—granted a 810

SUMNER ST.: petition to erect poles a 832—referred to committee on public improvements a 833

TREMLETT ST.: report, no action necessary a 834

WABON, MANSFIELD AND TOPLIFF STS.: petition to erect poles a 432—order for hearing a 475—hearing a 524—granted a 531

WAIT ST.: petition to erect and remove poles a 432—order for hearing a 475—hearing a 524—granted a 531; petition to erect and remove poles a 667—order for hearing a 669—hearing a 697—granted a 788

WASHINGTON ST., DORCHESTER: granted a 385; petition for extension of time a 572—granted a 582; petition to erect and remove poles a 741—order for hearing a 747—hearing a 751—granted a 787

WASHINGTON AND DUDLEY STS.: petition to remove and erect one pole a 432—order for hearing a 475—hearing a 524

WAUMBECK *and other streets*: petition to erect and remove poles a 784—order for hearing a 788—hearing a 805—referred to committee on public improvements a 834—report, accepted, recommitted to committee on electric wires a 838

WENSLEY ST.: petition to erect and remove pole a 555—order for hearing a 558—hearing a 571—granted a 576

WESTERN AVE. *and other streets*: petition to erect and remove poles a 585—order for hearing a 587—hearing a 597—granted a 603; petition a 698—order for hearing a 708—hearing a 719—granted a 762

WOLCOTT *and other streets*: petition to erect and remove poles a 741—order for hearing a 747—hearing a 751

**New England Training School for Nurses.**

petition to maintain lying-in hospital, Lewis Park a 698

**New England Watch and Ward Society.**

petition of directors for hearing on petition for revocation of license, Puritan Hall a 301—majority and minority reports, discussed a 350, 352—majority accepted a 352

**New Head-house, South Ferry. (See Street Department, Ferry Division.)****New Heath street.**

paving: see Heath and New Heath sts.

**New Heath, Old Heath and Parker streets.**

territory bounded by: named Heath sq.: see Heath sq.

**New Music Hall.**

petition and order for hearing to project awning, Massachusetts ave. a 542, 543—hearing a 555—granted a 570

**New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company.**

closing Broadway: order to close during change of grades, referred to committee on public improvements a 307—report, accepted, order passed a 310

bridge, Medway st.: see Medway st.

electric gong, West Park st.: order that said company be requested to place electric gong signal at crossings to avoid accidents, referred to committee on railroads a 214—report, accepted, order passed a 678

exchange of land under Broadway bridge: report on the message of the Mayor (referred last year) relative to, with order authorizing mayor to make said exchange, passed a 559—discussed c 590—592—passed c 592

**New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, continued.**

footbridge, Rowena and Fuller sts.: see Rowena and Fuller sts.

Freeman st., crossing: see Freeman st.

gutters at Heath-st., bridge: see Heath-st. bridge

gong at Welles ave. grade crossing: see Welles ave.

lights under railroad bridge, from Ruggles to Old Heath sts.: see Lamp Department

permits to close street: order to allow necessary permits to close Washington and other streets, passed a 331, 332

public market on property, Park sq.: see Public Market, Park sq.

**Newark street, Ward 19.**

improvements: order that the superintendent of streets put street in proper condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 417

**Newbury street.**

area: Alice H. Burrage, petition a 597—granted a 602

awning: C. A. Glenson, petition a 325—granted a 330

sidewalk: A. C. Burrage, petition a 752—granted a 753

**Newbury and Hereford sts.**

guy-posts: G. A. Cahill, petition a 667—granted a 677

**Newcombe, W. H.**

bay-windows, Dorchester ave., granted a 305

**Newell, Jane E.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Devon st. a 55—granted a 342 c 367

**Newhall, Guy F., Councilman, Ward 23.**

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appointed: committee on overseeing of the poor department, registry department, weights and measures department, treasury department, statistics department c 268

orders offered: Temple st., West Roxbury, extension c 77

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voting list in Germantown c 653

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remarks: fire employees' vacation c 445

**Newport street.**

sidewalk: R. O. Dunn, petition a 379—granted a 404

**Newsboys' Licenses. (See Licenses.)****Newton and Boston Street Railway Company.**

location, Beacon st.: petition for location from the Newton line to Chestnut Hill a 123—order for hearing a 169—hearing a 229

**Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company.**

Baker, Mt. Vernon and LaGrange sts.: petition, location tracks a 615—order for hearing a 624—hearing, giving leave to withdraw a 667; petition, location a 698—order for hearing a 708

**Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company.**

location, North Beacon st.: petition to lay turn-out a 123—order for hearing a 169—hearing a 229—granted a 253

locations: 2d, accepted a 326

**Nichols, D. P., & Co. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)**

**Nichols, Henry C , et als., trustees E. D. Jordan Estate.**

petition that the board estimate the damages caused by taking land, Irvington st. by Boston & Albany R.R. Co. a 301-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 337-order awarding same, passed a 387

**Nickerson, Freeman, et al., Trustees.**

bay-windows, Central sq., and Saratoga st., petition and order for hearing a 619-hearing a 655-granted a 675

**Nickerson, Herbert I.**

petition to be paid amount of a judgment and costs on account of suit brought against him as a police officer a 615-granted c 735 a 743

**Nightingale field.**

order that superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes at a certain sum, passed c 265 a 274, 275

**Nightingale street.**

sidewalk: J. A. Belyea, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Ninth street.**

roadway: order to issue permit to Simou J. Donovan to close, passed a 644

**Nocito, Louis.**

bay-window, Thacher st., petition and order for hearing a 549-hearing a 561-granted a 624

**Non-residents, Employment of. (See Ordinances; or, City Employees.)****Norfolk avenue, Ward 17.**

paving: order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan the sum of \$15,000 for completion, passed c 49-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 56

**Norfolk avenue to Massachusetts avenue.**

lease of land: see Boston College

**Norfolk street.**

engine-house: see Fire Department

tree: order to remove dead tree, passed a 528

**Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company.**

location: 7th, accepted a 744

repairing River st.: see River st.

**locations:**

RIVER, WASHINGTON AND ADAMS STREETS: petition to lay tracks, etc., and to make changes in tracks of West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company a 525-order for hearing a 530-hearing a 549-report with order granting location a 625, 626-laid over a 626-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 643-granted a 709, 710

**Norfolk and Wyman streets, Roslindale.**

gas lamp: order to place at corner, passed a 779

**Norman street.**

bulkhead opening: S. Bresth, petition a 355-granted a 404; petition to enlarge a 525-granted a 529

coal slide and iron cover: Fannie Drooker, petition a 616-refused a 644

**North Anderson street.**

illuminated sign: Wm. A. Beckett, petition a 741-granted a 744

**North Beacon street.**

tracks: see Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company

**North Bennet street.**

electric light: order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, place light, referred to the mayor c 339-order that the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light either permanently or temporarily during various caucuses passed a 582

**North Bennet and Prince streets.**

sidewalks: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to pave sidewalks opposite the playground and next to the Paul Revere School, referred to the mayor c 227

**North End.**

bath house: see Bath Department

branch library: see Library Department

**North End Bathing Beach and Playground.**

condition: order to place in proper condition during summer months, passed a 476 c 435

flooding: order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to flood playground for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 738

improvements: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide sum of \$10,000 for improvement of beach, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146

**North End Park.**

gymnasium: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for establishment of a gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 118 a 124

**North End Relief Station. (See Hospital Department.)****North Ferry. (See Street Department, Ferry Division.)****North Ferry avenue.**

illuminated sign: W. C. S. Healey, petition a 655-granted a 661

**North Harvard street.**

wooden building: C. S. Packard, petition to move a 555-granted a 559

**North Market street.**

bulkhead: William H. Burlen, trustee, petition a 124-granted a 128

**North square.**

flags and lanterns: St. Michael's Society, petition a 597-granted a 603

**North street.**

area: Eastern Cold Storage Company, petition to construct a 124-granted a 128; Bay State Real Estate Association, petition to construct a 167-granted a 170

awning: Eastern Cold Storage Company, petition and order for hearing a 643-hearing, referred to committee on public improvements a 666, 667-granted a 677

barber-poles: John Coasta, petition a 300-granted a 343; Max Schachtmurtz, petition a 432-granted a 469

basement: Bay State Real Estate Association, petition to locate at grade 5, granted a 167

illuminated sign: Picard & Keough, petition a 78

iron awning: J. G. Walker & Son, petition to erect a 465-granted a 482

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**pole with cloth attached:** Geo. E. Welles, petition a 806-refused a 808

**sidewalk:** C. B. Hill, petition a 616-granted a 644

**sign:** A. A. Badaracco, petition a 101; Raphael Nazzaro, petition a 741-granted a 744

**North and South Market and other streets.**

**guy-posts:** Woodbury & Leighton, petition a 144-granted a 148

**Northampton street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 553

**sidewalk:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to repair sidewalk in front of No. 369, referred to the mayor c 736

**signs:** John Grabina, petition a 549-granted a 553; John Bonnowee, petition, granted a 504

**transportation:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Norway street.**

**barber-poles:** Muraine & Small, petition a 337-granted a 357

**bay-windows:** G. J. White, petition and order for hearing a 303-hearing a 337-granted a 409

**sidewalk:** A. J. MacKinnon, petition a 402-granted a 443

**Noyes, Edith A.**

petition, compensation for damages to clothing a 432; refused a 778 c 791

**Nuisance, Bituminous Coal. (See Bituminous Coal.)****Oak square.**

**building:** Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition to erect a 324-granted a 357 c 367; petition to erect a 337-granted a 409 c 413

**Oak square avenue and Brackett street.**

**poles:** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 432-order for hearing a 438-hearing a 464, granted a 569

**Oak street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 236-order for hearing a 237-hearing a 250-granted a 305, 306; petition to erect a 378-order for hearing a 385-hearing, assigned a 401, 434-taken up, indefinitely postponed a 466, 467

**Oak street, Charlestown.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove three poles a 432-granted a 475

**Oakland street, Dorchester.**

**sidewalk:** John B. L. Bartlett, petition a 407-granted a 443

**O'Brien, Christopher F., ex-President of the Common Council.**

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**O'Brien, D. J.**

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petition to be paid for damages to sleigh a 236-refused a 303 c 313

**O'Brien, Louise S.**

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**appointed:** committee on joint rules c 93; committee on bath department, clerk of committees department, market department, printing department, public buildings department, public lands, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the city council, water tax on boarding and lodging-houses c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Christopher F. O'Brien c 333

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committee to attend funeral of ex-president Christopher F. O'Brien c 333

payment to families of deceased soldiers c 455

**Observation Stands on Common (See Boston Common.)****O'Connor, John**

bay-windows, Ellery st., granted a 276; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 239-report, veto sustained a 623

**October 12. (See Columbus, Christopher, Anniversary of Landing.)****O'Farrell, Rev. D. H.**

petition for permission to stretch telephone wire from Moon to Clark st. a 555-report, no action necessary a 834

**Officers, City, Appointment of. (See Heads of Departments.)****O'Hara, John M.**

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 250-refused a 778 c 791

**Ohio street.**

**area:** Charles E. Stratton *et als.*, petition to construct a 785-granted a 789

**O'Kane, Joseph.**

order to deposit one ballot for election as clerk of the common council, discussed c 34, 35-assigned c 35-taken up, passed c 38-elected, oath of office administered c 38; order to allow certain sum for service as reading clerk, passed c 824

**Old Colony Railroad Company.**

**list of streets given to increase terminal facilities:** see Street Laying-Out Department

**Old Court House.**

**lease part of building:** Henry W. Savage, petition for permission to lease part of building a 525

**stands:** Mrs. Sarah Wise, petition to maintain a 78-refused a 147; Owen W. Rice *et als.*, petition in aid of petition of Anthony Volta to maintain a bootblack stand a 337; John Leonard, petition to maintain a 325-granted a 350; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained a 350; Nick Kallavas, petition to maintain a 355

**Old Harbor street.**

**sidewalk:** Henry J. Bowen, petition a 355-granted a 387

**Old Small-Pox Hospital, Canterbury street, Destruction of.** (See Institutions Department.)

**Old South Association.**

managers: David F. Barry and Daniel J. Kiley, elected c 71 a 79

**Oliver, George W.**

petition for payment to Harry W. Powers of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Armaudine st. a 269-refused a 342 c 366

**Oliver street.**

sign: S. B. Coudit, jr., petition a 555-granted a 558

**Oliver and Milk streets.**

areas under sidewalk: American Bell Telephone Company, petition a 597-granted a 622

basement of building: American Bell Telephone Company, petition to excavate a 597-granted a 603

**Olympia, United States Ship.**

use of city boat to members of city government to visit: see City Council

**Oneida street.**

improvement: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate \$4,000 for improvements, passed a 476

**O'Neil, Dennis A.**

petition, compensation for injuries sustained by wife a 193-refused a 384 c 390

**O'Neil, Joseph H.**

appointed member of board of sinking fund commissioners a 337-confirmed a 355

**Opening of Schools.** (See School Department.)

**Opinion Regarding Passage of Orders Sent to Mayor.**  
(See Law Department, *Opinions.*)

**Orchard Park.**

gymnasium: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for gymnasium in first loan bill, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 141 a 145

officer: order that the board of police be requested, through the mayor, to station an officer on duty, referred to the mayor c 459; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners relative to, placed on file c 492

**Orchard place.**

building: J. J. & P. M. Ahern, petition a 742-granted a 748

**Orders Sent Mayor Which He neither Approves nor Vetoes.** (See Mayor, The; or, Law Department, *Opinions.*)

**Ordinances.**

committee: appointed a 237 c 267

attaching wires to trees: ordinance amending chapter 47, Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to, passed a 657, 658 c 687

building construction department, ordinance establishing: see Building Construction Department

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**Ordinances, continued.**

driving of teams across reservations: see Public Ground Department

employment of citizens: ordinance to amend chapter 3, Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to employment of citizens of Boston in any capacity, referred to committee on ordinances c 191 (notice of reconsideration filed by Mr. Linelhan), substitute order offered, discussed c 205, 206-passed c 206-referred to committee on public improvements a 212-report, accepted, ordinance passed a 214; communication from the mayor, vetoing ordinance, discussed c 240-242-assigned c 242-taken up, discussed c 257-261-ordinance passed c 261 a 274

employment of residents: order that the committee on ordinances be requested to prepare and report an amendment to the revised ordinances of 1898, providing that no person shall be employed in any department who has not lived in the city one year, and has not a legal residence therein, referred to the committee on ordinances c 266

employment of person already employed in any other department: ordinance to amend section 12 of chapter 3, Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to, passed c 596-referred to committee on ordinances a 598

engine-smoke nuisance: order that the committee on ordinances be requested to report an ordinance to prevent the menace to the health and convenience of the citizens arising from smoke from locomotives passing or standing under the various bridges of this city, referred to committee on ordinances c 76

equipping rubber-tired vehicles with bells: order that committee on ordinances consider expediency of requiring that all rubber-tired vehicles shall be equipped with bells, and report findings, referred to committee on ordinances a 346

examination of junk: ordinance to amend chapter 45 of Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to examination of junk, referred to committee on public improvements a 543, 544-report, accepted, assigned a 547-taken up, passed a 550-referred to committee on ordinances c 595; ordinance relative to collection of old junk, old metal and second-hand articles, referred to committee on ordinances a 599

fee for issuing permit to open streets: see Street Department

legal voters to be employed: ordinance to amend chapter 3, Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to employment of citizens and legal voters, referred to committee on ordinances a 255

ordinance relative to ward-room, Ward 1: see Ward 1

ordinance relative to space between buildings: ordinance to amend section 34 of chapter 45 of Revised Ordinances of 1898 relative to space between buildings, referred to committee on ordinances a 488

payment of legislative expenses: ordinance to amend chapter 23 of Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to, referred to committee on ordinances c 75

protection of citizens against police: order that the committee on ordinances be requested to consider and report what legislation is necessary to prevent the brutal treatment of prisoners and citizens by members of the police force, discussed c 736, 737-referred to committee on ordinances c 737

reduction of salaries of city employees: see City Employees

sale of cigars: order that all leases granted by the city of Boston where cigars are sold be withdrawn, unless all cigars sold by lessees are marked by the Cigarmakers' International Union of America; and that all cigars purchased by the city for banquets, etc., be marked by said stamp, referred to committee on ordinances c 596

Saturday half-holiday throughout the year: see City Employees

seal of city registrar: see Registry Department

street sprinkling: ordinance to amend chapter 38 of Revised Ordinances of 1898 relative to, referred to committee on ordinances c 416; order that committee on ordinances be requested to report within two weeks relative to ordinance, and to give public bearing, passed c 595-referred to committee on ordinances a 598

teaming, Warren avenue: Freeman O. Emerson, petition for action to prevent a 432

**Orkney road.**

sidewalks: Mary L. Mullen, C. A. Lambam, M. Adelaide Fisher, Martha E. Stockwell, Mary Murphy, Charles Clements, petition, a 465-granted a 482

**Orleans street and Maverick square.**

transparencies: John J. Douglass, petition a 578-granted a 581

**Osborne, Theodore M.**

order to pay to family the remainder of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived, and continued to hold office, as assistant clerk in equity business of the Superior Court, etc., passed a 528

**Oswego street.**

sign: George Meirhsue, petition a 235

**Otis, George P.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Belmont st. a 719

**Otis street.**

sign: Frank E. Wyman, petition a 432-granted a 467

**O'Toole, Frank John, Alderman.**

qualified: page 1

**appointed:** committee on county accounts, Faneuil Hall and county buildings, lamps, markets, railroads, public improvements (chairman) a 62; committee on public improvements (chairman) a 47; committee on joint rules a 82; committee on assessing department, auditing department, bath department, city clerk department, claims, clerk of committees department, contingent expenses city council, health department, hospital department, institutions department, lamp department, legislative matters, market department, ordinances and law department, public buildings department, public grounds department, public lands, school and school-houses, street department, vessels and ballast department, water department, Fourth of July, Labor Day a 237, 238; committee on finance a 278; committee on Dewey Day a 622; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors a 643

**orders offered:** resuming unfinished business of common council a 37

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**Ottawa street.**

sidewalk: Daniel A. Ritter, petition a 301-granted a 309

**Ottery, James.**

petition, compensation for amount paid for license of Tri-Mountain club, Harrison ave. a 407-granted a 437 c 448

**Overcrowding of Theatres. (See Licenses.)****Overseeing of the Poor Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 267, 268

**board of overseers:** Henry L. Plummer, appointed member a 53-confirmed a 79, 80; Louise S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan, Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, appointed a 337-confirmed a 355, 356; Joseph Lee appointed a 337-laid over a 356-taken up, discussed a 382, 383-referred to committee on public improvements a 383-report, appointment rejected a 387; Edmund Billings, appointed a 751-referred to committee on public improvements a 780-report, placed on file a 838

**information relative to department:** order that the board of overseers of the poor, through the mayor, be requested to give statement in regard to the general workings of the department, etc., referred to the mayor c 458; communication from the mayor, transmitting communication from the overseers of the poor relative to, ordered printed and assigned e 588-taken up, laid on table c 606-taken up, C. D. 140, placed on file c 635

**temporary playground, Marcella-st. Home:** see Marcella-st. Home

**Oxford place.**

guy-posts: Woodbury & Leighton, petition to erect a 541-granted a 545

**Oyster beds. (See Higgins, R. R. & Co., et als.)****P street.**

sidewalk: A. H. Flint, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Page street.**

sidewalk: Charles H. Goddard, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Paine, Robert Treat.**

communication, enclosing petition of North Brighton Conference District 5, of Associated Charities, asking that \$300 be appropriated toward rent of field south and west sides of Waverly st., and north of Lincoln st., for playground, placed on file c 365

**Pain's Fireworks Company.**

petition to be paid for fireworks furnished Fourth of July a 698

**Painters' and Decorators' Union. (See Union No. 11, Painters and Decorators of America.)**

**Palace Theatre.**

order that the fire commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to prevent smoking, as same is apt to cause fire, referred to the mayor c 804; order that the board of police, through the mayor, be requested to cause the regulation of the board of health, prohibiting sitting in public places to be enforced in said theatre, referred to the mayor c 824

**Palmer street.**

**lamps:** Augusta S. Walker, petition a 641

**sign:** James F. Dooley, petition a 697-granted a 708

**Parental Home, West Roxbury.** (*See Institutions Registration Department.*)**Paris Pattern Supply Company.**

petition to erect post-clock, Tremont st. a 124-granted a 129; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit; veto sustained a 166

**Paris street.**

**sidewalk:** B. M. Schwartz, petition a 338-granted a 361; Mary Smiddy *et als.*, petition a 433-granted a 471; Mrs. Annie Formanek, petition a 597-granted a 623

**sign:** H. Cohen, petition a 337-granted a 357

**tree:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 360; order to remove in front of No. 48, passed a 661

**Park, Charlotte C.**

payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st., Dorchester (refused last year) granted a 304 c 313

**Park Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 237 c 268

**commissioners:** Charles E. Stratton, appointed a 323-discussed a 338, 339-assigned a 339-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 356-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 361; James M. Prendergast, appointed a 354-referred to committee on public improvements a 381, 382-report, accepted, confirmed a 405, 406

**bicycle lantern:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to rescind order passed requiring use of lanterns, etc., on bicycles entering park system, passed a 481-discussed c 499, 500-passed c 500; order that the park commissioners be requested to submit a report in reply to order passed, relative to, referred to the mayor c 595

**clock, Marine Park:** *see* Marine Park

**dinner hour for park employees:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the park commissioners to allow the men in their employ a full hour for dinner instead of a half hour as now proposed, passed a 699-call for information a 764; communication from the mayor, transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to a 788, 784-placed on file a 784

**Dorchester Park:** *see* Dorchester Park

**employees uniform:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the park commissioners to abolish the practice of compelling the employees of the park department to wear uniforms, which are paid for out of their wages, and bought from a firm selected by commissioner, referred to committee on public improvements a 58-report, discussed a 59, 60-passed a 60 c 65; resolve, that the board of park commissioners, through the mayor, be notified that it is the opinion of the common council that it is inexpedient and to the detriment of the department to oblige the laborers to wear uniforms, referred to committee on park department c 50; order that the mayor request the chairman of the park commission and the superintendent of park department to appear before the board of alderman, Monday, January 30, 1899, to confer relative to uniforming men, passed a 82

**golf links, Franklin Park:** *see* Franklin Park

**gymnasium, Dorchester Park:** *see* Dorchester Park

**lack of work:** order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to report the reason of enforced idleness of certain employees in department, referred to the mayor c 283

**lights for Neponset playground:** *see* Neponset Playground

**lights on pleasure vehicles:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to establish a regulation requiring all pleasure vehicles to be provided with lights on and after August 1, between sunset and sunrise, referred to the mayor c 522

**Park Department, continued.**

**Marine Park, bathing beach:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put bathing beach at the head-house, Marine park, in the same condition as the L-st. beach, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 94 a 102, 103

**modification of restriction in deed of land bordering Fens:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, with order, that the park commissioners, with the approval of the mayor and satisfactory to law department, alter and amend restrictions contained in deeds given by the owners to the city, relating to height of buildings, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 235-report, accepted, order passed a 237-referred to committee on ordinances c 245-notice of reconsideration filed, taken up, passed c 256

**overcrowding of boats, Jamaica Pond:** order that the committee on park department be requested to make inquiries as to the overcrowding of pleasure boats, referred to committee on park department c 458

**overtime pay:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct park commissioners to pay men employed in their department for overtime in the same manner as is done in the other city departments, passed a 788 c 796

**park in Ward 13:** *see* Ward 13

**paving of park entrance:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to pave the space between the curbstone and the railroad tracks, at entrance of Blue Hill ave., at or near Grove Hall, referred to the mayor c 77

**plan of boulevard connecting the Dorchester District with proposed parkway, Quincy:** order that the park commissioners prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester district with the proposed parkway in Atlantic in Quincy, to be laid out by Metropolitan Park Commissioners, passed a 708 c 713; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, sent up c 765-placed on file a 777

**playground, Columbus ave.:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from park commissioners relative to, sent down a 784-placed on file c 791

**playground, Dorchester Lower Mills:** *see* Dorchester Lower Mills

**playground, Franklin Park:** *see* Franklin Park

**playground, Ward 6:** *see* Ward 6

**playground Ward 22:** *see* Ward 22

**playground, West End:** order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to take for park and playground purposes the land bounded by Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper sts., passed a 345 c 370

**reward for heroism:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to consider and report what action should be taken by the city government to recognize services of Neil J. Wallace, in saving children from drowning in Leverett pond, referred to the mayor c 42

**square, Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton sts.:** *see* Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton sts.

**skating, Boston Baseball Grounds:** order that the park commissioners be requested to flood for skating purposes the land in rear, recently acquired for playground purposes, passed a 749 c 770; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 765

**skating, Churchill Field:** *see* Churchill Field

**skating, Ward 15:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to flood a suitable lot of ground under their jurisdiction for skating purposes, passed c 74

**speedway, Franklin Field:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to take such action as will result in a strip of land, bordering on southerly side of field, being set aside as a speedway, referred to the mayor c 142; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park department relative to, placed on file c 215

**strandway improvement, park and playground, Columbia road:** *see* Strandway

**uniforms:** order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to report as soon as convenient the rules governing the buying and wearing of park uniforms, assigned c 502-taken up, passed c 516

**Wood Island flats, dredging:** order that the park commissioners be requested to dredge flats so that park will border on deep water at all stages of the tide, and to establish a line of pleasure boats connecting with other water parks, passed a 308 c 312

**Wood Island Park, polo playing:** *see* Wood Island Park

**Park square.**

**extension:** Park square Improvement Association a 325-report with order, accepted, passed a 330

**illuminated sign:** C. E. Davis & Company, petition a 615-granted a 646

**public market:** *see* Public Market, Park sq.

**Park square, Boylston and other streets.**

**closing:** order to close on account of reception to the President of the United States a 144

**Park Square Improvement Association *et als.***

petition for extension of Park sq. a 325-report with order, accepted, passed a 330

**Park street, Charlestown.**

**poles:** Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., petition to erect a 741-order for hearing a 747-granted a 809

**Park street, Dorchester.**

**gravel sidewalk:** order to construct from Upland ave. to the railroad crossing opposite Wellesley park, passed a 440, 441

**repairing:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to repair from Dorchester avenue to Geneva avenue, and to pave gutters and build sidewalk, passed a 586

**shelter at transfer station:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**sidewalk:** Winifred Cahalan, petition a 301-granted a 309

**tree:** order to remove tree in front of house of Philip F. Berkwitz, expense to be charged to department of public grounds, passed a 620

**Park and Centre streets, Ward 23.**

**pole:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 533-order for hearing a 537-hearing a 542-granted a 787, 788

**sidewalk:** Henry F. Allen, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Park street and Wellesley park.**

**trees:** order to remove four trees, passed a 359

**Parker Hill.**

**engine-house:** *see* Fire Department

**Parker Hill avenue.**

**bay-window and cornice:** L. F. Abbott, petition withdrawn a 305

**revised grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 277-report accepted, order passed a 278

**Parker Hill District.**

**hydrants:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of hydrants, referred to the mayor c 320

**Parker street.**

**macadamizing:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to remacadamize between Centre and New Heath sts., referred to the mayor c 285

**sidewalk:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to cause sidewalk to be paved from No. 466 to Ruggles st., referred to the mayor c 210

**trees:** order to remove two trees in front of No. 472, passed a 543

**Parker and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-referred to committee on public improvements a 834-report, accepted, granted a 838

**Parkman, Henry, *et al.*, Trustees.**

petition to construct coal-hole, Boylston st. a 251-granted a 254, 255

**Parkman School. (*See* School Department.)****Parmenter street.**

**sign:** M. Miroslafsky, petition a 549-granted a 553

**Pastene, Peter.**

petition to construct area, Fulton st. a 45-granted a 59; petition to excavate cellar bottom of building, Fulton st. a 45

**Patriots' Day.**

**holiday:** *see* City Employees

**Patten street.**

**lamps:** James Murray *et al.*, petition a 561

**Patterson, John W., and Mary E.**

sidewalks, Jamaica and Woodman sts., petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

**Paul Gore street.**

**sidewalk:** Dennis Meagher, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Pauper Bodies, Cremation of. (*See* Cemetery Department.)****Pauper Institutions Trustees. (*See* Institutions, Registration Department.)****Payment for Theatre Licenses. (*See* Theatre Licenses.)****Payment to Veterans of the Late War. (*See* Legislative Matters.)****Pay-rolls, Information Regarding. (*See* Auditing Department.)****Peabody, Francis, Jr., *et als.*, Trustees.**

petition to construct basement of building, Atlantic ave. and other streets a 300-withdrawn a 357; petition to construct areas and coal-holes, Atlantic ave. and East st. a 301-granted a 309

**Pearl street.**

**sign:** Garlock Packing Company, petition a 193

**sign on lamp-post:** New England Newspaper Union, petition, granted a 540, 541-communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 548-report, veto sustained a 623

**Pearl street, Charlestown.**

**tree:** order to remove decayed tree, passed a 699, 700

**Pearson, Linus E.**

notice of appointment as member of board of election commissioners, placed on file a 323

**Peck, Arthur K., Councilman, Ward 12.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on assessing department, city clerk department, engineering department, schools and school-houses, street laying-out department, statistics department c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 298

**Peck, Arthur K., Councilman, Ward 12, continued.**

**orders offered:** bicycle path, Massachusetts ave. c 119  
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 excessive street watering, Massachusetts ave. c 398  
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 street sprinkling c 416  
 lanterns on bicycles c 499, 500  
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**Pedlers.**

order that the mayor be requested to take into consideration the advisability of setting apart a certain district of the city for the unrestricted use of pedlers during certain hours of the day or week, passed a 58

**Pemberton square.**

**excavate under sidewalk:** Moses Williams *et als.*, trustees, petition a 667—granted a 709

**guy-posts:** L. P. Soule & Son, petition a 616—granted a 622; petition a 720—granted a 724

**Penal Aspect of Drunkenness.**

communication from the mayor transmitting report of committee appointed to make analysis of the workings of existing methods of dealing with the punishment of drunkenness, etc., a 717, 718—ordered printed, sent down a 718—placed on file c 733 (C. D. 158); order that 2,500 extra copies of message be printed, passed a 731 c 733

**Penney, John J.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries by fall of City Hall elevator a 300

**Percival court.**

**claims:** Julia E. Hurd, petition for rebate of portion of sewer assessment a 667

**Perham street.**

**claims:** Bert C. Day, petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 235—granted a 437 c 448

**Perron, Alfred D.**

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**Peters street, Ward 14.**

**sidewalk:** W. J. Smith, petition a 597—granted a 623

**sidewalk and signs:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to place suitable signs and construct plank sidewalks, passed a 277

**Peterson, Reuben.**

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**Petroleum.**

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**Pettingill, Ubert K.**

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**Pfaff, H. & J., Brewing Company.**

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**Philbrick, W. B.**

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**Philbrook, William W.**

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**Phillips street, Roxbury.**

**extension:** order that the street commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to take necessary steps to extend from Ward st. to Huntingdon ave., referred to the mayor c 376

**Phipps avenue.**

**lamps:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place three additional gas lamps on avenue, passed a 308

**Picnics of Street Department. (See Street Department.)****Piedmont street.**

**coal-hole:** Daniel F. Dowd, petition a 616—granted a 645

**Pierce square.**

**band concert:** see Music Department

**custody of square:** report, no action necessary on order (referred last year) relative to, accepted c 416 a 434

**Pinckney street.**

**coal-hole:** C. S. Roberts, petition to construct a 78—granted a 81

**bay-windows:** C. S. Roberts, granted a 305

**guy-ropes:** J. J. & T. F. Mack, petition to stretch a 78—granted a 81

**Pine street, Charlestown.**

**laying out:** order that the street commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to make estimate of cost of laying out from Banker Hill to Vine sts., referred to the mayor c 373

**Pinksohn, Hugo.**

compensation for damages to property (referred last year), refused a 327 c 366

**Pitts street.**

**guy-posts:** Whidden & Co., petition a 549—granted a 551

**sign:** H. F. Parkhurst, petition a 230—granted a 236; A. W. Isele & Son, petition a 324—granted a 343

**Place, M. F.**

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**Plain street.**

**crosswalk:** order to construct at junction of Chickatawbut st., passed a 530

**Playground, Brighton.** (See also Everett street, Brighton.)

order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide for the rental of land referred to in communication of Robert T. Paine relative to, to be used as a playground for children of North Brighton, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 376 a 381; communication from Robert Treat Paine enclosing petition of North Brighton Conference, District 5, of Associated Charities, asking that \$300 be appropriated toward rent of field south and west sides of Waverly st and north of Lincoln st. for playground, placed on file c 365-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 381

**Playground, Dorchester.** (See Nightingale Field.)**Playground, Dorchester Lower Mills.** (See Dorchester Lower Mills.)**Playground, Geneva avenue.** (See Public Grounds Department.)**Playground, Roslindale.**

order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order an appropriation of \$31,000 for suitable site and establishment of a playground, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 94 a 102

**Playground, South Boston, Ward 14.**

order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$25,000 for a gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 141 a 145

**Playground, Ward 3.**

order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for an open-air gymnasium, passed c 76-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**Playground, Ward 4.**

**baseball** : order that the board of park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to have playground put in proper condition for baseball, referred to the mayor c 377

**electric light** : order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to provide light, referred to the mayor c 76, 77

**fence** : order that the park commissioners be requested to build fence to be used as a backstop, referred to the mayor c 458

**Playground, Ward 5.** (See Ward 5.)**Playground, Ward 6.** (See Ward 6.)**Playground, Ward 10.** (See Ward 10.)**Playground, Ward 15.** (See Ward 15.)**Playground, Ward 19.**

order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to set aside the plot of land in the Back Bay Fens, known as "Tremont Eutrace" to be used as a playground, discussed, passed c 694 a 698

**Playground, Ward 22.** (See Ward 22.)**Playground, Ward 23.**

order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to explain why they do not purchase land for playground as provided by law, referred to the mayor c 501

**Playground in Vicinity of Strandway.** (See Strandway.)**Playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19.** (See Wards 18 and 19.)**Pleasant street.**

**grade** : order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 539

**illuminated sign** : J. Rosen, petition a 193-granted a 212

**sign** : John Rieger, petition a 78, 167-granted a 170

**Pleasant street, Dorchester.**

**improvements** : order that the superintendent of streets be requested to have street put in order, from Savin Hill ave. to Freeport st., passed a 59

**resurfacing** : order that superintendent of streets be requested to resurface from Freeport st. to Savin Hill ave., passed a 386

**Pleasant and other streets.**

**revision of grades** : Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition a 555-placed on file a 557

**Plett, Christian F.**

petition to lay pipe, Eighth st. a 269-granted a 277

**Plummer, Henry L.**

appointed member of board of overseers of the poor a 53-confirmed a 79, 80

**Pocket Manual for Board of Aldermen.** (See Aldermen, Board of.)**Police Department.**

**committee** : appointed a 237 c 268

**ambulance, station 9** : order that a special committee be appointed to wait upon the police commissioners to find out whether it is possible or not to furnish district with ambulance, etc., passed c 224; committee appointed c 268

**annuities** : order that the board of police be authorized and directed to allow and pay Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of William D. Leavitt, an annuity of \$300 per annum, etc., referred to committee on police a 307; report, accepted, order passed a 341; report accepted, order passed a 342-discussed c 367, 368-assigned c 368-taken up, accepted, order passed c 397; order to pay Mary E. Cunningham, widow of Frank Cunningham, an annuity of \$300 a year, passed a 723 c 733

**carriages at funerals, position of** : order that the board of police, through the mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to provide that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located, referred to the mayor c 93; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioner relative to, placed on file c 216

**claims** : see Jordan, George A.; or, *Claims*, Ryan, Daniel, & Co.; see Ryau; or, *Claims*: see Wetherbee, Robert L.; or, *Claims*: see Nickerson, Herbert I.; or, *Claims*

**closing streets** : order to close Park sq. and other streets on account of reception of President, passed a 144

**extra compensation for policemen** : order that the board of police be requested, through the mayor, to allow extra compensation to day police officers who are on duty at municipal lectures, referred to the mayor c 164

**extra pay for caucuses, etc.** : order that the police commissioners be requested, through the Mayor, to compensate police officers who may serve as such at any caucus meeting, convention or registration, in addition to regular salary, referred to the mayor c 595

**increase of pay of police force** : report, no action necessary, on remonstrances of Charles E. French (referred last year), accepted a 342 c 367

**investigation of administration of department** : order that the committee on police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary to improve administration of department, and be authorized to give public hearing, etc., assigned a 410, 434, 467-taken up, discussed a 489, 490-assigned a 490-taken up, referred to committee on police department a 534

**Police Department, continued.**

**leave of absence for policemen:** order that the board of police, through the mayor, be requested to amend the regulations of the police department, so as to permit two days' leave of absence a month, without loss of pay, referred to the mayor c 93; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners relative to, ordered printed, and assigned c 174-taken up, placed on file c 204

**matrons, pay of:** communication from the police department requesting that salaries of matrons in stations 11 and 13 be increased; ordinance establishing same referred to committee on police a 303; report, accepted, order passed a 342 c 368; communication from the board of police concurring with the city council in order passed relative to fixing salaries, sent down a 436-placed on file c 447

**officer in Orchard Park:** *see* Orchard Park

**one day's leave of absence:** report, no action necessary, on order concerning, accepted a 342 c 367

**overcrowding of theatres:** *see* Licenses

**patrol box, corner Dimock and Amory streets:** *see* Dimock and Amory sts.

**patrol wagons, rubber tires:** order that the police commissioners be requested to consider advisability of equipping patrol wagons with rubber tires, so that they can be used as auxiliary ambulances, referred to committee on police c 417

**pay for additional service:** order that the police commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to pay the officers that have been detailed at the common council the past two meetings an additional day's pay for said service, referred to the mayor c 95

**payment to family of Edward Melia:** *see* Melia, Edward

**payment to widow of Daniel Murphy:** *see* Murphy, Daniel

**police station, Grove Hall:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in their first loan order \$30,000 to provide, passed c 77-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**protection of citizens against police:** *see* Ordinances

**reduction of salaries:** communication from the mayor relative to, discussed a 151-153-ordered printed, sent down a 153-referred to committee on fire department c 163

**salaries:** report on the veto message of the mayor (referred last year) that veto be sustained, discussed a 340, 341-assigned a 341-taken up, referred to committee on police a 356, 357

**salary of captain detailed to examine evidence in claims against the city:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police department with order increasing salary of Wm. H. Dyer from \$2,000 to 2,500, passed a 777-discussed c 794, 795-passed c 795

**thanks for use of police boat "Guardian":** resolution extending thanks of members of the common council for use of police boat, passed c 502

**time to vote at caucuses:** order that the police commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to allow members sufficient time to vote at caucuses, etc., referred to the mayor c 267; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners relative to, placed on file c 281

**Pomeroy street.**

**edgestone assessment:** order that assessment levied against estate of Henry E. Casey be rescinded and assessed to Mary E. Crosby, passed a 387

**Poor, Overseeing of. (See Overseeing of the Poor Department.)****Poplar street.**

**sign:** R. V. King, petition a 697-granted a 708

**Poplar street, West Roxbury.**

**building:** William H. J. Stone, granted c 224-referred to committee on public improvements a 230-report, accepted, permit granted a 232; communication from the mayor relative to, indefinitely postponed c 240

**Port Norfolk street.**

**changing name of street to:** order that High st., from Water to Errierson st., be changed to Port Norfolk st., laid over a 127-taken up, passed a 145

**Porter street.**

**revised grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 559

**Porter street, East Boston.**

**damages to estate:** *see* Thoits, Lizzie G.; or, Boston Elevated Railway Company

**sewer outlet:** order that so much of loan order approved October 5, 1896, for \$3,000 for sewer outlet, and order approved December 11, 1897, transferring the said amount to an appropriation for dam from Maverick st. to Prescott st., be and the same hereby are rescinded, passed a 253-referred to committee on finance c 256-report, accepted, order passed in concurrence c 283

**Portland street.**

**coal-hole opening:** James W. Tufts, petition to construct a 525-granted a 529

**iron pipe:** Trustees Municipal Real Estate Trust, petition to lay a 407-order for hearing a 410-granted a 473

**Portuguese Societies.**

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**Posing place.**

**gas lamp:** order to place same, passed a 538

**Post Office square.**

**coal-hole opening:** Charles E. Stratton *et als.*, trustees, petition a 78-granted a 81

**sign:** Samuel Malkiel, petition a 742-refused a 748

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**Postal Telegraph Cable Company.**

**pole rights:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the wire commissioner relative to, with order that order of Oct. 12, 1891, be rescinded and that permission granted New England Printing Telegraph Company be transferred to Postal Telegraph Cable Company, referred to committee on public improvements a 400, 401-report, accepted, message placed on file a 546

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**A, WEST FIFTH AND B STS.:** petition to relocate and remove poles a 572-order for hearing a 575, 576-hearing a 575-granted a 582

**BLUE HILL AVE. AND EAST COTTAGE ST.:** petition to attach wires to poles of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company a 355-granted a 531

**BOSTON ST.:** petition to erect and remove a 667-order for hearing a 669-hearing a 687-granted a 809

**BOW ST.:** petition, poles a 698-order for bearing a 708-hearing a 719-granted a 809

**EAST AND WEST COTTAGE STS.:** petition to erect poles a 355-order for hearing a 359-hearing a 378

**SUMNER AND EAST COTTAGE STS.:** petition to erect poles, wires, etc. a 432-order for hearing a 438-hearing a 464-report, no action necessary a 730

**WEST COTTAGE ST.:** petition of Rev. John J. Farrell *et als.*, for removal a 616; motion that committee be instructed to give public hearing a 616-report, with order rescinding order passed July 17, discussed a 730, 731-passed a 731; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 750-report, discussed a 753, 754-order passed over veto a 754

**Power-house, Long Island. (See Long Island.)****Powers, James.**

order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to allow compensation for time lost on account of injuries received while in discharge of his duties in the sanitary division, referred to the mayor c 119; petition, compensation for loss of work caused by injuries received while in employ of sanitary division a 355-refused a 723 c 733

**Powers, Richard J.**

petition to lay pipe, Third st. a 269—granted a 277

**Powers, Thomas W.**

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**Prendergast, James M.**

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**Prentiss and Parker streets.**

**electric light:** order to locate and maintain, referred to the mayor c 339

**Prescott street, East Boston.**

**iron pipe under sidewalk:** S. B. Hodgkins & Co., petition to lay a 579—granted a 581

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**Preston, Harriet B.**

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**Priest, John T.**

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**Prince street.**

**barber-pole:** Frank Scarpa, petition a 667—granted a 675  
**sign:** Mrs. Lena Loug, petition a 806—granted a 809

**Princeton street.**

**improvements:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to put street in condition for travel, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 94 a 102

**macadamizing:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan \$10,000 for macadamizing, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 165 a 168

**resurfacing:** see Ward 1, *Street Improvements*

**trees:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 182, passed a 104; order to remove tree, passed a 360; order to remove tree in front of No. 64, passed a 789

**Printing Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**superintendent:** Thomas A. Whalen, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326

**accounts, finances and operation of Printing Plant for financial year:** communication from the mayor transmitting report of committee appointed to examine accounts, finances and operation of printing plant for the last financial year c 510.512—ordered printed and assigned c 512—taken up, sent up c 595—placed on file a 597 (C. D. 41)

**additional copies, Municipal Register:** order that the superintendent of printing be authorized to print 100 additional copies, passed a 674—referred to committee on printing c 687—report, accepted, order passed a 735

**Printing Department, continued.**

**annual reports:** order that the heads of the various city departments be authorized to submit their annual reports in print, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for printing, passed a 37 c 38

**binding in union binderies:** order that the superintendent of printing, through the mayor, be requested to have all bindery work sent out from the Printing Plant given to none but those recognized as union binderies, referred to the mayor c 376

**building laws:** order that the superintendent of printing, under the direction of the committee on printing, be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1,500 copies of a digest of the building laws, etc., referred to committee on printing c 265; order that the building commissioner be authorized to prepare and cause to be printed 1,500 copies of a digest of the building laws revised up to date; that each member of the city council be provided with twelve copies, the remainder to be placed under control of said commissioner, etc., referred to committee on printing c 266

**city bindery, establishment of:** order that the superintendent of printing, through the mayor, be requested to submit an estimate of probable cost of establishing bindery in connection with printing plant, referred to the mayor c 51

**city documents:** order that the expense incurred in the printing ordered by either branch of the city council, in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to appropriation for printing, passed a 37 c 38

**holiday, Saturday afternoons:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of printing to grant the Saturday half-holiday, the same as in other departments, referred to the mayor c 611

**municipal register, etc.:** order that the municipal register be printed by the superintendent of printing, under the direction of the special committee on rules and orders; that they also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of committees, passed c 44—referred to committee on printing a 45; order that vote of January 9, 1899, be rescinded, and order passed in concurrence, passed a 127, 128

**opinions from law department:** order that the superintendent of printing collect and cause to be published in a single volume, and indexed, all opinions rendered in writing to the city council or any committee thereof, etc., referred to committee on printing c 95

**penal aspect of drunkenness:** *see* Penal Aspect of Drunkenness

**printing Dewey Day exercises:** *see* Dewey Day

**purchase of maps:** order that the clerk of committees be authorized to purchase 500 copies of new map published by G. H. Walker & Co., to be distributed under the direction of the committee on printing, etc., referred to committee on printing c 376—report, with order, in new draft, accepted, passed c 397 a 402; communication from the mayor vetoing order, indefinitely postponed c 445, 446

**working capital:** *see* Annual Estimates, *appropriation bill*

**Prisons, Inspection of. (See Inspection of Prisons in Suffolk County.)****Proctor, Frank F.**

petition for payment to N. L. Foster balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Bellevue avenue a 355—granted a 384 c 391

**Proctor, John H.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Elmira st. a 45—granted a 342 c 367

**Protection of Citizens Against Police. (See Ordinances.)****Providence street.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 167—granted a 307

**Providence street and St. James avenue.**

**tracks:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Province street.**

**sign:** William J. Logan & Co., petition a 79—granted a 82

**Province street and Chapman place.**

**signs:** Flanders & Hoffman, petition a 144—granted a 193

**Public Alleys, Condition of. (See Health Department.)****Public Buildings Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**superintendent:** John Drohan, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326

**ambulance service, South Boston:** *see* Hospital Department

**contracts in repair division:** order that the corporation counsel be requested to give his opinion as to whether the Acts of 1890, Chap. 418, Sect. 4, are not being transgressed by the mayor relative to contract work, advertising for bids when the amount exceeds two thousand dollars, etc., passed c 319

**electrical construction, appropriation:** *see* Electrical Construction Department

**investigation of repair division:** order that a special committee be appointed to examine books and to report condition of said division, etc., passed, committee appointed c 209, 268

**office for councilmen:** *see* Common Council

**repair division, results of:** communication from the mayor transmitting report from Merchants' Municipal Committee and Boston Society of Architects relative to results obtained a 426, 427—ordered printed, sent down a 427 (C. D. 112), discussed c 446, 447—referred to special committee c 447

**use of Sammet Hall:** *see* Sammet Hall

**use of ward-rooms:** communication from the mayor relative to allowing use of the various ward rooms, free of charge, referred to committee on public improvements a 53—report, sent down a 59—placed on file c 65

**use of ward rooms, Ward 19:** *see* Ward 19

**ward-room, Ward 17:** *see* Ward 17

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**working capital for repair division:** *see* Annual Estimates, *appropriation bill*

**Public Garden. (See Public Grounds Department.)****Public Grounds Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**superintendent:** William Doogue, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326

**Bromley park, improvements:** *see* Bromley park

**building on Public Garden:** report, recommending that communication from Mass. Horticultural Society, relative to, be placed on file c 416 a 434—report, no action necessary, on remonstrance of Charles E. French, against erection of building, accepted c 416 a 434

**Cambridge and Mansfield sts., Brighton:** care of vacant lot: *see* Cambridge and Mansfield sts., Brighton

**compensation for injuries:** John Chambers, petition to be given permanent employment as compensation for injuries received while in department a 407

**driving of teams across reservations in streets:** report on ordinance relative to, recommending reference to committee on ordinances c 416 a 434

**expenditure of tree appropriation:** order that the mayor request the superintendent of public grounds to expend appropriation of \$5,000 for trees, in removing dead limbs and planting young trees, passed a 560

**improvement of subway entrances:** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to report an estimate of cost of asphaltting or otherwise improving the paths in the public garden, adjoining entrance to subway, and to report whether or not appropriation will allow making this improvement, referred to the mayor c 209; communication from the superintendent relative to, referred to committee on public grounds c 217—report, recommending that communication from the superintendent, relative to, be placed on file c 416

**memorial structure in Garden:** report, no action necessary, on petition of Howard Payson Arnold for structure, accepted c 416—referred to committee on public improvements a 434—report, accepted a 482

**Nightingale field:** *see* Nightingale field

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**playground, Everett st., Brighton:** order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, at a certain sum, etc., passed a 255—referred to committee on public grounds c 256

**playground, Geneva ave.:** order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire land between Olney st. and New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. known as Morse field, etc., passed a 440—assigned c 448, 449—taken up, discussed c 498, 499—amended, passed c 499—passed a 503

**playground, Ward 10:** *see* Ward 10

**public garden, asphaltting walks:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the superintendent of public grounds to asphalt or otherwise improve the walks adjoining entrance to the subway, referred to the mayor c 266

**seats on common:** *see* Boston Common

**transfer of lots at junction of Crawford, Abbotsford and Harold sts.:** *see* Crawford, Abbotsford and Harold sts.

**transfer of Rogers park, Brighton:** *see* Rogers park

**use of Common for bicycle purposes:** report on remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred last year) against use of Common for bicycle purposes, accepted c 416 a 434

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**AMORY ST.:** order to remove two trees, passed a 386

**ALLSTON ST., WARD 20:** order to remove four trees, passed a 386

**ASHMONT ST.:** order to remove tree in front of No. 224, passed a 528; Charles F. Kittredge, petition, removal tree a 533

**BELLEVUE ST.:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 329

**BLUE HILL AVE.:** order to remove tree in front of estate of Geraro Bement, passed a 344

**BOWDOIN ST., DORCHESTER:** order to remove two trees, passed a 708

**BOWDOIN AND HAMILTON STS.:** *see* Bowdoin and Hamilton sts.

**BROADWAY:** order for removal in front of Berlo Bros. 322-324—passed a 325; order that permission be granted N. F. McCarthy to remove tree, passed a 408; order to remove dead trees and to replace them with new ones, referred to the mayor c 458; order to remove dead tree, passed a 528; M. C. Trainor, petition, trimming tree a 533

**BROADWAY AND F STS.:** Josiah Hinckley, *agent*, petition to remove tree a 533

**BUNKER HILL ST.:** order to remove tree standing in front of residence of R. W. Oliver, passed a 621; order to remove in front of No. 244, passed a 671

**C ST.:** order that permission be granted John A. Devine to remove tree, passed a 811; order that permission be granted W. G. Stetson, *agent*, to remove tree, passed a 811

**CEDAR AND HIGHLAND STS.:** order to trim tree in front of No. 102 Cedar and at corner of Cedar and Highland sts., passed a 404

**CENTRE ST.:** order to remove tree in front of No. 360, passed a 554

**CENTRE ST., DORCHESTER:** C. F. Baxter, petition, removal of tree, order for removal, passed a 386

**CENTRE AND PARKER STS.:** order to remove trees, passed a 543

**CENTRE AND WALTER STS.:** order that park commissioners be requested to remove trees, passed a 441

**CHARLES ST.:** report and order to remove dead tree, passed a 410

**CHESTER ST., ALLSTON:** order to trim tree in front of No. 33, passed a 573

**COLUMBIA ROAD:** order to remove trees in front of No. 61, passed a 404

**CORDIS ST.:** order to trim tree at No. 29, passed a 278

**DITSON ST.:** order to remove tree in front of No. 13, passed a 537

**DORCHESTER AVE.:** Mrs. Annie Turner, petition, removal tree a 541

**DORCHESTER ST.:** Sarah A. Hersey, petition, removal trees a 300

**DORCHESTER AND OLD HARBOR STS.:** order to remove dead tree, referred to the mayor c 738

**DUDLEY ST.:** order to trim tree between Harrison ave. and Washington st. for American Telephone and Telegraph Company, passed a 468

**EAST EIGHTH ST.:** Christopher Blake, petition a 615; Thomas J. Lundy, petition for trimming of tree a 751

**EAST FIFTH ST.:** order to remove tree in front of No. 549, passed a 749

**EAST NINTH ST.:** order to trim in front of No. 596, referred to the mayor c 596

**EAST SEVENTH ST.:** H. W. Stark, petition, removal tree a 720

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**EASTMAN ST.:** Robert B. Williams *et al.*, trustee, petition for removal of two trees a 751

**EDSON GREEN:** order to remove two dead trees, passed a 724

**EIGHTH ST.:** John White, petition, removal tree a 325

**ELM ST., CHARLESTOWN:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 278; order to remove dead tree at No. 95, passed a 404

**EUSTIS ST.:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 275, passed a 534

**EUTAW ST.:** order that permission be granted F. G. Coburn to remove trees, passed a 661, 662; communication from the mayor vetoing order; veto sustained a 697; order to remove dead tree in front of No. 113, passed a 621

**EVANS ST.:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 68, passed a 539

**EVERETT AVE.:** I. L. Wasserboehr, petition to remove dead tree a 402

**FOREST ST.:** order to remove tree near estate of J. M. Wade, passed a 470

**FOURTH AND L STS.:** order to remove tree in front of Baptist Church, passed a 562; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to trim off branches which interfere with Baptist Church, passed a 623

**HARRISON AVE.:** order to remove five trees between Beach st. and the Boston & Albany R.R., passed a 441

**HOWARD AVE. AND CUNNINGHAM ST.:** John C. Meyer & Co., petition, removal dead tree a 464

**HUMPHREY ST.:** L. H. Daloz, petition for removal of two trees, a 561—granted a 619; order to remove two trees, passed a 582

**KENDRICK ST., BRIGITON:** order to remove six trees in front of premises of W. H. Elliot, passed a 329

**LAMARTINE ST.:** *see* Lamartine st.; Eliza V. McCormick, petition to remove in front of house a 432; *see also* Lamartine st.

**LAMBERT AVE.:** Louis Berenson, petition a 667

**LINCOLN ST., BRIGITON:** order to remove two dead trees, referred to the mayor c 399

**MAGNOLIA AND QUINCY STS.:** Mrs. C. F. Smith, petition for removal tree a 578—granted a 619

**MAIN ST.:** Mrs. Chamberlain, petition to remove tree a 533—refused a 619

**MARION AND PRINCETON STS.:** Mead, Mason & Co., petition to remove trees; order to remove same, passed a 668

**MERCER ST.:** order to trim in front of No. 10, passed a 661; John C. Gerior, petition for trimming tree a 751

**MONMOUTH ST.:** *see* Monmouth st.

**MT. PLEASANT AVE.:** order to remove dead tree in front of estate of J. M. B. Reynolds, passed a 467; Frank Jenkins, petition, removal a 641; T. C. Barclay, petition, removal tree a 784

**NORFOLK ST.:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 528

**OLD DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS:** J. B. Slas *et al.*, petition for trimming trees a 123

**PARIS ST.:** order to remove dead tree, passed a 360; order to remove tree in front of No. 48, passed a 661

**PARK ST., DORCHESTER:** order to remove tree in front of house of Philip F. Berkwitz, expense to be charged to public grounds department, passed a 620

**PARK ST. AND WELLESLEY PARK:** order to remove four trees, passed a 359

**PEARL ST., CHARLESTOWN:** order to remove decayed tree, passed a 699, 700

**PRINCETON ST.:** *see* Princeton st.; order to remove dead tree, passed a 360; order to remove in front of No. 64, passed a 789

**RICHFIELD ST.:** R. Rosnosky, petition, removal two trees a 615

**RUTLAND AND DOVER STS.:** Wm. R. McKey, petition for trimming trees a 561

**SARATOGA ST.:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 130, passed a 46; order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to plant five trees in sidewalk, etc., passed a 277

**SAVIN HILL AVE.:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 182, passed a 470; order to remove dead tree in front of estate, George R. Nazro, passed a 528; order to remove dead tree in front of No. 11, passed a 752

**SEAVERNS AVE. AND MAPLE PLACE:** order to remove decayed tree, passed a 360

**SEVENTH ST.:** order to remove tree, passed a 360

**SYMMES ST.:** order to remove, in front of estate No. 24, passed a 441

**THOMAS PARK:** order to trim certain trees, referred to the mayor c 653

**UNION PARK ST.:** John McNamara, petition, removal tree a 432

**UPLAND AVE., WELLESLEY PARK AND PARK ST.:** order to remove tree standing in sidewalk, passed a 543

**Public Grounds Department, continued.**

- WARREN AND CIRCUIT STS.: order to remove dead trees, referred to the mayor c 521
- WASHINGTON ST.: Washington Realty and Investment Co., petition, removal two trees a 355; Dr. James H. Payne, petition, removal tree a 641; Josiah H. Carter, petition, removal tree, a 533
- WASHINGTON ST., DORCHESTER: Martha J. Kearney, petition, removal tree a 300; Joseph Engel, petition, removal tree a 402
- WASHINGTON ST., ROXBURY: order to remove two trees in front of No. 2760-2766, passed a 360
- WASHINGTON ST., WARD 22: order to remove tree at Montebello road, passed a 308
- WASHINGTON AND HARVARD STS., DORCHESTER: order to remove tree, passed a 586
- WEBSTER ST.: Louis A. Ginsburg, petition for the removal of two trees a 101
- WEST BROADWAY AND F ST.: order to remove trees, passed a 646
- WEST CANTON ST.: George P. Bancher, petition for trimming trees a 337
- WEST FIFTH ST.: order to remove tree in front of No. 30, passed a 554
- WEST FOURTH ST.: order to trim tree in front of No. 319, passed a 504; Miss Hagerty, petition, removal tree a 778
- WESTERLY ST.: order to remove tree, passed a 344
- WINTHROP ST., EAST BOSTON: order to remove in front of No. 6, passed a 661
- WITHINGTON ST., DORCHESTER: order to remove decayed tree in front of No. 23, passed a 278

**Public Improvements. (See Street Department.)****Public Institutions. (See Institutions Registration Department.)****Public Landing, Jeffries Point. (See Jeffries Point.)****Public Lands. (See also Street Laying-Out Department.)**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**conveyance of fire department land:** see Fire Department

**execution of deed of land, Codman st.:** R. A. Quimby *et al.*, petition for execution of a deed releasing a right of way over certain land a 720-report, with order accepted, passed a 780-dissolved c 733, 794-assigned c 794-taken up, discussed c 817, 818-passed c 818

**garbage plant on Gibson land:** order that the superintendent of streets notify the owners of the garbage plant buildings, to remove same within two weeks of said notice or the city will consider said buildings as belonging to the city, passed a 582; order that the law department be requested to furnish the board of aldermen advice as to what disposal can legally be made of the old garbage plant buildings standing on land, passed a 575

**Gibson School Fund land:** order that a special committee be appointed to make investigation into the condition of all the remaining land known as the Christopher Gibson School Fund land, held in trust, and report findings and recommendations as to disposal of same, passed a 344-report, with order relative to, discussed a 408, 409-referred to committee on public improvements a 409-report, discussed a 410, 411-accepted, order passed a 411; order that the order passed May 25, 1899, relative to sale of unoccupied lands be, and hereby is rescinded, passed a 542; order that the committee on public lands employ such assistance as is necessary to sub-divide into suitable building lots all unoccupied lands belonging to said fund, held in trust by board; said lands shall be advertised for sale and sold at auction; all money to be turned over to city treasurer for good of schools in Dorchester, passed a 543; order that the board of aldermen be authorized to sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders, such lands of said fund as they may deem proper, by advertising same for sale in certain papers twice each week for thirty days, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 562-report, accepted, order passed a 566 c 594; order that Holbrook & Co., auctioneers, Post Office sq., be authorized and requested to sell lands at public auction to the highest bidders, etc., on Saturday Nov. 11, 1899, at 11 A. M., passed a 599

**land for war department:** see Long Island

**lease of land to Boston College:** see Boston College

**museum of fine arts:** resolution condemning the method used by trustees of securing passage of order, and that the corporation counsel give opinion as to some means to secure the reestablishment of the restriction, discussed a 811-813-adopted a 813 c 817; preamble and resolve that the corporation counsel and city solicitor

**Public Lands, continued.**

are requested not to enter any deed of release of said restrictions unless the trustees shall execute an agreement to open any building which they may in future occupy to the public, free of charge, etc., discussed a 834, 835-referred to committee on public improvements a 835-report, resolutions rejected a 838

**Public Lectures.**

order that the mayor be requested to submit a complete itemized statement of all charges made against money appropriated during 1898-1899 for free lectures, referred to the mayor c 265; communication from the mayor transmitting report of advisory committee giving summary of the work of past winter season, ordered printed, sent down a 354-placed on file c 366

**Public Library. (See Library Department.)****Public Market, Park square.**

order that the mayor be requested to take the steps necessary to secure property of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, when same is vacated, for use as a public market, referred to the mayor c 141; order that the mayor in conjunction with the joint committee on markets be requested to consider the advisability of city acquiring by purchase or lease the land and buildings now occupied by Providence Division of New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co., for a public market, and that said committee hold public hearing, discussed a 556, 557-passed a 557 c 594; order that expenses of hearing be charged to city council incidental expenses, passed c 694 a 699; report, with order that the mayor petition the General Court for the right to take by eminent domain the parcel of land owned by the New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R., at Park sq., accepted, passed a 761-recommitted to committee c 770

**Public Music. (See Music Department.)****Purchase and Cove streets.**

**guy-posts:** Woodbury & Leighton, petition to erect a 269-granted a 277, 278

**Puritan avenue.**

**improvement:** order that the street commissioners be requested to make plans and grant a hearing on the advisability of laying out from Richfield st. to Olney st., passed c 609 a 616

**Puritan Hall. (See Licenses.)****Puritan Trust Company.**

remonstrance against allowing bootblack stand, Franklin ave. a 355-report, remonstrance placed on file a 482

**Putnam square.**

**improvements:** order that the superintendent of public grounds, through the mayor, be requested to cause park to be planted with grass and flowers and to be enclosed with wire fence, referred to the mayor c 266; order that the board of police, through the mayor, be requested to instruct the patrolmen doing duty in the vicinity to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct in the park, referred to the mayor c 266; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners relative to, placed on file c 281

**Putnam square and other streets.**

**resurfacing:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for resurfacing, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 96 a 103

**Putnam street, East Boston.**

**bay-window:** Frank Lally, petition and order for hearing a 127-hearing a 166-referred to committee on public improvements a 198-report, accepted, permit granted a 198

**lamp:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to relocate gas lamp between Falcon and Condor sts., referred to the mayor c 458

**sewer:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to cause sewer running across Condor st., to be put in complete repair as soon as possible, referred to the mayor c 458

**Questions of Privilege.** (See Aldermen, Board of, and Common Council.)

**Quimby, R. A., et al.**

petition for the execution of a deed releasing a right of way over certain land, Codman st. a 720-report, with order, accepted, passed a 788-discussed e 793, 794-assigned e 794-taken up e 817, 818-discussed, passed e 818

**Quincy, Josiah, Mayor.** (See also Mayor, The.)

address before the city council, pages 2-31

**Quincy street.**

**grade damages:** William H. Devine, petition, compensation a 78-refused a 838

**resurfacing:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to resurface from Blue Hill ave. to Columbia road, referred to the mayor e 458

**sidewalk:** James V. Devine, petition a 325-granted a 331; Margaret C. Keenan, petition a 355-granted a 387; William Dromey, petition a 379-granted a 404; A. D. Gould, petition a 525-granted a 547

**Quincy street and Phipps avenue.**

**guy-posts:** order to issue a permit to Bell & Co., passed a 55

**Quincy and Magnolia streets.**

**bay-windows:** B. A. Dyer, petition and order for hearing a 357-hearing a 401-granted a 469

**Quinlan, John H., et als.**

petition for an award of damages on account of taking of land by Boston Elevated Railway Company a 555, 556-order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584, 585-assigned a 585-taken up, referred to county commissioners a 601: see also Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Quinn, Mrs. Annie E.**

appointed overseer of the poor a 337-confirmed a 355

**Quinn, John.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 300

**Railroad Matters.**

**committee:** appointed a 62

**approval of plans of Boston Elevated Railway Company:** notice from railroad commissioners of, placed on file a 326

**damages by taking estates, etc., by Boston Elevated Railway Company:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company, and names of parties petitioning for damages.

**electric gong, West Park st.:** see New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company

**expenses incurred by committee on hearings for tracks, St. James ave.:** order that expense incurred by committee on railroads in giving hearings relative to St. James ave. and Swett st., be charged to contingent fund, board of aldermen, passed a 789

**extension of New England Road:** petition and order for hearing on manner in which a proposed extension of its road shall cross West Fourth st. and Broadway, and any other ways a 690-hearing a 741

**land damages, Irvington st.:** Henry C. Nichols et als., trustees, petition that the board of aldermen estimate the damages caused by taking land by Boston & Albany R.R. a 301-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 337-report with order awarding damages, passed a 387

**relaying of tracks, Tremont and Boylston sts.:** see Tremont and Boylston sts.

**railroad police:** Henry J. Brady, appointed by aldermen of Waltham, placed on file a 197

**railroad in Everett st., Brighton:** notice from railroad commissioners of consent to construction a 599

**Railroad Matters, continued.**

**tracks, Saratoga st.:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company, Saratoga st.

**tracks from Walley st.:** Timothy D. Sullivan et als., petition for removal a 144; order that the committee on railroads be requested to give a hearing on petition for removal of tracks of North Shore Traction Company, etc., passed a 277

**Rainsford Island.** (See Institutions Registration Department.)

**Rand street.**

**sidewalk:** Mary Doherty, petition a 742-granted a 753

**Randidge Fund Excursions.**

communication from the mayor transmitting report of director in charge of the excursions for the past season, ordered printed and sent down a 717-placed on file e 733 (C. D. 162)

**Randolph, Emmet H.**

order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to pay family balance of salary to which he would have been entitled as janitor of Waite School-house had he lived until the end of the present financial year, referred to the mayor e 375

**Raynes, Francis.**

bay-windows, Washington st., Charlestown, petition and order for hearing a 339-hearing a 378-granted a 409

**Reardon, Edward.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Fenton st. a 464-granted a 621 e 628

**Reardon, Mary A. F.**

claim, damages to estate, Stonehrst st., refused a 723 e 733

**Reardon, Maurice.**

petition to be paid for panes of glass, Sudbury st., broken by fire engine a 751

**Reardon, Thomas F.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Calmet st. a 324-granted a 437 e 448

**Redmond, John E., M.P. for Waterford, Ireland.**  
(See Distinguished Visitors.)

**Reduction of Salaries of City Employees.** (See City Employees.)

**Regent and Alpine streets.**

**fire-alarm box:** see Fire Department

**Registry Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 e 268

**city registrar:** William H. Whitmore, appointed a 300-confirmed a 325

**seal of city registrar:** ordinance establishing seal, referred to committee on public improvements a 198-report, accepted, ordinance passed a 214-discussed e 217, 218-passed e 218

**Removal of City Employees.** (See City Employees.)

**Repair Division of Public Buildings Department.** (See Public Buildings Department.)

**Repeal of Sewer Law.** (See Legislative Matters.)

**Reporters' Table.** (See Aldermen, Board of.)

**Reserved Fund.**

**additional appropriation:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an additional appropriation of \$100,000, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 634-report, accepted, order passed a 659-discussed, assigned c 687, 688

**transfer to fire department:** see Fire Department

**Reservoir, Chestnut Hill, Purchase of Estate near.**  
(See Chestnut Hill avenue.)

**Restoration of Wages.** (See City Employees.)

**Revere street.**

**claims:** William H. Colley, petition, compensation for damages to estate a 401

**Revised Ordinances.** (See Ordinances.)

**Revised Regulations.** (See Aldermen, Board of.)

**Rice, Owen W., et als.**

petition in aid of petition of Anthony Volta to maintain stand, Old Court House a 337

**Rice, Thomas F., Councilman, Ward 2.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** committee on common council rules c 93; committee on bath department, claims, engineering department, overseeing of the poor department, statistics department, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the common council c 267, 268; committee on judiciary c 374

**orders offered:** new head-house, South Ferry c 42  
improvement of Liverpool st. c 42  
electric light, Liverpool st. c 76  
Wood Island Park, skating c 164

**remarks:** investigation order c 70  
powers of common council c 72  
investigation of removal of city employees c 91, 92  
repairs on Faneuil Hall c 112  
sewerage loan c 132, 133  
relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 287

**Richards, S. E.**

petition to maintain stand, Post Office sq. a 325-report, no action necessary, accepted a 623

**Richards street.**

**claims:** Joseph H. Davis, petition for payment of balace remaining from tax-sale of estate a 123

**Richfield street.**

**sidewalk:** Michael J. O'Brien, petition a 433-granted a 471

**tree:** R. Rosnosky, petition, removal two trees a 615

**Richfield-street Bridge.**

order that the city engineer be requested to inform the board of aldermen the reason for delay on the construction of bridge, passed a 557; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city engineer relative to, placed on file a 574

**Richfield and Olney streets.**

**sidewalk:** F. J. Rockwell, petition a 555-granted a 566

**Richmond street.**

**bay-window:** Louis and Henry Rosenbaum, petition and order for hearing a 230-hearing a 250-granted a 276

**Richmond street and Fulton place.**

**guy-ropes:** Thomas B. Black, petition to stretch a 784-granted a 788, 789

**Richmond and Butler streets.**

**crosswalks:** order to construct, referred to the mayor c 120

**Rifle Range.** (See Armories and Military Affairs.)

**Rising Sun Street Lighting.**

communication from the mayor transmitting copy of contract between the city and said company executed by the superintendent of lamps and approved by the mayor a 427-429-referred to committee on public improvements a 423-report, referred to committee on lamps a 623; order that the committee on lamps be instructed to inquire into the contract for lamp lighting recently made with Rising Sun Street Lighting Company and report its conclusions regarding same, referred to committee on public improvements a 423-report, accepted, order passed a 443; preamble and resolves disapproving of contract, discussed c 455-457-passed c 457-referred to committee on lamps a 466; order that the corporation counsel be requested to give opinion as to whether under statute law and the ordinances the contract made between said company and city is legal, etc., discussed a 439, 440-referred to committee on public improvements a 440-report, discussed a 472-479-assigned a 479; order that the city treasurer be, and is hereby, directed to refrain from paying any money under contract made May 31, 1899, etc., discussed a 473, 474-order rejected a 474; order that the corporation counsel be requested to submit his opinion in writing as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by city and said company together with a statement of laws and ordinances relating to same, passed c 607-communication from the corporation counsel relative to, assigned c 627-referred to special committee c 650; report called for a 622; order that a special committee be appointed to investigate contract for street lighting, discussed c 607, 608-passed c 608; committee appointed c 650; ordered that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to furnish the common council with a copy of the contract for street lighting between the city and said company, together with a schedule of all city property used or controlled by said company, passed c 607; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of lamps relative to c 685-687-ordered printed and assigned c 687-taken up, referred to committee on lamps c 739

**River street, Dorchester.**

**repairing:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to request the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to repair pavement between their tracks from Pierce sq. to Hyde Park line, referred to the mayor c 501

**Roach, Patrick.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries at Dover-st. bath-house a 561

**Robbins, Frank L.** (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)

**Robert G. Shaw Social Club.**

petition to be refunded \$300 amount paid for liquor license granted but not issued a 525-granted a 620 c 628

**Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association.** (See Memorial Day.)

**Roberts, C. S.**

petition to construct coal-hole opening, Pinckney st. a 78-granted a 81; bay-windows, Pinckney st., granted a 305

**Robin Hood street.**

**sidewalk:** Emma Kimball, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Robinson, George I., Jr.**

petition to erect lamps, Dewey sq. and Central sq. a 102-granted a 104

**Rockland street, Brighton.**

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition, extension of time a 300-granted a 358; petition to erect and remove a 432-granted a 475

**Rockport Granite Company.**

order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to purchase no more granite from said company until trouble with employees is settled, referred to the mayor c 321

**Rockview and other streets.**

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 573-granted a 576

**Rockville park.**

wires: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to attach wires to trees a 778-granted a 779

**Roddy, Thomas M.**

petition for relocation of pole in front of No. 58 Market st. a 250-report, no action necessary, accepted a 408

**Roemer, William G., Councilman, Ward 22.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on bath department, collecting department, treasury department, water department, wire department c 267, 268; committee on claims c 612

orders offered: Lamartine st., removal of tree c 164  
Boylston st., electric lights c 164  
Parker st., macadamizing c 285  
improvement of Boylston st. c 417  
planting of tree, Lamartine st. c 417  
crosswalk, Lamartine st. c 521  
police box, Dimock st. c 521

remarks: burning of old small-pox hospital c 84  
Stony Brook Act, acceptance of c 451, 452  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 773, 774

**Rogers, A. T.**

bay-windows, Huntington ave., petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 527

**Rogers, Frank.**

petition to maintain a boot-black stand, Franklin ave. a 503

**Rogers Park, Brighton.**

appropriation for drainage: communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment appropriating sum of \$2,000, passed c 628 a 642

transfer: order that care of park be transferred from charge of public grounds department to the charge of the park department, passed c 376-referred to committee on public improvements a 379-report, accepted, discussed a 404, 405-passed a 405; report, no action necessary, on order (referred last year) relative to transfer, accepted c 416 a 434

**Rolland, Ezra N., Councilman, Ward 25.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on library department, public lands, treasury department, water department c 267, 268

orders offered: hand rails for tunnel, Franklin st. c 165  
Wilton st., repairing c 209  
Everett st., improvements c 267  
Franklin st., sidewalk c 267  
removal trees, Lincoln st., Brighton c 339

**Ronan, Rev. Peter.**

offered prayer at organization of city government, page 1

**Rosedale street.**

sidewalk: George S. Haddock, petition a 562

**Rosen, Barnet.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon a 667

**Rosenbaum, Louis and Henry.**

bay-window, Richmond st., petition and order for hearing a 230-hearing a 250-granted a 276

**Rules and Orders. (See also Aldermen, Board of, and Common Council.)**

rules and orders of the city council: order that the joint rules and orders of the last city council, except rule 20, be adopted as the joint rules and orders of the present city council, until otherwise ordered, and that committee be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the present year, passed a 36, 37 c 38-committee appointed a 82 c 93-268; reports, majority and minority, with draft of rules for adoption c 137-139-discussed c 139-141-majority accepted, rules adopted c 140, 141-referred to committee on public improvements a 145-report, accepting minority report, accepted a 147-discussed c 157-159-adhered to former action c 159-referred to committee on public improvements a 168-report, recommended to committee on joint rules a 169-reports, majority and minority, discussed c 189, 190-adhered to former action a 194-discussed c 202, 203-adhered to former action c 205-discussed a 212, 213-receded and concurred a 213; order that rules and orders be hereby amended in rule 1, by inserting after the words, "on contingent expenses of the city council," the following new clause (given), relating to committee on finance, passed a 232, 233 c 242

**Russell, C. A.**

bay-windows, E and West Ninth sts., granted a 252

**Russell street, Charlestown.**

coal-hole opening: Michael Bowen, petition to construct a 720-granted a 724

**Rutherford avenue.**

building: D. Whiting & Sons, petition to erect a 464-granted a 537 c 594; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; veto sustained, permit refused a 613

widening: order that the mayor be requested to instruct the board of street commissioners and the superintendent of streets to expedite the widening as much as possible, passed c 738 a 742; communication from the mayor relative to, assigned a 777, 785-referred to committee on public improvements a 807-placed on file a 838

**Ruthven street.**

improvement: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to put street in condition which will allow surface water to drain off, referred to the mayor c 454

sidewalk: S. M. Shapleigh, petition a 301-granted a 309; W. Bolster, petition a 325-granted a 331; Anne M. Badger, petition a 333-granted a 361; W. Bolster, petition a 586-granted a 602

**Rutland and Dover streets.**

trees: Wm. R. McKey, petition for trimming a 561

**Ruttle, Julia C.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 719

**Ryan, Daniel, & Co.**

petition to be refunded a certain amount paid for a liquor license c 446-refused a 785 c 792

**Ryan, J. K.**

petition, guy-posts, Indiana pl. and Harrison ave. a 251-granted a 254

**Sagamore street.**

**sidewalk:** Michael H. Burke, petition a 655-granted a 677; Enoch J. Shaw, petition a 655-granted a 677

**Sager, Francis G.**

**bay-window,** Bartlett st., petition and order for hearing a 527-hearing a 542-granted a 808

**Sahl, Molly.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 572

**St. Botolph street.**

**electric lights:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to substitute electric lights for the gas lamps now in use, referred to the mayor c 94

**St. James avenue.**

**tracks:** Denman W. Ross, remonstrance against granting location a 561

**St. Martin street.**

**bay-window:** M. Maloney, petition and order for hearing a 573-hearing a 584-granted a 646

**St. Philip's Church.**

order that edgestone assessment, East Lenox st., be rescinded, passed a 169; communication from the mayor, vetoing order; veto sustained a 228

**St. Stephen and Beacon streets.**

**guy-posts:** Norcross Bros., petition a 465-granted a 482

**Salaries, Assignment of. (See Treasury Department.)****Salaries of City Employees. (See City Employees.)****Salary Reduction. (See City Employees.)****Salem street.**

**sign:** Kalish & Rosen, petition a 655-granted a 661; Diamond Bros., petition a 655-granted a 661; Lipman Harris, petition a 697-granted a 708; Philip Cohen, petition a 697-refused a 745; Joseph Aronson, petition a 697-refused a 745; Morris Cohen, petition a 697-refused a 745; Wolf Moskovitch, petition a 697-refused a 745; Joseph Freely, petition, granted a 698; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; permit refused; veto sustained a 740

**Sallaway, Anna M.**

petition for payment to George H. Sallaway of balance remaining from tax sale of estate, Chelsea st. a 144-granted a 304 c 313

**Salman, Henry H.**

petition to pay Charles F. Berry balance remaining from tax sale of estate, Centre and Stimson sts. a 235, 236-granted a 303, 304 c 313

**Salvation Army et als.**

petition, electric light, Common st. a 269

**Sammet Hall.**

**use of:** order to allow use of, to Ancient Order of United Workmen, passed a 46 c 48; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on Faneuil Hall and county buildings a 101-report, veto sustained a 147

**Samoset street.**

**claims:** Bridget C. Flanagan, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate a 324-granted a 468 c 493

**Sampson, Admiral, Visit of Squadron. (See Common Council.)****Sampson, Walter S.**

compensation for damage to estate, Prince st., refused a 403 c 413

**Sanderson, Clarence W., Councilman, Ward 25.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on joint rules c 93; committee on engineering department, legislative matters, market department, park department, statistics department, Fourth of July, rules and orders of the city council c 267, 268; committee to attend Councilman Boardman to train c 516; committee on Squantum park c 796; committee on annual dinner c 804

**orders offered:** electric lights, Tremont st., Brighton c 43  
Brooks st., extension c 43  
binders for documents c 75  
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purchase of property, Chestnut Hill ave. c 94  
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legality of contract between city and Rising Sun Street Lighting Company c 607  
copy of contract between city and Rising Sun Street Lighting Company c 607  
special laws c 611  
annual council dinner c 804  
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**remarks:** reconstruction of Faneuil Hall c 136, 137  
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Evergreen Cemetery fence c 396  
results of establishment of repair division c 447  
special laws c 611, 612

**Sanitaries. (See Bath Department.)****Sanitary Protection of Water Supply. (See Metropolitan Water Board.)****Saratoga street.**

**plankwalk:** order to place on easterly side, from Winthrop Junction station, toward Winthrop bridge, one-eighth of a mile, passed a 231

**sidewalks:** M. F. D'Arcy, petition a 269-granted a 278

**tracks:** Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company, petition and order for hearing a 55-hearing a 123: *see also* Boston Elevated Street Railway Company

**trees:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 130, passed a 46; order that superintendent of public grounds be requested to plant five trees in the sidewalk, etc., passed a 277

**wooden building:** John Soley, petition to move a 667-granted a 678

**Saratoga and Bayswater streets.**

**flagpole:** *see* Monmouth sq.

**Sargent street.**

**sidewalk:** H. W. Cunningham, petition a 752-granted a 753

**Saturday Half-Holiday. (See City Employees.)****Savage, Henry W.**

petition for permission to lease part of Old Court House a 525

**Savin Hill.**

**kindergarten school:** *see* School Department

**Savin Hill avenue.**

**electric light:** order to place between 300 and 304, passed a 277

**sidewalk:** C. D. Hurley, petition a 301-granted a 309; Crescent Associates, petition a 562-granted a 581

**trees:** order to remove dead tree in front of No. 182, passed a 470; order to remove dead tree in front of estate of George R. Nazro, passed a 328; order to remove dead tree in front of No. 11, passed a 752

**Savin Hill avenue and other streets.**

**pole:** Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524; report, granting permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 537-amended, granted a 538

**Savin Hill avenue and Grampian way.**

**claims:** Elizabeth Weston, petition for payment to Frederick W. Massam of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 667-granted a 723 c 733

**Savin Hill avenue and Spring street.**

**bay-windows:** Crescent Association, petition and order for hearing a 80-hearing a 123-referred to committee on building department a 147-reconsidered, referred to committee on public improvements a 198-report, accepted, permit granted a 198

**Savin Hill Beach.**

**bath-house:** *see* Bath Department

**Sawyer avenue.**

**sidewalk:** Arthur McArthur *et al.*, petition a 338-granted a 361

**Scarry, John J.**

**petition,** compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 832-granted a 835

**Schaff, Joseph, et als.**

**petition** that no permit for coasting be granted Thornton st. a 742, 752-placed on file a 753

**Schiller street.**

**sidewalk:** Christina Single, petition a 655-granted a 677

**Schlager, Annie, et al.**

**petition,** compensation for personal injuries a 784

**Schneider, Elizabeth.**

**damages** to property, Ward st., refused a 342 c 366

**Schofield Heirs.**

**petition** to enlarge bulkhead, Thacher st. a 236-granted a 254

**School Department.**

**committee on schools and school-houses:** appointed a 238 c 268

**additional primary school, Dorchester Centre:** order that the school committee be requested to provide, passed a 104 c 109; communication from the school committee relative to, sent down a 467-placed on file c 493

**appropriation for Tileston and Sherwin Districts:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$25,000, \$10,000 for new grammar school-house, Tileston District, and \$15,000 for Sherwin District, new primary school-house, approved and sent down a 407 c 414

**Austin School-house:** communication from the school committee requesting transfer of school for school purposes order transferring same from street commissioners, referred to committee on public improvements a 481-referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 512; order that said school-house be transferred from the custody of the street commissioners to custody of school committee, the use of said building for school purposes being again required, passed c 640 a 642; order relative to, withdrawn from committee on public improvements, passed a 565-referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 312-report, placed on file a 838

**Bates School, sewerage:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to provide proper sewerage, passed c 67-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**Byron-st. school:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to take the necessary steps for building and furnishing a school in vicinity of Byron st., referred to next government c 824 a 832

**School Department, continued.**

**change in Dorchester High School entrance:** order that the mayor be requested to notify the school committee that the entrance to the new high school building on the west side is not in keeping with the general plan of the structure, etc., referred to the mayor c 652; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee, placed on file c 732

**Chapman School:** order that the school committee be requested to remodel school building and to add six-room wing, to widen corridors and rebuild stairs, provide suitable sanitariums, system of heating and ventilating, passed a 169-discussed c 176, 177-passed c 177; order that the school committee be requested to give a public hearing to citizens in regard to necessity of repairs, etc., passed c 224-referred to committee on public improvements a 230-report, accepted, order passed a 232; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill \$2,500 to provide with suitable fire-escapes, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 165-referred to committee on public improvements a 168-report, accepted, indefinitely postponed a 214-placed on file c 217; order that the school committee be requested to report at its next meeting how many rooms are used at present and also how many will be available after completion of proposed new school, passed a 360; communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file a 407, 408; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 491; communication from the school committee relative to, sent down a 467-placed on file c 493

**Comins School, sanitary condition:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to make necessary improvements, etc., passed c 224 a 230

**condition of Brighton schools:** order that the board of health, through the mayor, be requested to investigate the sanitary condition of the Brighton High School and William Wirt Warren School, and report as soon as possible, with recommendations, as they may have to make, referred to the mayor c 208; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the health department c 230-referred to committee on public buildings department c 240

**condition of Frothingham School:** order that the school committee be requested to take the necessary steps to put school into proper sanitary condition, referred to the mayor c 266; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to sanitary condition c 605, 606-placed on file c 606

**condition of Parkman School:** order that the school committee be requested to discontinue use of school-house, etc., passed c 610 a 617

**condition of Ticknor School:** order that the school committee be requested, through the mayor, to investigate the sanitary condition of the school, and to make such changes and repairs as may be necessary, referred to the mayor c 75; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file c 240

**condition of Weston-st. school:** resolution relative to sanitary condition of school, discussed c 606, 607-passed c 607

**contract for school-house, East Boston:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to report why Frank G. Coburn, contractor, was allowed to add over \$7,000 to original contract, referred to the mayor c 653; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee, placed on file c 732

**deceased janitor:** *see* Randolph, Emmet

**Dudley School, closing:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to close said school until such time as said committee are prepared to complete sanitary improvements recommended by board of health, etc., discussed c 264, 265-referred to the mayor c 265; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file c 606

**Emerson School house, ward-room, Ward 1:** order that the school committee be requested to allow use of one of the rooms as a ward-room, Ward 1, etc., passed a 470-placed on file c 588

**enlargement of Hancock School lot:** communication from the school committee relative to surrender of Ingraham school property on Sheafe street; order that property be placed in charge of street commissioners to be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be used for taking land for enlargement of Hancock School on Prince street, passed a 362-referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 363, 370

**fire-escapes, Franklin School:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be ordered to furnish suitable fire-escapes, referred to the mayor c 322; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school houses c 412

School Department, *continued.*

**funds for needed new school-houses:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan an additional amount asked for by school committee, to be used in construction of additional new school buildings in those districts needing same, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 172

**high school, East Boston:** order to trim trees in sidewalk, passed a 543

**improvement of kindergarten school, Ward 19:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to improve the buildings now in use, and also to provide two additional kindergarten schools, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 51

**kindergarten, Savin Hill:** order that the school committee be requested to establish, passed a 587; communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file a 699

**land, Elm st., Charlestown:** communication from the school committee, asking that order passed October 27, 1896, taking land on Elm st. for school purposes, be rescinded, and that land be surrendered to city council as not being required for school use, sent down a 213—placed on file c 217

**Mather School, sanitary condition:** taken up as unfinished business, passed c 67 a 79; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, sent up c 605—placed on file a 616

**new high school, Charlestown:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize loan of \$250,000, to be expended in the construction and furnishing of new high school, referred to the mayor c 652

**new school, Ward 17:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 490

**new school, Thorndike and Reed sts.:** order that the school committee be requested, through the mayor, to consider advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school, referred to the mayor c 209

**new school, Ward 1:** order that the school committee be requested, through the mayor, to report as to the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a school-house in vicinity Byron st., etc., referred to the mayor c 207; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 491

**night school, Spectacle Island:** order that the school committee be requested to consider matter of furnishing books for, passed a 621—assigned c 629—taken up, passed c 650

**old engine-house, Mt. Vernon st., West Roxbury, for school purposes:** communication from the mayor transmitting order that the fire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to permit use of old engine-house for school purposes, passed c 816 a 832

**opening of schools:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to adopt a regulation providing that the date for reopening after the summer vacation of schools shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September, referred to the mayor c 375; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file c 588

**playground, Tileston School yard:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to lay out and construct as a park and playground a portion of yard which is not used for any purpose, referred to the mayor c 285; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 491

**primary and grammar schools, appropriation for:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment appropriating \$475,000 for providing additional primary and grammar schools, ordered printed and assigned a 272—taken up, sent down without alteration a 302—passed c 314

**repairs on Phillips school:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to report why repairs have not been made on school-house in accordance with the appropriation already made for said purpose, and that attention be called to immediate necessity of causing said repairs to be made, referred to the mayor c 652, 653

**sale of Elm-st. School property:** order that the street commissioners, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to sell at public auction or otherwise, etc., passed a 681—assigned c 687—taken up, passed c 818

**sale of school lot, Paul Gore st., and additional accommodations, Wyman School, Lowell District:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee with order that the street commissioners be authorized to sell Paul Gore st., lot as being no longer required for school purposes, referred to committee on public improvements a 750—report, referred to next government a 837

School Department, *continued.*

**school accommodations, Central station:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to provide school accommodations for the primary grade, referred to the mayor c 143; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 490

**school building, Leon st.:** order that the school committee, through the mayor, be requested to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on site of present school building, referred to the mayor c 210; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to, referred to committee on schools and school-houses c 491

**Thetford-avenue school:** order that the school committee be requested to make necessary improvements on yard and walks, etc., passed a 386—amended, passed c 391 a 402; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the school committee relative to yard and walks, sent up c 605—placed on file a 616

**transportation for school children and teachers:** order that the school committee be requested to provide with transportation on Dewey Day, discussed a 621, 622—passed a 622; communication from the school committee relative to, placed on file a 668

**use of school-houses, July 4th:** communication from school committee granting use of certain schools for children's entertainments, referred to special committee on Fourth of July c 446—placed on file c 588

## School street.

**illuminated sign:** D. H. Posner, petition a 300—granted a 343

**passage of state troops through:** see Armories and Military Affairs

**sign:** A. B. Seale & Co., petition, granted a 402

## School street, Ward 20.

**sidewalk:** Martha J. Kearney, petition a 301—granted a 309

## School street, Ward 22.

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate between Washington street and Frankie Park, passed a 125

Schools. (*See* School Department.)

## Schooner "Joshua Baker," Owners.

petition, compensation for damages to schooner a 751

## Schuyler street.

**sidewalk:** Geo. A. Medberry, *executor*, petition a 668—granted a 709; Mrs. Harriet Hackett, petition a 668—granted a 709; M. Grant Daniell, petition a 642—granted a 660; Mrs. A. V. Moore, petition a 742—granted a 753

## Scotia street.

**cellar at grade 10:** Frederick Ayer, petition a 464—granted a 469

**sidewalk:** Peter F. O'Brien, petition a 698—granted a 724

Sealing of Weights and Measures. (*See* Weights and Measures Department.)

## Seaver street.

**poles:** granted a 810

**sikewalk:** Simon Goldsmith, petition a 698—granted a 724

## Seaverns avenue and Maple place.

**tree:** order to remove decayed tree, passed a 360

## Seavey, William F.

order that permission be granted to erect building in rear of Eutaw st. c 824

**Segal, Louis.**

petition to stretch guy-ropes, Leverett and Chambers sts. a 236-granted a 237; petition to erect gny-posts, Leverett and Poplar sts. a 251-granted a 254

**Seldner, Laura.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Fuller st. a 541-granted a 621 e 628

**Selma street.**

**construction:** order that the street commissioners be requested to lay out and construct as a public highway, passed a 198

**Seneca street.**

**improvement:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate \$4,000 for improvements, passed a 476

**Seneca and other streets.**

**paving or asphaltting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan a sum sufficient to pave or asphalt Seneca, Oneida, Oswego, Genesee, Rochester, and Troy sts., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 81

**Seven and One-half per cent. Reduction in Salaries.**

(See City Employees.)

**Seventeenth of June.**

**celebration:** order that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for celebration, passed a 103 e 109; committee appointed a 238 e 268; First Massachusetts Regiment of Knights of the Golden Eagle, petition for an assignment in parade, and appropriation for same a 250; report with programme for celebration, accepted, passed a 410, e 413, 414

**closing streets:** order to close certain streets during parade, passed a 439

**liberty bell from Philadelphia:** order that the mayor be requested to communicate with the mayor of Philadelphia and ask that he, as custodian of the Liberty Bell, allow the same to be brought to Boston on occasion of 125th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, passed a 626

**Seventh street.**

**tree:** order to remove tree, passed a 359, 360

**Sever street, Charlestown.**

**sign:** Wah Lee, petition a 698-granted a 708

**Sewall's court.**

**building:** John Soley & Sons, petition to move a 641-granted a 645

**Sewer Employees. (See Street Department.)****Sewer Law, Repeal of. (See Legislative Matters.)****Sewer Tax, Repayment of. (See Legislative Matters.)****Sewerage Works, Bill Relative to. (See Street Department.)****Sewerage Work, Loan for Construction of. (See Street Department.)****Shanny, Thomas J.**

petition, illuminated sign, Green st. a 79-granted a 82

**Shawmut avenue.**

**closing roadway:** order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue permits to New York, New Haven and Hartford R.R. Co., assigned a 350-taken up, discussed a 383, 384-referred to committee on public improvements a 384-report, accepted, orders passed a 386, 387

**paving:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to report in their next loan the sum of \$8,000 for paving, from Camden st. to Guild row, referred to board of estimate and apportionment e 95 a 103

**sign:** Sannel Gens, petition a 572-granted a 575; M. Daniels, petition a 655-granted a 661

**umbrella sign:** Samuel Gens, petition a 578-granted a 581

**Shea, John E.**

petition, compensation for damages to carriage a 641

**Shelby street.**

**sidewalk:** John Keohane, petition a 325-granted a 331; R. Goodwin, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Sheldon, Henry, et als.**

petitions (two) for payment to Edward M. Eames of balances remaining from tax-sales of estates, Cottage terrace a 525-granted a 785 e 793

**Shelton street.**

**changing name to Wrentham st.:** see Wrentham st.

**stagnant water:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to take such action as will prevent the accumulation of stagnant water upon surface, and to take immediate action as will remedy evil, referred to the mayor e 399

**Sherburne, Reuben.**

petition to construct areas, Bennet and Ash sts. a 236-granted a 254

**Sheridan street.**

**sidewalk:** Wm. W. Sampson, petition a 433-granted a 471

**Shirley street.**

**sidewalk:** J. P. Fenno *et als.*, petition a 534-granted a 551

**Shuman, A.**

petition to construct areas, cor. Court street and square a 301-granted a 309

**Sias, J. B., et al.**

petition for trimming of trees on grounds of the Old Dorchester high school a 123

**Sidewalks. (See Street Department.)****Sidney street.**

**sidewalk:** James M. Cross, petition a 641-granted a 660

**Signs. (See Under Name of Street.)****Sigourney and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 300-order for hearing a 305-hearing a 324-granted a 358

**Silver street.**

**bridge of New England R.R. Co.:** *see* New England R.R. Co.  
**closing:** order to close roadway at bridge of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, said bridge being dangerous, passed a 146, 147  
**opening:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to re-open street, passed a 360; order to reopen between A and B streets, passed a 471

**Simons, Frank W.**

petition to stand night lunch wagon, Summer st. a 742—refused a 838

**Simpson, Charles F., et als.**

petition for a keyless fire-alarm box, Hamilton and Speedwell sts. a 667

**Simpson, David W.**

petition, compensation for damages to schooner "Otis Miller" by being run into by one of the ferry-boats a 784

**Simpson, David W., Councilman, Ward 1.**

**qualified:** page 1

**appointed:** teller c 50; committee on bath department, city messenger department, election department, vessels and ballast department, Memorial Day c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

**orders offered:** repair of Princeton st. c 94  
 Condor st., paving c 164, 165  
 fire escapes, Chapman School c 165  
 Princeton st., macadamizing c 165  
 repairs on Chapman School, hearing c 224  
 Wordsworth st., footbridge c 265  
 restoration of salaries in financial departments c 375  
 holiday Memorial Day c 416  
 Putnam st., lamp c 458  
 Putnam st., sewer c 458  
 work on North Ferry c 501  
 street improvements, Ward 1 c 501  
 removal tree, Monmouth st. c 695  
 condition of sewer, Condor st. c 695

**remarks:** Chapman School c 176, 177, 217  
 on death of Hon. John H. Sullivan c 297  
 memorial day appropriation c 369, 393  
 flagpole, Monmouth sq. c 493  
 relocation of flag-pole c 516  
 condition of sewer, Condor st. c 695  
 disposition of Franklin Fund c 799

**Sinking Funds Department.**

**commissioners:** Joseph H. O'Neil, Edward H. Dunn, appointed a 337—confirmed a 355; notice of resignation of Charles H. Cole a 832

**Smelt brook.**

**claims:** *see* Stowell, H.; or, Claims

**Smith, Ellen W.**

petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 193—granted a 341

**Smith, Eugene H.**

bay-window, Dartmouth st., petition and order for bearing a 437—hearing a 463, 464—granted a 527, 528

**Smith street.**

**area under sidewalk:** J. J. Frawley, petition a 698—granted a 709

**asphalting:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to asphalt from Phillips st. to St. Alphonsus st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 95 a 102; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the loan bill a sum sufficient for asphaltting from Parker st. to Huntington ave., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 103

**Smith and Phillips streets, Ward 19.**

**electric light at corner:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to locate on corner, referred to the mayor c 75

**Snowhill street.**

**bulkhead:** James A. Doherty, petition a 572

**Social Alliance.**

petition for certain reforms in Fourth of July celebration a 526

**Social Law Library, Proprietors.**

petition for sum of \$1,000 for the use of said library a 45—granted a 214

**Soldiers of Late War, Deceased.**

**payment to families:** order to pay to children of Fred. B. Bogan, deceased, mother of Joseph D. Lane, deceased, and father of Thomas L. Rourke, deceased, amounts authorized by Acts of the Legislature, passed c 455 a 466

**Soldiers' Relief.**

**commissioner:** Renben Peterson, appointed a 300—confirmed a 326  
**committee:** order that special committee consist of five members instead of three, passed a 59—committee appointed a 62

**State aid:** order that city treasurer be directed to pay amounts due to soldiers and sailors and their families, and to employ such assistance as may be required for the purpose, etc., passed a 37; order that special committee be appointed to determine amounts to be paid, etc., passed a 37; report, with order, to pay allowances for January, 1899 a 62; report, providing for payment for February, passed a 147; for March, passed a 231; report with order for payment for April, accepted, passed a 329; report for May, accepted, passed a 385; report recommending payment for June, accepted a 438; report with order for payment for July, accepted, passed a 527; report of committee with order for payment for month of August, accepted, passed a 551; report with orders for payments for September, accepted, passed a 581; report with order for payment for month of October, accepted, passed a 646; report for committee with order for payment in accordance with annexed list, accepted, passed a 723; report committee with order for payment for December, passed a 780

**Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial.**

order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a monument to be dedicated to those citizens of Boston who died in the service of the United States during the late war, passed c 49 a 55

**Soley, John, & Sons.**

petition to move building, Brandon and Birch sts. a 79—granted a 81; petition to move building, Birch st. a 211—granted a 214; petition to move building, Corinth st. a 269—granted a 278; petition to move building, Western ave. a 338—granted a 361

**Soley, Water, and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 778—order for bearing a 779—hearing a 805—granted a 810

**South Boston.**

**ambulance service:** *see* Hospital Department

**condition of bridges:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to report the condition of the bridges, referred to the mayor c 210

**emergency hospital:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the loan bill a sufficient amount of money, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 80; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient amount in their first loan order for the establishment and maintenance of an emergency hospital, and an ambulance in connection therewith, discussed c 96, 97—referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 97 a 103

**extension bridge to:** *see* Cove-street Bridge.

**municipal building, Ward 15:** *see* Estimate and Apportionment, Board of

**South Boston, continued.**

- night car by way of Dorchester st. to Field's Corner:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company
- park in Ward 13:** *see* Ward 13
- playground, Ward 14:** *see* Playground, South Boston, Ward 14
- playground, Ward 15:** *see* Ward 1
- public convenience station, corner Broadway and Dorchester ave.:** *see* Bath Department
- reading room, Ward 13:** *see* Library Department
- skating, Ward 15:** *see* Park Department

**South Ferry.** (*See* Street Department, *Ferry Division.*)**South Margin street.**

- lamps:** P. B. Goodsell *et als.*, petition a 525
- sign:** Frank Landino, petition a 741-granted a 744

**South Market street.**

- rail and sign:** Robert Farquhar, petition to attach to cellar opening a 481-report, no action necessary a 623

**South street.**

- poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 719-order for hearing a 730-hearing a 740-granted a 762; petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 786, 787
- temporary tracks:** Boston & Albany Railroad Company, petition a 211-order for hearing a 214-hearing a 250-referred to committee on railroads a 254

**South street, Ward 23.**

- widening:** order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to widen sixty feet, from Keyes st. to the Arborway, referred to the mayor c 266

**South and Poplar streets.**

- sidewalk:** Edward Carroll, petition a 642-granted a 660

**South, Essex and Tufts streets.**

- basement floor and boiler room:** Cotting & Welch, petition, granted a 45

**South and other streets.**

- location:** West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company

**South Union Station.**

- electric lights on streets leading to:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of electric lights on streets leading to station, passed a 128

**Spanish Cruiser "Reina Mercedes."**

- order that the mayor be requested to take necessary steps to have Spanish cruiser visit Boston in the near future, referred to the mayor c 417

**Spanish War Veterans, Pay of.** (*See* City Employees.)**Sparhawk street.**

- pole:** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 525-order for hearing a 532-hearing a 533-granted a 569

**Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

- notice of vacancy in 13th representative district a 46

**Special Election.** (*See* Election Department.)**Special Laws.**

- order that the mayor be requested to give a report of the progress made by the special commission appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws relating to the city, and when a report of their work may be expected, discussed c 611, 612-referred to the mayor c 612; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the corporation counsel, placed on file c 685

**Spectacle Island.**

- night school:** *see* School Department

**Speedway, Bennington street.** (*See* Bennington street.)**Spencer street.**

- claims:** Mary G. Davis, granted e 734, 735 a 743
- resurfacing:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to resurface roadway between Park st. and Wheatland ave., passed a 543
- sidewalk:** Carl F. Monk, petition a 525-granted a 546

**Spice street.**

- building:** Henry E. Wright, petition to erect a 549-granted c 651 a 656

**Spillane, J. C.**

- bay-windows, Tremont st.,** petition and order for hearing a 579-granted a 675; petition for payment to Patrick Moran of balance remaining from tax-rate of estate, Devon st. a 778

**Sprague, Henry H.**

- appointed trustee of City Hospital a 211-confirmed a 230

**Spring Park avenue.**

- poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787
- sidewalk:** B. Bernhard, petition a 379-granted a 404

**Spring street.**

- bay-window:** Edward L. Brodie, petition and order for hearing a 250-hearing a 250-referred to committee on public improvements a 305-report, discussed a 360, 361-accepted, permit granted a 361

**Spring and Etna streets.**

- claims:** Mary S. Barker, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 555-granted a 669 c 687

**Sprinkling Streets, Ordinance Relative to.** (*See* Ordinances; *see also* Street Department.)**Squadron, Visit of City Council to.** (*See* Common Council.)**Squantum.**

- order that a special committee be appointed to consider expediency of transferring charge and control of that part owned by the city to the Metropolitan Park Commissioners, and connecting it with the proposed boulevard in Quincy, etc., passed a 708 c 713; committee appointed a 731-notice placed on file c 733; committee appointed c 736

**Squires, Sidney F.**

- petition to excavate cellar of building, Tremont st. a 251-granted a 254; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 259

**Stack, Guilford L.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Mt. Vernon st. a 55-granted a 435 c 448

**Stalker Brothers.**

petition, compensation for damages to wagon, White st. a 300

**Standish street.**

sidewalk : J. A. Silver, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Staniford street.**

barber-pole and sign : Dominio LaGrotto, petition a 751-granted a 761

sign : Christian Altman, petition a 123; Jacob Sandler, petition a 697-granted a 708; Joe Irato, petition a 777-granted a 780

**Stanwood street.**

building : J. J. & P. M. Ahern, petition to move a 696-granted a 724

sidewalk : A. L. Forbush, petition a 465-granted a 482; Ruth M. Clapp, petition a 526-granted a 543

**State Aid. (See Soldiers' Relief.)****State Board of Agriculture.**

copy of acts and copy of rules and regulations made by said board relative to extermination of the gypsy moth and the brown tail moth, placed on file a 643

**State Election.**

order of notice of election Nov. 7, passed a 657

**State Highway Tax. (See Suffolk, County of.)****State street.**

flag : Austro Hungarian Consul, petition a 597-granted a 603; German Consul, petition a 597-granted a 603

sign : Pain Fireworks Company, petition a 407

**Station 9, Ambulance. (See Police Department.)****Statistics Department.**

committee : appointed a 238 c 268

trustee : Gordon Abbott, appointed a 400-confirmed a 434

financial condition of city : communication from the board of statistics relative to a 121, 122-ordered printed and assigned a 122-taken up, sent down a 145-placed on file c 157

**Statue to the Late Senator James E. Hayes. (See Hayes square.)****Stearns, James P., et al., Trustees.**

petition to construct basement floor of building, Clinton st., granted a 107; petition to maintain and use for storage of coal, etc., Clinton st. a 102-granted a 104

**Stephenson, Harris M.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Centre st. a 407-granted a 437 c 448

**Stevens, William S. B., Councilman, Ward 11.**

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appointed : committee on auditing department, finance, fire department, health department, library department, treasury department, city hall elevator accident, public buildings repair division investigation c 267, 268; committee on elevator accident, city hall

**Stevens, William S. B., Councilman, Ward 11, continued.**

c 164; investigation of repair division c 209; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424; committee to see that British monument is not placed on Common c 796

orders offered : Beacon st., paving c 120  
repaving, West Cedar st. c 141  
relaying tracks, Tremont st., substitute order c 285, 286  
Arlington st., repairing c 377  
sewage in Charles river c 457  
next meeting c 595  
expenses of bath department c 653

remarks : repairs on Faneuil Hall c 111, 113, 114  
reduction of firemen's salaries c 118  
sewerage loan c 133, 135  
convenience station, Roxbury crossing c 159  
appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 136, 137, 159 162  
appropriation bill c 182, 187  
employment of citizens c 206  
loan of \$709,000 c 218  
interest on taxes c 220, 246-248  
sale of property of street department, East Boston c 243, 244, 257  
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relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 286-290  
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gymnasium, Ward 9 c 414, 415  
results of establishment of repair division c 446, 447  
claim of Malone & Strang c 450  
Stony Brook Act, acceptance of c 452  
sewage, Charles river c 457  
loan of \$100,000 for various purposes c 513  
resolution expressing good wishes for future success of Councilman Boardman c 515  
location for Engine Co. No. 22 c 589, 592  
ambulance station, South Boston c 593  
appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 651  
transfer to reserved fund c 687  
repaving Devonshire st. c 689, 690, 738  
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protest against British monument c 714  
pay of laborers c 733, 734  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 796, 798, 817  
resolution of sympathy for Boers c 821  
closing proceedings c 825

**Stewart, Charles D.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 525-refused a 620 c 628

**Stiles, E. B.**

petition, compensation for damages to buggy, robe and harness by collision with team of street department a 597-refused a 669 c 687

**Stockinger Bros.**

petition, compensation for damages to stock by backing up of sewer a 572

**Stockton, Lawrence M., Councilman, Ward 11.**

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appointed : committee on joint rules c 93; committee on art department, collecting department, election department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, rules and orders of the city council c 267, 268; committee on judiciary c 374

remarks : relocation of water pipe, E st. c 66  
joint rules and orders c 140  
appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 161  
employment of citizens c 161  
restrictions in deed of estate of Museum of Fine Arts c 648, 649

**Stone, James H., Councilman, Ward 7.**

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appointed : committee on common council rules c 93; committee on building department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, printing department, labor's holiday, investigation of Rainsford Island, rules and orders of the common council c 267, 268; committee on elections c 374; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649; committee on annual dinner c 804

orders offered : gymnasium, Ward 7 c 141  
drinking fountain, Winthrop sq. c 417  
overcrowding of pleasure boats, Jamaica pond c 458

remarks : wooden building, Spice st. c 651

**Stone, William H. J.**

building, Poplar st., West Roxbury, granted c 224-referred to committee on public improvements a 230-report, accepted, permit granted a 232-communication from the mayor relative to, indefinitely postponed c 240

**Stony brook.**

"Act": order accepting same, passed a 441-discussed c 451-453-passed c 453

construction: order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to prevent the further construction of Stony brook by contract, referred to the mayor c 738

**Story street.**

sidewalks: Frances James, petition a 355-granted a 387; Henry J. Bowen, petition a 355-granted a 387

**Stoughton street.**

druggist's mortar: Geo. R. Wiley, petition a 697-granted a 723; petition a 719

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 751-order for hearing a 762-hearing a 777-granted a 810

**Stowell, Henrietta.**

petition, compensation for construction of wall at Smelt brook a 698-refused a 745 c 765

**Strandway.**

park and playground, Columbia road: order that in the matter of improvement of strandway the park commissioners be requested to lay out a park and playground in territory southeast of Columbia road, and to provide in connection therewith a suitable house for beach bathing purposes, and to report as soon as convenient, referred to the mayor c 453; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, ordered printed and assigned c 492-taken up, placed on file c 512

**Stratton, Charles E.**

appointed park commissioner a 323-discussed a 338, 339-assigned a 339-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 356-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 361

**Stratton, Charles E., et als., Trustees.**

petition to construct coal-hole opening, Post Office sq. a 78-granted a 81

**Stratton, William F., Trustee.**

petition for payment of two-thirds of the balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, La Grange st. a 541

**Street Department.**

committee: appointed a 238 c 268

superintendent: Benjamin W. Wells, appointed a 300-confirmed a 326

committee on public improvements: appointed a 47, 62

alleyways, Ward 12: order that the superintendent of streets, through the Mayor, cause alleyways to be kept free from accumulation of paper and other debris, also to require owners to keep same free from ash barrels, referred to the mayor c 398; communication from the Mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets, relative to, placed on file c 412

appropriation for Porter st., sewer outlet: see Porter st.

appropriation for reconstruction of sewers: East Boston: see East Boston

appropriation regarding sewerage expenses: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to proposed sewer expenditure a 122, 123-sent down a 123-placed on file c 131

appropriation for street cleaning, Ward 23: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan a sum sufficient to establish in parts not now covered by service, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 94 a 102

**Street Department, continued.**

asphalt bicycle paths: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to report the advisability of adopting the system of asphalt bicycle paths between and around the posts of the elevated railroad, passed a 763, 764

bicycle path adjoining Common: see bicycle path adjoining Common

bridge tenders' salaries: order that the mayor be requested to cause the salaries of the draw-tenders of the bridges to be restored to the rates allowed previous to the 7½ per cent. reduction, referred to the mayor c 320

buildings on Gibson field: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to remove old buildings formerly used as a garbage plant, passed a 412

city yard, Morris street, date of sale: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to report as to date of proposed sale of city yard, referred to the mayor c 376

claims: John Powers: see Powers, James; John McMahon, petition to be paid for alleged overtime work in sewer department a 300

committee on paving division: appointed a 62

committee on sewer division: appointed a 62

committee on sanitary division: appointed a 62

committee on ferry division: appointed a 62

committee on bridge division: appointed a 62

committee on street-cleaning division: appointed a 62

completion of Lauriat ave: see Lauriat ave.

condition of South Boston bridges: see South Boston

construction of sewerage works: communication from the mayor transmitting letter from the superintendent of streets with statements appended which explains situation of the city with respect to the construction of additional sewerage works a 228, 229-ordered printed and sent down a 223 (C. D. 40)-placed on file c 242

construction of Stony brook: see Stony brook

contracts, information regarding: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to report a complete list of all contracts above \$2,000 entered into by the city through said department since January 1, 1898, which have not been opened to competition through a public advertisement; also the amount of said contracts and the names of the contractors, referred to the mayor c 120; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets giving list c 200, 201-ordered printed and assigned c 201-taken up, assigned c 221-taken up (C. D. 66), placed on file c 283

District 8, street-cleaning division, work in: order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, not to work the men over nine hours in said district, referred to the mayor c 695

East Boston property, sale of: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment with order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to sell property now used by sewer and paving divisions, and to turn proceeds into the city treasury, subject to subsequent appropriation by board of estimate and apportionment, referred to committee on public improvements a 228-report, accepted, order passed a 236-discussed c 243-245-assigned c 245-taken up, discussed c 256, 257-referred to committee on finance c 257

East Boston, street improvements (order of May 1): see East Boston

employees, bridge division: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to reinstate such of the employees as lost their positions, on account of enlisting in the army or navy during the recent war with Spain, passed c 285 a 301

employees of sewer department, investigation as to reinstatement: order that a special committee be appointed to wait on the mayor to find out why the suspended members are not reinstated when there is \$1,000,000 for said work, passed, committee appointed c 210, 268-report, accepted c 225-motion to reconsider discussed c 226, 227-lost c 227

excessive watering of Massachusetts ave: see Massachusetts ave.

fee for issuing permit for opening streets: communication from the mayor transmitting ordinance authorizing charges passed a 299-referred to committee on ordinances c 314-order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to refund to parties who paid same all fees received by department for street permits, discussed c 375, 376-passed c 376-referred to committee on public improvements a 379-report, accepted, indefinitely postponed a 837

finances of department: communication from the mayor, transmitting communication from the street department relative to the finances of department, referred to committee on public improvements a 831 report, that same be placed on file a 837

Street Department, *continued.*

**garbage plant**: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to instruct the contractors now in charge of the garbage plant at Cow Pasture to so regulate their plant that the citizens of Dorchester may be spared from the nuisance now existing, passed a 144; order that the board of health be requested to report what action it proposes to take relative to abating garbage plant nuisance now existing at the Cow Pasture, discussed a 643, 644-passed a 644; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the health department, referred to committee on public improvements a 654-report, accepted, order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to transmit the communication from the board of health with their conclusions, mentioned in their letter to the board of aldermen (Oct. 23) relative to nuisance, discussed a 660, 661-passed a 661; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from board of health a 675, 676-discussed a 676, 677-referred to special committee a 677; order that special committee be appointed to investigate and report as to nuisance existing at Cow Pasture, with authority to give public hearing, employ stenographer, etc., discussed a 671-674-passed, committee appointed a 674; order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to annul the contract between the city and the New England Sanitary Product Company, said plant having become a detriment to the public health and comfort, discussed a 692-694-passed c 694-referred to committee on garbage investigation a 699-chairman of board of aldermen added to committee a 700-report, with order that the board of health and the city solicitor forthwith apply to the court to restrain the New England Sanitary Product Company, from carrying on its business at Cow Pasture in a manner objectionable to public health, accepted, discussed a 701-708-assigned a 708-taken up, discussed a 720, 721-referred to committee on public improvements a 721-motion that order be reported back same day, discussed a 721, 722-carried a 722-report, discussed a 724-726-passed a 726; communication from the mayor vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 750-laid on table, taken from table, order passed over veto a 754; order that the special committee appointed to investigate the alleged nuisance, be enlarged so as to include the whole board of aldermen, assigned a 708-taken up, discussed a 720, 721-referred to committee on public improvements a 721-motion that order be reported back the same day, discussed a 721, 722-carried a 722-report, discussed a 724-726, indefinitely postponed a 726; communication from the mayor vetoing order for public hearing, etc., referred to special committee on garbage a 718

**granite, purchase of**: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to purchase no more granite from the Rockport Granite Company, until the present trouble with their employees is settled, referred to the mayor c 321

**half-day's pay to laborers**: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to allow payment for half a day to each laborer reporting for work in the several divisions in inclement weather, referred to the mayor c 67

**hearing on repairing "Down-Town" streets**: *see* Estimate and Apportionment, Board of

**information regarding sub-foremen**: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to inform the common council at his earliest convenience how many men are acting as sub-foremen in the various divisions of the street department, and how many have not passed the civil service requirements, referred to the mayor c 50

**lighting draw, Meridian street bridge**: *see* Meridian st. bridge

**loan for sewerage construction work**: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment with order for loan of \$1,000,000, referred to committee on public improvement a 54-discussed a 60, 61-assigned a 61-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 80-report, accepted, discussed a 104 107-passed a 107-discussed c 109-111-order amended, passed c 111-discussed a 124-127-adhered to former action a 127-discussed c 131-136-non-occurred, adhered to former action c 136 a 145-sent back to city clerk c 157

**parades**: order to close streets during labor parade, passed a 538, 539; order to close certain streets during parade of State Militia, passed a 599; order to close streets during parade on evening of Oct. 13, and day of Oct. 14, passed a 626

**payment of sewer employees for February 22**: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be instructed to pay employees for Washington's birthday, said compensation to take effect on employees suspended February 21, passed c 191 a 194

**picnics**: order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to allow a holiday July 18, 1899, to employees of sanitary and street cleaning divisions, to attend picnic, etc., passed a 214 c 217-order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to allow employees of paving division a holiday July 26, the day of their annual picnic, passed a 344 c 370-order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to allow employees of sewer division a holiday June 27, 1899, the day of annual picnic, passed a 344 c 370-order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to allow employees of the street cleaning and sanitary divisions a holiday on day of annual picnic of Ben. Franklin Assembly Knights of Labor, passed a 387-discussed c 391, 392-order rejected c 392-placed on file a 402

Street Department, *continued.*

**public landing, Jeffries Point**: *see* Jeffries Point

**rate of pay for laborers**: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to grant permit for work on the streets only to such persons as shall agree to pay their employees, two dollars per day of nine hours; such employees to be citizens and residents, passed c 210

**repayment of sewer tax**: *see* Legislative Matters

**replacing of street signs**: order that the street department be requested to replace street signs where they have been removed by change made in lamp department, referred to the mayor c 612

**rights to use tracks by American Sugar Refining Company**: *see* American Sugar Refining Company

**sewer, Condor st.**: *see* Condor st.

**snow dump, Warren bridge**: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to, with order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to expend \$2,200 in building a snow dump, Warren bridge, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 776-report, to next government a 837

**sewerage works, effect of proposed bill**: communication from the Mayor transmitting copy of House Bill No. 1129, entitled "An Act Relative to sewerage Works of Boston," now pending before the Legislature, and explaining financial consequences of passage of bill in present form, etc. a 346, 347-resolve requesting that bill be recommitted to committee on Metropolitan Affairs, so that action may be postponed, that opportunity may be afforded members of Board of Aldermen to fully investigate the matter, and that committee be appointed to endeavor to secure carrying out of this request, discussed a 347-350-passed a 350; committee appointed a 350-placed on file c 366

**sewage, Charles river**: *see* Charles river

**smoke nuisance**: notice of appointment of Benjamin W. Wells as officer to abate nuisance, placed on file a 832

**speedway, Bennington street**: *see* Bennington st.

**stagnant water, Shelton st.**: *see* Shelton st.

**stands**: Louis Corensky, petition to maintain stand, City Hall ave. a 79-refused a 82; W. F. Haley, petition to stand night-lunch wagon, a 102-granted a 104; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 144-report, veto sustained a 232; Hugh J. Morrison, petition to stand night-lunch wagon, Field's Corner a 193-granted a 198, 237; Daniel J. Murphy, petition, periodical stand at Franklin school-house a 193-report no action necessary a 310; Anthony Volta, petition to maintain bootblack stand a 102; S. E. Richards, petition to maintain in Post Office sq. a 325; report, no action necessary a 623; Puritan Trust Co., remonstrance against allowing stand, Franklin ave. a 355-report, placed on file, accepted a 482; Anthony Volta, petition for renewal of permit for bootblack stand, Franklin ave. a 433-granted a 443; Constantine Demara, petition, sell merchandise from wagon, Massachusetts ave. a 465-granted a 472; communication from the mayor vetoing permit; permit refused a 523; report, no action necessary a 623; M. F. Miley, petition to maintain night lunch a 525-refused a 530; Costas, Deemari, petition to maintain push carts at certain locations a 541-refused a 546; Vincent Maschio, petition to maintain stand for sale of fruit a 572-refused a 574; Wm. J. Keefe, petition, newsstand, Maverick sq. a 579; Frank Rogers, petition to maintain bootblack stand, Franklin ave. a 503; Frank W. Simons, petition to stand night lunch wagon a 742-refused a 838; Edward Waters, petition to stand lunch wagon, cor. Summer st. and Atlantic ave. a 778-placed on file a 838

**street cleaning, Dorchester**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to establish the street cleaning service in all parts not now covered by said service, passed c 71-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**street sprinkling**: ordinance regulating and providing for dry strip on streets: *see* Ordinances

**street watering**: communication from the mayor transmitting order that all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year at the expense of the abutters, referred to committee on public improvements a 101; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to city council granting authority to water streets, sent down a 172-report, accepted; order that all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at expense of abutters, passed a 277-amended, discussed c 282, 283-assigned c 283-taken up, amendment withdrawn, order passed c 315; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets relative to, placed on file c 312; communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment, appropriation \$25,000, passed c 627-referred to committee on public improvements a 642-report, accepted, order passed a 659

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**street watering districts:** communication from the mayor transmitting a map showing a division of the city into street watering districts; with order dividing territory into said districts, referred to committee on public improvements a 431-report, accepted, order passed a 530

**suspended sewer employees:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to reinstate all suspended employees who are members of labor unions, passed c 191 a 194

**tunnel for foot travel, Travers st.:** *see* Travers st.

**ferry division:**

**clock, South Ferry, Boston side:** *see also* East Boston, *improvements clock, South Ferry:* communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment transferring \$500 of appropriation of \$3,000 for dam from Maverick to Prescott sts., to appropriation for clock, South ferry, passed c 390 a 402

**completion of "Noddle Island" ferry-boat:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment, authorizing superintendent of streets to expend not exceeding \$4,300 of loan authorized to meet expense of completing ferry-boat, sent down without alteration a 549

**free ferries, Fourth of July:** order to allow and pay superintendent of streets on account of the ferry division the sum of \$25 in lieu of tolls for ferries, passed a 441 c 449

**holiday, Memorial day:** order to allow holiday to all employees who are members of the Grand Army or other veteran organizations passed c 416 a 433

**information regarding G.A.R. employees:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to report why the employees of the ferries, who are members of the G.A.R., have not been paid for the time lost while attending encampment at Philadelphia, referred to the mayor c 738

**new ferry-boat:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment, authorizing the superintendent of streets to construct and equip a new ferry-boat, etc., passed a 654 c 687

**new head-house, South Ferry:** order that the mayor be requested to take the necessary steps in order that work may be begun at once on new head-house, referred to the mayor c 42

**payment of employees:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from deputy superintendent of ferries, relative to, assigned c 791-taken up, placed on file c 817; order that the superintendent of ferries be requested to pay the members of the G.A.R., who attended encampment, for lost time while away, passed c 824 a 833

**purchase of gunboats from U. S.:** communication from the mayor transmitting order from board of estimate and apportionment rescinding order passed providing for building of a new ferry-boat, and that money appropriated be spent by superintendent of streets to purchase from U. S. Government, the gunboats, "East Boston" and "Gov. Russell," and to refit same, etc.; referred to committee on public improvements a 461-report, accepted, order passed a 472 c 497, 498

**restoration of wages to employees:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to restore the former rate of wages to tollmen and gatemen on ferries, passed a 213

**sale of ferry-boat "Benjamin Franklin":** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets transmitting order that the superintendent of streets, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to sell ferry-boat, referred to committee on public improvements a 784-report, accepted, order passed a 788 c 795

**shelter at North Ferry:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to extend the shelter at the East Boston side of the North Ferry, so that it may connect with head-house at said ferry, referred to the mayor c 75

**wages of tollmen and gatemen:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested, through the mayor, to restore the former rate of wages to the tollmen and gatemen on ferries, referred to the mayor c 207

**waiting-room, Boston side, North Ferry:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan bill, \$10,000 for furnishing and maintaining a waiting room, discussed c 142, 143-referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 113 a 145

**work on North Ferry:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to cause work to be prosecuted at night as well as in the day time, so that the same may be completed with as little delay as possible; referred to the mayor c 501

**edgestones and sidewalks:**

A ST.: Boston Plate and Window Glass Co., petition a 301-granted a 309

ABBOT ST.: Francis C. Creber, petition a 379-granted a 404

ABBOTSFORD ST.: H. A. Lucas, petition a 433-granted a 530

ADAMS ST., WARD 20: Albert L. Jewell, petition a 269-granted a 278; Mary E. Pettee, petition a 465-granted a 482; C. F. Hayes, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

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ALGONQUIN ST.: George H. Brown, petition a 301-granted a 309

ALLSTON ST., WARD 20: Marie E. Sundberg, petition a 211-granted a 214-petition a 433-granted a 471; Alice E. Sowden, petition a 433-granted a 471

ATHERSTONE ST.: James S. Conant, petition a 586-granted a 623; E. W. Loughton, petition a 597

ATLANTIC AVE. AND SUMMER ST.: Atherton Brown, petition a 742-granted a 753

BALDWIN ST.: Bowker, Torrey & Co., petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

BAY STATE ROAD: W. A. and H. A. Root, petition a 616-granted a 644

BEACON ST.: Marshall Wentworth, petition a 465-granted a 482; James W. Tufts, petition a 597-granted a 623; W. B. Thomas, petition a 616-granted a 644; J. D. Steuer, petition a 720-granted a 748; George Wheatland, petition a 742-granted a 753

BEACON AND HEREFORD STS.: R. C. Hooper, petition a 579-granted a 581

BEACON ST. AND MASSACHUSETTS AVE.: W. B. Thomas, petition a 579-granted a 623

BELLEVUE ST.: J. Homer Pierce *et al.*, trustees, petition a 433-granted a 471

BELLFLOWER ST.: Joseph F. Loughlin, petition a 616-granted a 644; Roger Regan, Patrick Neylon, petition a 742-granted a 753; John F. Lynch, petition a 895-granted a 814

BEVERLY ST.: Joseph Green, petition a 402-granted a 443

BICKNELL ST.: J. P. Buntin, petition a 325-granted a 331

BIRCH AND BRANDON STS.: B. F. Cobleigh, petition a 549-granted a 566

BLUE HILL AVE.: M. W. Hall, petition a 325-granted a 331; James S. Dorsey, petition a 655-granted a 677

BLUE HILL AVE. AND BRUNSWICK ST.: Sharreff Bros., petition a 668-granted a 769

BOWDOIN AVE.: Catherine Lombard, petition a 338, 443-granted a 361, 471; Henry M. Leen, petition a 720-granted a 748

BOWDOIN ST.: Peter R. Harrigan, petition a 561-report, no action necessary a 623; Lucy F. Copley, petition a 586-granted a 602; H. J. Freeman, petition a 641-granted a 660; order to place in front of No. 87 and 89, passed a 708

BOYLSTON ST.: Vose & Sons Piano Co., petition a 465-granted a 482

BREMEN ST.: Lonis A. Ginsburg, petition a 379-granted a 404; William Murphy, petition a 402-granted a 443

BROAD ST.: Shapleigh Coffee Company, petition a 585-granted a 602

BROOKFORD ST.: G. A. Currier, petition a 561-granted a 581

BURRELL ST.: L. M. Best, Catherine Hanrahan, Alfred Pierce, petition a 325-granted a 331; report, no action necessary a 623; Hugh D. Kelly, petition a 616-granted a 644

BURRELL ST. AND NORFOLK AVE.: Hugh D. Kelly, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

BURRELL AND BATCHELDER STS.: order to make, in front of estate of Catherine Hanrahan, passed a 623, 624

CALUMET ST.: D. H. Sullivan, petition a 586-granted a 602; D. J. Delaney, petition a 616-granted a 644; *see also* Calumet st.

CANAL ST.: Paine Furniture Company, petition a 269-granted a 278; Florence Lyman *et als.*, petition a 355-granted a 387

CENTRE ST., WARD 19: J. J. Cronin, petition a 325-granted a 331

CENTRE ST., WARD 20: Geo. O. Wood, petition a 379-granted a 404

CENTRE ST., WEST ROXBURY: *see* Centre st., West Roxbury

CENTRE AND FORBES STS.: Patrick Manning, petition a 526-granted a 546

CHARLESTOWN ST.: John McGaw, petition a 230

CHARTER AND COMMERCIAL STS.: *see* Charter and Commercial sts.

CHELSEA AND PROSPECT STS.: Joseph Shoolman, petition a 503-granted a 523

CHESTER ST., BRIGHTON: Arthur Timmins, petition a 534-granted a 546

CHESTNUT HILL AVE.: First Parish in Brighton, petition a 338-granted a 361

CLARKSON ST.: W. C. Babcock, jr., *et al.*, petition a 301-granted a 309

CLYDE ST.: order for construction, passed a 308

COBEN ST.: Mary B. W. Sawin, petition a 698-granted a 721

COLUMBIA ROAD: Alfred T. Haskell, petition a 355-granted a 387; Henry G. Albright, petition a 585-granted a 602; petition a 616-granted a 644

COLUMBIA ROAD AND DORCHESTER AVE.: Richard J. Gookin, petition a 597-granted a 623

COLUMBUS AVE.: Albert Geiger, petition a 616-granted a 644

COMMONWEALTH AVE.: Estate of J. D. Braman, petition a 433-granted a 471; A. S. Bigelow, petition a 586-granted a 602

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COMMONWEALTH AVE., COR. ESSEX ST.: *see* Commonwealth ave., cor. Essex st.

COMMONWEALTH AVE. AND WINSLOW ROAD: F. M. and A. G. Frost, petition a 668-granted a 709

CONANT ST.: H. L. Folsom, agent, petition a 534-granted a 551

CONDOR ST.: Robert Garner, petition a 655-granted a 677

COTTAGE ST.: James V. Devine, petition a 641-granted a 660

COVINGTON ST.: Charles J. Bower, petition a 742-granted a 753

CRANSTON ST.: L. Lahaise, petition a 433-granted a 471

CREIGHTON ST.: M. Dolan, petition a 597-granted a 623

CRESCENT AVE.: J. E. Willis, petition a 572-granted a 581

DAY ST.: Charles Miller, petition a 325-granted a 331

DEVON ST.: Pierce F. Lonergan, petition a 555-report, no action necessary a 623

DEWEY ST.: John Mahan, petitions a 338, 402, 433-granted a 361, 443 471; petition a 616-granted a 644

DORCHESTER AVE.: Andrew P. McDermott, petition a 616-granted a 644; B. F. Roach, petition a 655-granted a 677: *see also* Dorchester ave

DORCHESTER AVE. AND HARVEST ST.: Charles May, petition a 616-granted a 644

DUNDEE ST.: Joseph Green, petition a 503-granted a 529

E AND SIXTH STS.: John D. Bates, petition a 616-granted a 644

EAGLE ST.: George H. Gibby, petition a 742-granted a 753

EAST COTTAGE ST.: James V. Devine, petition a 269-granted a 278; Margaret A. Curtis, petition a 301-granted a 309

EAST EAGLE ST., JOHN R. WATTS, petition a 698-granted a 724

EAST FIFTH ST.: Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551; Arthur H. Flint, petition a 616-granted a 644

EAST FIFTH AND JAY STS.: A. H. Flint, petition a 433-granted a 471

EAST FOURTH ST.: Arthur H. Flint, petition a 667-granted a 709

EAST NINTH ST.: Frank T. Horgan, petition a 465-granted a 482

EAST SECOND ST.: Mrs. Caroline Ehrhart, petition a 211-granted a 214; Stephen Jaeger, Aloysius Jaeger, petition a 379-granted a 404

EAST SEVENTH ST.: Fannie Bible, petition a 641-granted a 660

EAST SEVENTH AND N STS.: J. F. Cranston, petition a 301-granted a 309

EAST SIXTH ST.: Lonisa A. Means, petition a 616-granted a 644; R. F. Means, petition a 616-granted a 644

EAST THIRD ST.: Watson & Waite, petition a 525-granted a 546; Ellen Lonergan, petition a 525-granted a 546; Anastasia Morrison, petition a 549-granted a 566

EDGEWOOD ST.: C. A. Fulsom, petition a 433-granted a 471

EDSON ST.: Mrs. M. J. Hall, petition a 301-granted a 309

ELIOT ST., WARD 23: Thomas B. Noonan, petition a 579-granted a 623

ELM ST., WARD 22: S. S. Riddell, petition a 433-granted a 471; estate of Volney Wilder, petition a 579-granted a 623

EVERETT ST., EAST BOSTON: J. Goldinger, petition a 338-granted a 361

FENELON ST.: Catherine F. Erb, petition a 338-granted a 361; M. C. Shea, granted a 529; A. McGlennie, granted a 529; W. M. Brummett, granted a 529; M. E. Whipple, granted a 529; Wm. J. Day, petition a 655-granted a 677; W. M. Brummett, petition a 503; Mary E. Whipple, petition a 503; A. M. Glennie, petition a 503; M. C. Shea, petition a 503

FIRST ST.: William T. Eaton, petition a 379-granted a 404

FISHER AVE.: John Desmond, petition a 616-granted a 644

FOLSOM ST.: Robert Black, petition a 616-granted a 644

FORBES ST.: M. S. Fenyns, petition a 562-granted a 581

FORBES, SHERIDAN AND CRANSTON STS.: David McIntosh, petition a 379-granted a 404

FRANKLIN ST., BRIGHTON: *see* Franklin st., Brighton

FULTON AND CLINTON STS.: James P. Stearns *et als., trustees*, petition a 616-granted a 644

GARNER ST., BRIGHTON: A. D. Rogers, petition a 301-granted a 309; Martha F. Winship, petition a 301-granted a 309

GEORGE ST.: Maximilian Kaiser, petition a 616-granted a 644

GLENDALE ST.: J. Homer Pierce, petition a 379-granted a 404

GREENBRIER ST.: G. L. Davidson, petition a 301-granted a 309; Howard Bros., petition a 325-granted a 331

GREENBRIER ST., COR. BLOOMFIELD ST.: Annie M. Phillips, petition a 301-granted a 309

HAMILTON ST.: John Moran, petition a 379-granted a 404

HANCOCK ST.: William A. Whittemore, petition a 325-granted a 331

HARBOR VIEW ST.: Reuben Chapman, petition a 355-granted a 387

HARRISHOFF ST.: A. C. Chisholm, petition a 667; Frederick W. Kennedy, petition a 698-granted a 724

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HARTWELL ST.: A. C. Chisholm, petition a 269-granted a 278; Allan J. MacKinnon, petition a 355-granted a 387

HASKIN ST.: Benjamin Harris, petition a 616-granted a 644

HAYRE ST.: Charles F. Hargrave, petition a 579-granted a 623

HEATH PL.: Thomas H. Shea, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

HEATH ST.: A. Diamond, petition a 579-granted a 623; Wm. B. Blakemore, petition a 586-granted a 602; David Rabinovz, petition a 616-granted a 644; Davis & Diamond, petition a 698-granted a 724

HIGHLAND ST.: Wm. Spoth, petition a 586-granted a 602; Charles R. Marsh, petition a 720-granted a 748; B. Rogovin, petition a 866-granted a 814

HILLSIDE ST.: Daniel H. Sullivan, petition a 301-granted a 309

HOLLANDER ST.: J. J. Johnston, petition a 698-granted a 724

HOMESTEAD ST.: James Mulcahy, petition a 433-granted a 471

HOWELL ST.: James F. Kennedy, petition a 597-granted a 623

HOWLAND ST.: O. Reinstein, petition a 325-granted a 331

HUCKINS ST.: Ang. Hekkins, M. Scheffreen, petition a 720-granted a 748

HUMBOLDT AVE.: John F. Murphy, petition a 534-granted a 546

HUNNEMAN ST.: Timothy L. Connolly, petition a 355-granted a 387; John McWeeney, petition a 572-granted a 581

HUNTINGTON AVE.: Joseph Feldman, petition a 465-granted a 482

JOHN ST.: Edward H. Eldredge & Co., agents, petition a 534-granted a 546

KENWOOD ST.: I. Nickerson, petition a 572-granted a 581

KING ST.: William Smith, petition a 668-granted a 709; George F. Crossin, petition a 698-granted a 724

KNEELAND ST.: Leonard Ware, petition a 465-granted a 482

LANCASTER ST.: Joseph Green, petition a 211-granted a 214

MAGNOLIA ST.: Edwin A. Stevens, petition a 269-granted a 278

MARION ST.: Annie T. Wolfson, petition a 561-granted a 581

MARLBOROUGH ST.: Edgar F. Billings, petition a 301-granted a 309

MARKET ST., BRIGHTON: William Ready, petition a 269-granted a 278

MARSHFIELD ST.: L. M. Best, petition a 325-granted a 331

MAVERICK ST.: F. Dimase, petition a 534-granted a 546; G. Belligras, petition a 585-granted a 602

MCELLAN ST.: James Calder, and John J. Cashin, petition a 379-granted a 404; James J. Cashin, James Calder, Ellen T. Bresnahan, petition a 433-granted a 471; Charles H. Goddard, petition a 433-granted a 471; Dudley C. Thornton, petition a 465-granted a 482

MERCER ST.: Frank A. Leicht, petition a 301-granted a 309; Elizabeth J. Daly, petition a 379-granted a 404; Ann Trainor, petition a 379-granted a 404

MICHIGAN AVE.: Herman Weschkolofsky, petition a 572-granted a 581

MIDDLE ST.: Margaret Fitzgibbon, petition a 525-granted a 546; C. H. Wheelock, petition a 616-granted a 644

MILLET ST.: Katherine F. Sullivan, petition a 534-granted a 546

MINDEN ST. W. H. Baldwin, petition a 641-granted a 660; petition a 720-granted a 748

MORELAND AND DENNIS STS.: M. Scheffreen, petition a 720-granted a 748

MORRIS ST., EAST BOSTON: J. Goldinger, petition a 338-granted a 361; Fanny Faingold, petition a 572-granted a 581; I. Levni, petition a 525-granted a 546; Anna Rowe, petition a 720-granted a 748

MORSE ST.: Louis Henlein, petition a 338-granted a 361; Sarah E. and Charles E. Cook, petition a 549-granted a 566; Gideon Currier, petition a 555-granted a 566

MT. PLEASANT AVE.: James W. Woodward, petition a 585-granted a 602

MT. VERNON ST., DORCHESTER: *see* Mt. Vernon st., Dorchester

MUNROE ST.: E. Savage, petition a 433-granted a 471

NEPONSET AVE.: Quincy & Boston Street Railway Co., petition a 526-granted a 530; E. D. Berrigan, petition a 638-granted a 724

NEWBURY ST.: A. C. Burrage, petition a 752-granted a 753

NEWPORT ST.: R. O. Dunn, petition a 379-granted a 404

NIGHTINGALE ST.: J. A. Belyca, petition a 379-granted a 404

NORTH BENNET AND PRINCE STS.: *see* North Bennet and Prince sts.

NORTH ST.: C. B. Hill, petition a 616-granted a 644

NORTHAMPTON ST.: *see* Northampton st.

NORWAY ST.: A. J. MacKinnon, petition a 402-granted a 443

OAKLAND ST., DORCHESTER: John B. L. Bartlett, petition a 407-granted a 443

OLD HARBOR ST.: Henry J. Bowen, petition a 355-granted a 387

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ORKNEY ROAD: Mary L. Mullen, C. A. Lambham, M. Adelaide Fisher, Martha E. Stockwell, Mary Murphy and Charles Clements, petition a 465-granted a 482

OTTAWA ST.: Daniel A. Ritter, petition a 301-granted a 309

P ST.: A. H. Flint, petition a 433-granted a 471

PAGE ST.: Charles H. Goddard, petition a 433-granted a 471

PARIS ST.: B. M. Schwartz, petition a 338-granted a 361; Mary Smiddy *et als.*, petition a 433-granted a 471; Mrs. Annie Formanck, petition a 597-granted a 623

PARK ST., DORCHESTER: Winifred Cabalan, petition a 301-granted a 309

PARK AND CENTRE STS., WARD 23: Henry F. Allen, petition a 465-granted a 482

PARKER ST.: *see* Parker st.

PAUL GORE ST.: Dennis Meagher, petition a 616-granted a 644

PETERS ST.: *see* Peters st.; W. J. Smith, petition a 597-granted a 623

QUINCY ST.: James V. Devine, petition a 325-granted a 331; Margaret C. Keenan, petition a 355-granted a 387; William Dromey, petition a 379-granted a 404; A. D. Gould, petition a 525-granted a 547

RAND ST.: Mary Doherty, petition a 742-granted a 753

RICHFIELD ST.: Michael J. O'Brien, petition a 433-granted a 471

RICHFIELD AND OLNEY STS.: F. J. Rockwell, petition a 555-granted a 566

ROBIN HOOD ST.: Emma Kimball, petition a 616-granted a 644

ROSEDALE ST.: Geo. S. Haddock, petition a 562

ROSLIN ST.: S. N. George, petition a 698-granted a 724

ROUND HILL ST.: Emma French *et als.*, petition a 301-granted a 309; M. ARKIN, petition a 325-granted a 331; C. H. Wolf, Jacob Pfeiffer, Mrs. Josephine Jansc, petition a 379-granted a 404

RUGGLES ST.: order for construction between Halleck and Parker sts., passed a 311

RUTHVEN ST.: S. M. Shapleigh, petition a 301-granted a 309; W. Bolster, petition a 325-granted a 331; Anne M. Badger, petition a 338-granted a 361; W. Bolster, petition a 586-granted a 602

SAGAMORE ST.: M. H. Burke, petition a 655-granted a 677; Enoch J. Shaw, petition a 655-granted a 677

SARATOGA ST.: M. F. D'Arcy, petition a 269-granted a 278

SARGENT ST.: H. W. Cunningham, petition a 752-granted a 753

SAVIN HILL AVE.: C. D. Hurley, petition a 301-granted a 309; Creseent Associates, petition a 562-granted a 581

SAWYER AVE.: Arthur McArthur *et al.*, petition a 338-granted a 361

SCHILLER ST.: Christina Single, petition a 655-granted a 677

SCHOOL ST., WARD 20: Martha J. Kearney, petition a 301-granted a 309

SCHUYLER ST.: Geo. A. Medbery, *exr.*, petition a 668-granted a 709; Mrs. Harriet Hackett, petition a 668-granted a 709; M. Grant Daniell, petition a 642-granted a 660; Mrs. A. V. Moore, petition a 742-granted a 753

SCOTIA ST.: Peter F. O'Brien, petition a 698-granted a 724

SEAVER ST.: Simon Goldsmith, petition a 698-granted a 724

SHELBY ST.: John Keohane, petition a 325-granted a 331; R. Goodwin, petition a 465-granted a 482

SHERIDAN ST.: Wm. W. Sampson, petition a 433-granted a 471

SHIRLEY ST.: J. P. Fenno *et als.*, petition a 534-granted a 551

SIDNEY ST.: James M. Cross, petition a 641-granted a 660

SOUTH AND POPLAR STS.: Edward Carroll, petition a 642-granted a 660

SPENCER ST.: Carl F. Monk, petition a 525-granted a 546

SPRING PARK AVE.: B. Bernhard, petition a 379-granted a 404

STANDISH ST.: J. A. Silver, petition a 465-granted a 482

STANWOOD ST.: A. L. Fornbsh, petition a 465-granted a 482; Ruth M. Clapp, petition a 526-granted a 546

STORY ST.: Francis James, petition a 355-granted a 387; Henry J. Bowen, petition a 355-granted a 387

SUMMER ST.: A. L. Richardson, petition a 325-granted a 331; Boston University, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

TALBOT AVE.: order to make between Norfolk ave. and the bridge, passed a 575; order to make, passed a 624

TEMPLE ST., WARD 23: *see* Temple st., Ward 23

TREMONT STREET: P. J. Dolan, petition a 301-granted a 309; Thomas P. De Neill, petition a 325-granted a 331; Alexander Gaertner, petition a 525-granted a 546; T. McCarthy, petition a 641-granted a 660

TRULL ST.: S. G. King *et als.*, petition a 642-granted a 660

VALE ST.: Edward Leary, petition a 525-granted a 546; Catherine D. McMorro, granted a 529; petition a 503

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VANCOUVER ST.: D. W. Thomas, petition a 465-granted a 482; Edward A. Bangs, petition a 579-granted a 623; D. W. Thomas, petition a 541-granted a 546, 556

VICTOR ST.: James Hogan *et als.*, petition a 338-granted a 361

WABENO ST.: Felix Smith, petition a 742-granted a 753

WALES ST.: Wm. H. Martin, petition a 534-granted a 546; G. M. Hyams, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

WALTER ST., WARD 23: Catherine Helmboldt, petition a 698-granted a 724

WARREN AND MORELAND STS.: Francis L. Kittredge, petition a 526-granted a 546; petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

WASHBURN ST.: Gleofa Ossig, petition a 616-granted a 644

WASHINGTON ST., DORCHESTER: Charles F. Collins, petition a 433-granted a 471; A. G. & F. W. Morse, petition a 465-granted a 482; James F. Haddock, petition a 211-granted a 214; Lucia W. Maling, petition a 526-granted a 546; Hannah E. Foster, petition a 555-granted a 566; Charlotte P. Williams, petition a 562-granted a 581

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 18: Meville A. Wescott, petition a 211-granted a 214

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 21: Frederick Ayer, petition a 465-granted a 482

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 23; L. Siskind, petition a 555-granted a 566

WASHINGTON AND ERIE STS.: Joseph Engel, petition a 465-granted a 482

WASHINGTON AND FOREST HILLS STS.: I. W. Crozier, petition a 301-granted a 309

WASHINGTON AND MORSE STS.; S. B. Hineley, petition a 565-granted a 566

WATER ST.: Robert M. Cushing *et al.*, petition a 465-granted a 482

WATERLOW ST.: Mrs. E. R. Hianscom, petition a 465-granted a 482

WAUMBECK ST.: French Cole Co., petition a 465-granted a 482; petition a 616, 642-granted a 644, 660

WEST ST.: Bigelow, Kennard & Co., petition a 379-granted a 404

WEST EAGLE ST.: order that the superintendent of streets pave sidewalks between Brooks and Meridian sts., passed a 330

WEST EAGLE AND BROOKS STS.: Dingwell Bros., petition a 549-granted a 566

WEST EIGHTH ST.: Samuel W. Johnson, petition a 720-granted a 748

WEST PARK ST.: Jacob P. Power, petition a 534-granted a 546

WEST THIRD ST.: John J. White, petition a 555-granted a 566; John R. Meins, petition a 579-granted a 623

WHITE ST.: *see* White st.

WILLOW ST.: Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., petition a 562-granted a 581

WOLCOTT ST.: J. R. Hetherington, petition a 301-granted a 309

WYOMING ST.: M. D. Kneeland, petition a 301-granted a 309; petition a 379-granted a 404

WYOMING AND WABENO STS.: Levi Herman, petition a 379-granted a 404

**improvements, paving, etc.:**

ADAMS ST.: *see* Adams st.

ARLINGTON ST.: *see* Arlington st.

B ST.: *see* B st.

BEACON ST.: *see* Beacon st.

BELVIDERE ST.: *see* Belvidere st.

BERKELEY ST.: *see* Berkeley st.

BLUE HILL AVE.: *see* Blue Hill ave.

BOLTON ST.: *see* Bolton st.

BOYLSTON ST., WARD 22: *see* Boylston st.

BROADWAY: *see* Broadway

BUNKER HILL ST.: *see* Bunker Hill st.

BURGESS ST.: *see* Burgess st.

CARLETON ST.: *see* Carleton st.

CHARLES ST.: *see* Charles st.

COLUMBUS AVE.: *see* Columbus ave.

CONDOR ST.: *see* Condor st.

COWPER ST.: *see* Cowper st.

D ST.: *see* D st.

DEVONSHIRE ST.: *see* Devonshire st.

DORCHESTER ST.: *see* Dorchester st.

DOVER ST.: *see* Dover st.

DUDLEY ST.: *see* Dndley st.

EAST EAGLE ST.: *see* East Eagle st.

EAST SECOND ST.: *see* East Second st.

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ENDICOTT ST.: *see* Endicott st.  
 EVERETT ST., BRIGHTON: *see* Everett st., Brighton  
 ESSEX ST.: *see* Essex st., Charlestown  
 FIRST ST.: *see* First st.  
 FRANCIS ST.: *see* Franelis st.  
 GOVE ST.: *see* Gove st.  
 GRANITE AVE.: *see* Granite ave.  
 HANOVER and other streets: *see* Hanover, Commercial, Devonshire, Blackstone sts., and Atlantic ave.  
 HARRISON AVE.: *see* Harrison ave.  
 HARWICH ST.: *see* Harwielh st.  
 HEATH AND NEW HEATH STS.: *see* Heath and New Heath sts.  
 KITTREDGE ST.: *see* Kittredge st.  
 LA GRANGE ST., WARD 23: *see* La Grange st.  
 LAMARTINE ST.: *see* Lamartine st., crosswalk  
 LENOX ST.: *see* Lenox st.  
 MASSACHUSETTS AVE.: *see* Massachusetts ave.  
 MILTON ST., WARD 8: *see* Milton st.  
 MYSTIC AND ELM STS.: *see* Mystic and Elm sts.  
 NEWARK ST.: *see* Newark st.  
 ONEIDA AND SENECA STS.: *see* Oneida and Seneca sts.  
 PARL ST., WARD 20: *see* Park st., Ward 20  
 PARKER ST.: *see* Parker st.  
 PLEASANT AND SUMNER STS.: *see* Pleasant and Sumner sts.  
 PLEASANT ST., DORCHESTER: *see* Pleasant st., Dorchester  
 PRINCETON ST.: *see* Princeton st.  
 PURITAN AVE.: *see* Puritan ave.  
 PUTNAM SQ., and other streets: *see* Putnam sq.  
 QUINCY ST.: *see* Quincy st.  
 RUTHVEN ST.: *see* Ruthven st.  
 RUGGLES ST.: *see* Ruggles st.  
 SHAWMUT AVE.: *see* Shawmut ave.  
 SMITH ST.: *see* Smith st.  
 SPENCER ST.: *see* Spencer st.  
 TOLMAN PL.: *see* Tolman pl.  
 UTICA PL.: *see* Utica pl.  
 WASHINGTON ST., WARD 23: *see* Washington st., Ward 23  
 WEST CEDAR ST.: *see* West Cedar st.  
 WILTON ST., BRIGHTON: *see* Wilton st., Brighton  
 WINTHROP SQ., CHARLESTOWN: *see* Winthrop sq., Charlestown  
 WOODWARD PARK ST.: *see* Woodward Park st.

**Street Laying-Out Department.**

committee: appointed a 238 e 258  
 land, Elm st., Charlestown: *see* School Department  
 lease of land to Boston College: *see* Boston College  
 list of streets given to Old Colony Railroad Company to complete terminal facilities: order that the street commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to submit to the common council a list of the streets given by the city of Boston to said company, and amounts given by company in return for the property, passed e 266; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the street commissioners relative to, placed on file e 363  
 naming square in Charlestown, Hayes sq.: *see* Hayes sq.  
 sale of Elm st., site: *see* Elm st., Charlestown  
 sale of part of Tenean brook: *see* Tenean brook  
 street widening laws: order that the street commissioners be requested to transmit a statement of all laws in connection with the widening of streets and manner of assessing expenses and making awards, passed a 554  
 laying out, etc.:  
 ALEXANDER ST.: *see* Alexander st.  
 BATTERY ST.: *see* Battery st.  
 BEACH ST.: *see* Beach st.  
 BIRD ST.: *see* Bird st.  
 BROOKS ST., BRIGHTON: extension: *see* Brooks st., Brighton  
 CHELSEA ST., CHARLESTOWN: *see* Chelsea st., Charlestown  
 CHICKERING PL.: *see* Chickering pl.  
 CLAYTON ST.: *see* Clayton st.  
 CORINTH ST.: *see* Corinth st.  
 CUSTER ST.: *see* Custer st.

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DAVENPORT AVE.: acceptance: *see* Davenport ave.  
 DORCHESTER AVE.: *see* Dorchester ave.  
 DUDLEY ST.: *see* Dudley st.  
 GENEVA AVE.: *see* Geneva ave.  
 GERARD ST.: *see* Gerard st.  
 HAMILTON ST.: *see* Hamilton st.  
 HAMPDEN ST.: *see* Hampden st.  
 HANCOCK ST., DORCHESTER: widening: *see* Hancock st., Dorchester  
 HYDE PARK AVE.: *see* Hyde Park ave.  
 KILTON ST.: *see* Kilton st.  
 LONGFELLOW ST.: *see* Longfellow st.  
 LONGWOOD AND BROOKLINE AVES.: *see* Longwood and Brookline aves.  
 LUCAS ST.: *see* Lucas st.  
 PHILLIPS ST., ROXBURY: *see* Phillips st.  
 PINE ST.: *see* Pine st.  
 PUTNAM ST.: *see* Putnam st.  
 RUGGLES ST.: *see* Ruggles st.  
 RUTHERFORD AVE.: *see* Rutherford ave.  
 SELMA ST.: *see* Selma st.  
 SOUTH ST., WARD 23: *see* South st., Ward 23  
 TEMPLE ST., WARD 23: *see* Temple st., Ward 23  
 THACHER ROAD: *see* Thacher road  
 UPHAM AVE.: acceptance, etc.: *see* Upham ave.  
 VINSON ST.: *see* Vinson st.  
 WALK HILL ST.: *see* Walk Hill st.  
 sewers:  
 DORCHESTER AVE.: *see* Dorchester ave.  
 FISHER AVE.: *see* Fisher ave.

**Street Lighting Contract. (See Lamp Department.)****Street Railways. (See also the Different Street Railway Companies.)**

extension of Norfolk House line: *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company  
 vestibules on cars: *see* Legislative Matters

**Street Sweeping.**

communication from George W. Galvin, M.D., relative to the use of street-sweeping machines, and the menace to public health, etc., assigned e 64, 65-taken up (C. D. 47), referred to the mayor e 85

**Street Watering.**

assessment: *see* Street Department, *Street Watering*  
 sprinkling: *see* Ordinances

**Street Widening Laws. (See Street Laying Out Department.)****Stuart and Dartmouth streets.**

sign: J. M. Vucaasovieh, petition a 697-granted a 708

**Sub-Foremen, Information Regarding. (See Street Department.)****Subway Entrances, Improvement of. (See Public Grounds Department.)****Suffolk, County of.**

county accounts: committee appointed a 62

Charles st. Jail, brick wall: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for the erection of a brick wall in place of existing wooden one, passed a 441 e 449

**Suffolk, County of, continued.**

**clerk-hire, register of deeds:** amount of clerk hire, commencing December 19, 1888, approved a 80; statements regarding clerk-hire, approved a 168, 251, 326, 402, 467, 534, 562, 599, 656, 785, 744

**court officer, West Roxbury:** report, with order for payment on petition of Charles P. Johnson (referred last year), to be paid for services, accepted, passed a 747

**deceased employe in equity session:** see Theodore M. Osborne

**early court files:** petition of clerk of Supreme Judicial Court for an appropriation for arranging the early court files a 778-report with order accepted, passed a 781

**indices in Suffolk registry of deeds:** report on petition of board of index commissioners (referred last year), with order, to expend not exceeding \$6,000 in preparation, etc., accepted, passed a 214; board of index commissioners, petition for an appropriation for continuing work of making new and improved indices a 585-report, with order making appropriation accepted, passed a 746, 747; board of index commissioners, petition for an appropriation a 751

**medical examiner, office for:** Francis A. Harris, petition to be furnished with office, etc. a 778-report with order, accepted, passed a 781; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 805-report, placed on file a 837, 838

**new indices to Suffolk deeds:** report on petition (referred last year) for an appropriation, with order, to expend \$8,000, etc., accepted, passed a 214

**payment to Commonwealth:** order that the county auditor be authorized to allow payment of \$68.78, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, assessed by the Massachusetts highway commission, passed a 731

**register of probate:** Elijah George, petition for an additional allowance for clerical assistance a 579-report, with order, accepted, passed a 678

**social law library:** petition of proprietors for \$1,000 a 45-granted a 214

**State highway tax:** notice was received from the state treasurer of assessment due from county of Suffolk, tax for year 1899, of \$68.78, referred to committee on county accounts a 467

**Suffolk deeds:** report, with order, to have printed, etc., eleventh volume of Suffolk Deeds (petition referred last year), accepted, passed a 214; John T. Massam *et als.*, petition that twelfth volume be printed a 751

**vacation for registry clerks:** order that the register of deeds be authorized to allow clerks two weeks' leave of absence without loss of pay, etc., passed a 403

**Suffolk, County of, Prisons in. (See Inspection of Prisons in Suffolk County.)****Suffolk Deeds. (See Suffolk, County of.)****Sullivan, Daniel F.**

petition, compensation for damages to bicycle a 578

**Sullivan, Daniel P.**

appointed sealer of weights and measures and seizer of illegal charcoal baskets a 300-confirmed a 326

**Sullivan, John**

petition to be refunded the amount of two sewer taxes paid by him under protest a 525-refused a 745 c 765

**Sullivan, John.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 832

**Sullivan, John H., Hon.**

oath of office administered as member of board of estimate and apportionment, page 1; resolutions on death a 294-296 c 206-208; order that expense attending engrossing of resolutions be charged to city council, incidental expenses, passed a 470 c 495; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to furnish portrait to be placed in City Hall, passed c 595 a 598

**Sullivan, John P., Councilman, Ward 4.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on treasury department, water department, wire department, music department, Seventeenth of June c 268; committee on Squantum park c 796; committee to see that British monument is not placed on common c 796

**orders offered:** electric light, Charlestown playground c 76, 77 tracks, Cambridge st., Charlestown c 141 paving Essex st., Charlestown c 285 electric light, Brighton st. c 285 night car, Bunker Hill st. c 285 condition of Ward 4 playground c 377 fence, Ward 4 playground c 458 lights on Haverhill and Seaver sts. c 736

**Sullivan, Timothy D., et als.**

petition for the removal of tracks of the North Shore Traction Company, now controlled by the Boston and Lynn R.R., from Walley st. a 144

**Sullivan street.**

**sign:** Sam Sing, petition a 561-granted a 570

**Summer street.**

**area:** Atherton T. Brown, petition to construct a 236-granted a 254

**basement of building:** Atherton T. Brown, petition to construct at grade 10 a 235

**sidewalk:** A. L. Richardson, petition a 325-granted a 331; Boston University, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

**sign:** H. W. Lockwood & Co., petition a 269-granted a 276; Gus De Stefong, petition a 524-granted a 537; petition a 697-granted a 708

**temporary track:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Summer-street Extension.**

**crosswalk at Terminal Station:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to construct a crosswalk at or near corner of New Dorchester ave. and Summer-st. bridge, passed a 582

**Summer and Federal streets.**

**sign:** O'Brien Bros., petition a 524-granted a 527

**Summer and South streets.**

**illuminated mortar:** Jaynes & Chapin Co., petition to erect a 465-granted a 538; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 540-report, accepted, bid on table a 546, 550-taken up, veto sustained a 556; petition to erect; order issuing permit, passed a 559

**Sumner street, Dorchester.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 832-referred to committee on public improvements a 833

**resurfacing:** order that superintendent of streets be requested to resurface street, passed a 386

**Sumner street, East Boston.**

**barber-pole:** Frank Landino, petition a 572-granted a 575

**building:** John Morrison, petition to erect a 464-granted a 470 c 493

**poles:** Anna E. Wooster *et als.*, petition for hearing a 464

**sign:** Henry S. Levine, petition a 549-granted a 553

**transparency:** Joseph F. Hickey, petition a 572-granted a 575

**tree:** J. Mandelstein, petition to box a 211-granted a 309; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, veto sustained a 323; petition a 167-refused a 170

**Sumner and East Cottage streets.**

**poles, wires, etc.:** Postal Telegraph Cable Company, petition to erect a 432-order for hearing a 438-hearing a 464-report, no action necessary a 730

**Sutherland road.**

**closing:** order to close between Commonwealth ave. and Selkirk road, passed a 403

**Sweeney, Dennis J.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Woodman st., J. P. a 615

**Sweeney, James A., Councilman, Ward 7.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on art department, engineering department, fire department, institutions department, police department c 267, 268

**orders offered:** Harrison ave., asphaltting c 76  
leave of absence for firemen c 337  
leave of absence for firemen c 521  
intimidation of city employees c 636

**remarks:** leave of absence for firemen c 337

**Swett street.**

**guy-posts:** Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, petition a 193-granted a 199

**Sydney street.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 359

**poles:** H. B. Coughlan *et als.*, remonstrance against erection a 806

**Symmes street.**

**tree:** order to remove in front of estate No. 24, passed a 441

**Taber, J. C. S.**

communication relative to crowding of Boston Theatre referred to committee on public improvements a 269, 270-referred to committee on licenses a 277-report, no action necessary, accepted a 308, 309

**Talbot avenue, Dorchester.**

**construction:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment when organized be requested to provide a sufficient amount in the next loan bill to complete construction, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 37

**electric cars:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Company

**electric lights:** order to provide between Norfolk st. and Blue Hill ave., referred to the mayor c 651

**line of cars:** *see* Boston Elevated Railway Co.

**location of tracks:** *see* Boston Elevated Street Railway Company

**revised grade:** order to establish between Bernard and Soender sts., referred to committee on public improvements a 253

**sidewalk:** order to make between Norfolk ave. and the bridge, passed a 575; order to make, passed a 624

**Tallon, Daniel, Right Honorable, Lord Mayor of Dublin. (See Distinguished Visitors.)****Taxes, Interest on. (See Annual Estimates Appropriation Bill.)****Taylor, Fanny.**

petition for payment to Charles E. Loud of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Dana place a 337-granted a 437, 438 c 448

**Telephone and Telegraph Poles. (See under name of Company or Street.)****Temple place.**

**illuminated sign:** Simon Davidson, petition a 751-granted a 761

**signs:** Dr. H. C. Edwards, petition a 123, 167-granted a 170; B. F. Larrabee, petition a 78; Mrs. M. G. Weber, petition a 167-granted a 170; A. J. Landry, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Temple street, West Roxbury.**

**claims:** Annie V. O'Connell, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 45

**laying-out and construction:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill an amount sufficient to lay out and construct to Centre st., passed c 77-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 79

**sidewalks:** order that the street department, through the mayor, be requested to put in condition, referred to the mayor c 653

**Tenean brook.**

**sale of part of brook:** order that the street commissioners, with the approval of the mayor, be authorized to sell so much of brook as lies between Adams st. and line of Clayton st., extended, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 543-report, discussed a 551, 552-assigned a 552-taken up, passed a 556 c 594

**Tenney, George W.**

petition to place sign around tree, Columbus ave. a 102-refused a 104

**Terrace street.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 359

**Thacher road.**

**acceptance and construction and renaming:** order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and construct road, passed a 537-amended, passed c 594 a 598; order that the street commissioners be requested to accept and construct and to lay out same under name of Windermere road, passed a 710 c 713

**name:** order that street commissioners be requested to retain name when street is accepted, passed a 598

**Thacher street.**

**bay-windows:** John Lepore, petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 334-granted a 409; Louis Nocito, petition and order for hearing a 549-hearing a 561-granted a 624

**bulkhead:** Schofield heirs, petition to enlarge a 236-granted a 254-granted a 529; John Lepore, petition to maintain a 503

**Thake & Charles.**

petition, compensation for damages to horse, wagon and harness a 236

**Thayer, Caroline C.**

communication from Nathaniel Niles Thayer in relation to bequest for Protestant widows and single women a 742-report, no further action necessary a 753

**Theatre Licenses.**

ordered that the board of aldermen be requested to amend the revised regulations of 1898, so that section 2 of chapter 3 will provide payment for licenses, assigned c 77, 86-taken up, discussed c 115, 116-amended, referred to the committee on ordinances c 116

**Theatre Managers.**

order that the managers of the various theatres be requested to have the national air played at the close of every performance, passed a 146

**Theatres.**

**fire escapes in:** *see* Building Department

**overcrowding of:** *see* Licenses

**"standing room only" sign:** *see* Licenses

**use of on Sundays:** *see* Licenses

**Thetford-avenue School.** (See School Department.)

**Third street.**

pipe: Richard J. Powers, petition to lay a 269-granted a 277

**Thirteenth Representative District, Vacancy.** (See Election Department.)

**Thoits, Lizzie G.**

petition that the board of aldermen estimate damages by taking of her estate, Porter street, by Boston Elevated Railway Company a 269-order for hearing a 276, 277-hearing, referred to committee on public improvements a 324-report, with order, for hearing a 331-amended petition submitted, order for hearing, passed a 360-hearing a 353-assigned a 410

**Thomas, Chauncey & Co., Estate of.**

petition to construct iron grating in sidewalk, Chestnut st. a 123, 124-granted a 128, 129

**Thomas park.**

trees: order to trim, referred to the mayor c 653

**Thomas, Rufus K.**

petition for payments of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Willis street a 667-granted a 723 c 733

**Thompson & Norris Company.**

petition, leave to lay railroad tracks, Lincoln street, Brighton a 464-order for hearing a 476-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 524; petition to lay single track at grade across Everett st., Brighton a 525-order for hearing a 530-hearing a 549-granted a 559; notice of acceptance of location a 573; notice from railroad commissioner of consent to construction of railroad tracks a 599

**Thorndike and Reed streets.**

new school: see School Department

**Thornton street.**

coasting: Joseph Schaff *et al.*, petition that no permit be granted a 742, 752-placed on file a 753

**Ticknor School.** (See School Department.)

**Tierney, Michael.**

compensation for damages to property, Massachusetts ave. (referred last year) refused a 327 c 366

**Tileston School, Playground in Yard.** (See School Department.)

**Tileston and Sherwin Districts.**

new schools: see School Department

**Tobin, John J., Councilman, Ward 9.**

qualified: page 2

appointed: committee on assessing department, collecting department, contingent expenses, street laying-out department c 267, 268

orders offered: employees on union basis c 284  
purchase of granite from Rockport Granite Company c 321  
fire escapes, Franklin School c 322  
cold water fountain in gymnasium, Ward 9 c 502  
eight-hour day c 610  
number of hours for employees c 596  
Dover st., repaving c 696

**Tobin, John J., Councilman, Ward 9, continued.**

remarks: reduction of firemen's salaries c 117  
investigation of removal of city employees c 40  
relaying tracks, Tremont st. c 287, 291  
gymnasium, Ward 9 c 414, 415  
eight-hour law c 610  
observation stands on Common c 639  
asphalting Harrison ave. c 690  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 773

**Todd, Melissa A.**

petition for payment to J. Walter Newhall of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Columbia st. a 719-granted a 779 c 792

**Tolman place.**

improvement: order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to place in suitable condition for travel by teams, referred to the mayor c 521

**Tonawanda street and Ridge road.**

lamp: order to place at junction of said streets, referred to the mayor c 612

**Training field, Charlestown.**

concrete walks: order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to place walks in proper condition, referred to the mayor c 522

**Transit Commission.** (See Boston Transit Commission.)

**Travers street.**

bridge: order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan bill a sufficient sum to erect a bridge over the tracks of the Boston Elevated Street Railway tracks, between Haverhill and Canal sts., the bridge to be used for foot travel, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 96 a 103

tunnel: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill \$10,000 for construction of a tunnel under tracks of Boston Elevated Railway Company, between Haverhill and Canal sts., referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 253; order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, build a tunnel or a subway under the Boston Elevated Railroad tracks, between Canal and Haverhill streets, to be used for foot travel, referred to the mayor c 376; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to give a public hearing to citizens of Ward 6 in relation to, passed a 387 c 391

**Travers and Friend streets.**

illuminated sign: George F. Monahan, petition a 250

**Treasury Department.**

committee: appointed a 238 c 268

city treasurer: Alfred T. Turner, appointed a 300-confirmed a 325

assignment of salaries: order that the city treasurer, through the mayor, be requested to report the names of heads of departments or divisions where salaries are assigned at the present time, also length of assignment, discussed c 67, 68-referred to the mayor c 68; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city treasurer relative to, placed on file c 215, 216

earlier payments on Saturday: order that the city treasurer, through the mayor, be requested to provide for earlier and more expeditious payments on Saturday of employees on weekly pay-rolls, passed a 528 c 594

payment of election officers: see Election Department

**Trees.** (See Public Grounds Department.)

**Trees, Attaching Wires To.** (See Ordinances.)

**Tremlett park.**

curbstone: order to provide suitable curbstone around park, passed a 308

**Tremlett street.**

**poles:** report, no action necessary a 834

**Tremlett and Washington streets, Dorchester.**

**electric light:** Charles H. Collins *et als.*, petition a 300

**Tremont row.**

**dress forms on sidewalk:** Lyman Gibbs & Co., petition to stand a 572-refused a 574

**illuminated sign:** Alland Bros., petition a 480-granted a 527; petition a 561-granted a 569; Alexander Cava, petition a 572-granted a 575

**lamp and signs:** Alexander Cava, petition a 464-refused a 527-report, no action necessary a 761

**mortar sign:** S. A. Epstein, petition a 432-granted a 468

**show-cases:** L. Starr & Co., petition a 432-granted a 468; Massachusetts Boot and Shoe Company, petition a 572-refused a 581, 582

**signs:** E & F. Couture, petition a 123-granted a 230; Bates Dental Co., petition a 464-granted a 527; Samuel Katz, petition a 524-granted a 537; Alexander Cava, petition a 549-granted a 554, report no action necessary a 761; Samuel Katz, petition a 572-granted a 575; petition a 597-granted a 603; Margaret Gordon, petition a 615-granted a 624; petition a 655-granted a 661; Samuel Katz, petition a 667-granted a 675; Margaret J. Gordon, petition a 832-granted a 836; New England Microscope Company, petition, granted a 504

**sign and lamp:** Alexander Cava, petition a 480-granted a 527

**Tremont street.**

**area:** estate of John L. Gardner, petition a 338-granted a 361

**artificial stone sidewalk:** order that the superintendent of streets make in front of Granary burying-ground, passed a 662

**bay-windows:** William H. Gibbons, petition and order for hearing a 535-hearing a 555-refused a 661; J. C. Spillane, petition and order for hearing a 579-granted a 675

**box on sidewalk:** John Daniellion, petition a 641-refused a 838

**cellar of building:** Sidney F. Squires, petition to excavate at grade 9, a 251-granted a 254

**covers over areas:** Estate of James L. Little, petition to change a 667-granted a 678

**druggist's mortar:** Edward J. Keeler, petition a 464-granted a 527; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 540-report, veto sustained a 546; Ferrin & Fausnaught, petition a 615-granted a 624

**excavation:** Sydney F. Squires, communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 239; report, veto sustained a 623

**guy-rope:** Noreross Bros., petition to stretch across street a 541-granted a 546

**illuminated signs:** Dr. M. M. Dewey, petition a 78-granted a 305; Albert C. Haley, petition a 401-granted a 409; Fred L. Smith, petition a 561-granted a 581

**post clock:** Paris Pattern Supply Company, petition a 124-granted a 129; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit; veto sustained a 166; Nathaniel P. Hamlen, petition a 407; granted a 506

**sidewalk:** P. J. Donlan, petition a 301-granted a 309; Thomas P. DeNeill, petition a 325-granted a 331; Ellen Spillane, petition a 402-granted a 443; Alexander Gaertner, petition a 525-granted a 546; T. McCarthy, petition a 641-granted a 660

**signs:** H. Kaufman, petition a 250-granted a 252; Joseph Seminara, petition a 324-granted a 343; Charles A. Raymond, petition a 337-granted a 357; B. W. Mustasky, petition a 354-granted a 385; John E. Jacobson, petition a 378-granted a 406; Carmelo De Luca, petition a 524-granted a 537; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, veto sustained a 340; B. M. Wollenberg, petition a 555-granted a 558; Fred L. Smith, petition a 667-granted a 675; Ralph G. Howe, petition, granted a 720; A. Yeretsky, petition a 806-granted a 809

**tracks:** resolve, that in the opinion of the board of aldermen, public convenience and necessity require that the tracks formerly located on said street and removed by order of the Transit Commission, should be replaced as soon as possible; order that a copy of resolve be transmitted to the committee of the General Court which is now considering subject, discussed a 129, 130-passed a 130; communication from B. F. Keith relative to a 778

**temporary arch:** B. F. Keith, petition to erect a 597-granted a 602

**transparencies:** James H. Doyle, petition a 655-granted a 661

**Tremont street, Brighton.**

**electric lights:** order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to furnish a suitable number between Oak sq. and the Newton line, referred to the mayor c 43; order to erect suitable number between Oak sq. and Newton line, passed a 236

**Tremont street, Charlestown.**

**bay-window:** James H. Libby, petition and order for hearing a 357-hearing a 401-granted a 469

**Tremont street and Mansfield place.**

**sign:** G. F. Mansfield, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Tremont and St. Alphonsus streets.**

**druggist's mortar:** Edward J. Keeler, petition a 549-granted a 554

**Tremont, Boylston and Charles streets.**

**bicycle path:** see Bicycle path adjoining Common

**Tremont and Eliot streets.**

**permit:** A. G. Latour, petition for transfer to A. Ladd a 503

**Tremont and Boylston streets.**

**relaying of tracks:** order that the committee on railroads be requested to give a public hearing on the subject of relocation of tracks, assigned a 36-taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 56-report, accepted, referred to committee on railroads a 59-report, no action necessary a 128; resolve in favor of relaying tracks, etc., discussed, substitute offered, discussed c 285-291-laid over c 291-taken up c 314, 315-laid on table c 315-motion to indefinitely postpone ruled out c 372-taken from table c 415, 416-indefinitely postponed c 416; remonstrance of Charles E. French against replacing tracks c 312

**Tremont and Prentiss streets.**

**buildings:** Henrietta Goldsmith, petition to construct a 269-granted a 357 c 367-communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 407-report, veto sustained a 623

**Tremont street, corner Weston street.**

**building nuisance:** order that notice be given to owners of building known as Hook & Hastings organ factory to appear before board of aldermen to show cause why such building should not be adjudged a nuisance, referred to committee on public improvements a 442-report, accepted, order passed a 443-hearing a 464-report, no action necessary a 546

**Trenton street.**

**resurfacing:** see Ward 1, street improvements

**Trenton street, East Boston.**

**signs:** C. W. Crocker & Co., petition a 655-granted a 661

**Trull street.**

**sidewalk:** Samuel G. King *et al.*, petition a 642-granted a 660

**Trustees for Children. (See Institutions Department.)****Tunnel to East Boston. (See East Boston.)****Turnbull, Joseph A., Councilman, Ward 4.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on water tax on boarding and lodging houses c 93; committee on election department, finance, health department, police department, public lands, statistics department, Fourth of July, Seventeenth of June, water tax on boarding and lodging houses c 267, 268; committee to attend funeral of ex-Mayor Prince c 424

**Turnbull, Joseph A., Councilman, Ward 4, continued.**

orders offered: Mead st., steps c 50

remarks: amendment to joint rules relative to finance committee  
c 242  
relaying of tracks, Tremont st. c 288

**Turner, Alfred T.**

appointed city treasurer a 300—confirmed a 325

**Tuttle street.**

electric light, corner Savin Hill ave.: petition of Charles O'Connor, order for location, passed a 815

**Twelve-hour Basis for Fire Department. (See Fire Department.)****Twenty-Sixth Regiment, United States Volunteers.**

order that committee be appointed to make suitable preparations for extending courtesies of the city to officers and men during their visit to this city, passed a 575—Indefinitely postponed c 594—placed on file a 597, 598

**Tyler street.**

bulkhead: Daniel M. Driscoll, petition a 555—granted a 558

**Tyner, William.**

petition, compensation for injuries to horse a 741

**Unclaimed Baggage.**

committee appointed for sale of unclaimed baggage on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company a 616; report, with order, to sell, accepted, passed a 780

**Union Freight Railroad Company.**

locations: 17th accepted a 619

**Union No. 11, Painters and Decorators of America.**

communication in favor of the passage of an ordinance for the establishment of a building construction department, etc., referred to committee on ordinances c 48

**Union Park street.**

tree: John McNamara, petition, removal tree a 432

**Union Park and other streets.**

poles: Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 578—order for hearing a 582—bearing a 584

**Union street.**

sign: International Heater Co., petition a 697—granted a 708

**United States Government, Transfer of Land to. (See Long Island.)****Upham avenue.**

acceptance and construction: order that street commissioners be requested to accept and construct, from Hancock st. to Cushing ave., passed a 213 c 217

**Upland avenue, Wellesley park and Park street.**

tree: order to remove tree standing in sidewalk, passed a 543

**Upper Leather.**

measurers appointed a 274—confirmed a 301, 302

**Upton and Tremont streets.**

cars to stop: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**Utica place.**

paving: order that the board of estimate and apportionment insert in the next loan a sum sufficient to pave, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 142 a 145

**Utica street.**

lamp: Geo. W. Armstrong, petition a 655

**Utica and Beach streets.**

electric light: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place on corner, referred to the mayor c 42

**Utica, East, South, and Essex streets.**

guy-posts: George A. Fuller Company, petition a 193—granted a 199

**Vacation for Night Men. (See City Employees.)****Vaccination. (See Health Department.)****Vale street, South Boston.**

revised grade: order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 277—report, accepted, order passed a 278

sidewalk: Edward Tracy, petition a 525—granted a 546; Catherine D. McMorro, petition a 503—granted a 529

**Vale and East Ninth streets.**

guy-posts: city of Boston, petition a 123—granted a 129

**Vancouver street.**

sidewalks: D. W. Thomas, petition a 465—granted a 482; Edward A. Bangs, petition a 579—granted a 623; D. W. Thomas, petition a 541—granted a 546, 551

**Vehicles, Lights on, in parks. (See Park Department.)****Vessels and Ballast Department.**

committee: appointed a 238 c 267

chief inspector: John J. Caddigan, appointed a 273—confirmed a 301, 302

assistant inspectors: James Collins and Edward Hughes, appointed a 273—confirmed a 301, 302

oyster beds: see Higgins, R. R. & Co., *et als.*

**Vestibules on Cars. (See Legislative Matters.)****Veterans of the Late War, Payment of. (See Legislative Matters.)****Veto Messages from the Mayor. (See Mayor, The.)****Vice-President Hobart.**

retolution on death, passed c 739 a 742

**Victor street.**

sidewalk: James Hogan *et als.*, petition a 338—granted a 361

**Victorian Club. (See British Monument.)**

**Village street.**

**bulkhead**: Jacob Schwartz, petition a 555-granted a 558

**Vinson street.**

**laying-out**: order that the street commissioners be requested to make plan for laying-out from Park st. to Geneva ave., passed a 657

**Volta, Anthony.**

petition to maintain bootblack stand in Franklin ave. a 102; petition for renewal of permit for bootblack stand, Franklin ave. a 433-granted a 443

**Wabeno street.**

**sidewalk**: Felix Smith, petition a 742-granted a 753

**Wachusett street.**

**lamps**: Ernest M. Dodd *et als.*, petition a 561

**Wait street.**

**poles**: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524-granted a 531; petition to erect a 667-order for hearing a 669-hearing a 697-granted a 788

**Waldeck street.**

**gaslights**: order that the superintendent of lamps be requested to place lights between Park st. and Melville ave., referred to the mayor c 612

**Wales street.**

**sidewalk**: Wm. H. Martin, petition a 534-granted a 546; G. M. Hyams, petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

**Walker, Harvey W., Councilman, Ward 25.**

**qualified**: page 2

**appointed**: committee on investigation of removal of city employees c 40; committee on claims, hospital department, lamp department, weights and measures department, discharge of city employees c 267, 268; committee on judiciary c 374

**orders offered**: transfer of Rogers park, Brighton c 376  
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pay of Wm. D. Dyar c 794  
disposition of Franklin Fund c 797, 799  
resolution of sympathy for Boers c 820, 821, 823

**Walk Hill street.**

**building**: T. J. Billings, petition a 402-granted a 443

**widening**: Thomas Minton *et als.*, petition a 123

**Wallace, Neil J.**

order that the board of park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to consider and report what action should be taken by the city government to properly recognize heroism in saving children from drowning in Leverett pond, referred to the mayor c 42

**Walley street.**

**tracks**: removal of: *see* Sullivan, Timothy D.; or, Railroad Matters

**Walnut avenue and other streets.**

**poles**: Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 337-order for hearing a 344-hearing a 354-granted a 385

**Walnut street, Dorchester.**

**claims**: G. W. Hollis, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 549

**Walter street, Ward 23.**

**sidewalk**: Catherine Helmholtz, petition a 698-granted a 724

**Walters, Florentine**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Freeport st. a 719

**Waltham, Newton & Forest Hills Street Railway Co.**

**BAKER and other streets**: petition for location of tracks and overhead electric system a 269-order for hearing a 276-hearing a 324; petition for location of tracks a 325-order for hearing a 344-hearing a 401

**War Department.**

**land for**: *see* Loug Island

**structures in harbor**: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the war department approving locations and plans of certain structures in harbor, placed on file a 832

**War Veterans, Pay of. (See City Employees.)****Ward 1.**

**councilmen**: A. Dudley Bagley, George H. Battis, David W. Simpson, qualified, page 1

**new school**: *see* School Department

**street improvements**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide \$1,500 for completion of Princeton st., \$10,000 for resurfacing Trenton st., \$10,000 for resurfacing Falcon st., referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 501

**ward-room**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment provide in the next loan bill \$20,000 for a ward-room, and give hearing on same, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 169; order that the school committee be requested to allow use of one of the rooms in the Emerson school-house as a ward-room, etc., passed a 470; ordinance to amend sect. 1, chap. 32 of Revised Ordinances of 1898 relative to, passed a 470-referred to committee on ordinances c 495; communication from the school committee relative to, sent down a 527

**Ward 2.**

**councilmen**: Joseph F. Hickey, Frank J. Johnson, Thomas F. Rice, qualified, page 1

**Ward 3.**

**councilmen**: Henry B. Carroll, Francis J. Doherty, Charles A. Horrigan, qualified, page 1

**open-air gymnasium in playground**: *see* Playground, Ward 3

**Ward 4.**

**councilmen**: Thomas A. Kelly, John P. Sullivan, Joseph A. Turnbull, qualified, page 2

**playground**: *see* Playground, Ward 4

**Ward 5.**

**councilmen**: William E. Bennett, John F. Gibbons, Edward H. Madden, qualified, page 2

**gymnasium**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in their estimate a sufficient sum to construct and carry on all the year around, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 142 a 145

**playground and open-air gymnasium**: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order an amount sufficient for the purchase of land for playground and open-air gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 143 a 145

**Ward 6.**

**councilmen:** Andrew A. Badaracco, Patrick H. Bradley, William J. O'Brien, qualified, page 2

**drinking fountains:** *see* Water Department

**gymnasium in playground:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$50,000 for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 146

**park:** *see* Causeway, Haverhill and Canal sts., and Haymarket sq.

**playground:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to secure the territory bounded by Charlestown, Thatcher, Lynn and Cooper sts., and cause same to be laid out as a public square and playground, referred to the mayor c 283

**Ward 7.**

**councilmen:** John L. Donovan, James H. Stone, James A. Sweeney, qualified, page 2

**gymnasium and bath-house:** *see* Bath Department

**Ward 8.**

**councilmen:** William H. Cuddy, Daniel J. Kiley, Martin Leftovith, qualified, page 2

**new ward-room:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan order the sum of \$50,000 for a new ward-room, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 36

**Ward 9.**

**councilmen:** Samuel Kasanof, Michael Leonard, John J. Tobin, qualified, page 2

**gymnasium:** *see* Bath Department

**gymnasium, cold water in fountain:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to furnish cold water at fountain in building, referred to the mayor c 502

**improvement of Oneida and Seneca streets:** *see* Oneida st. and Seneca st.

**Ward 10.**

**councilmen:** John Bordman, Jr., Walter R. Mansfield, George H. Moore, qualified, page 2

**playground:** order that the committee on public grounds department be requested to select and report a suitable lot of land, which can be hired and used for playground purposes, discussed c 284, 285—referred to committee on public grounds c 285—report, recommending reference to superintendent of public grounds, accepted c 416 a 434

**Ward 11.**

**concert:** *see* Public Music Department

**councilmen:** Edward A. Armistead, William S. B. Stevens, Lawrence M. Stockton, qualified, page 2

**Ward 12.**

**councilmen:** David B. Chamberlain, Donald H. MacDonald, Arthur K. Peck, qualified, page 2

**alleyways:** *see* Street Department

**passenger station, Boston Elevated Railroad Company:** *see* Boston Elevated Railroad Company

**Ward 13.**

**councilmen:** Frank J. Linehan, Michael J. Lydon, Thomas J. Collins, qualified, page 1

**park:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in their estimates a sum sufficient to provide a small park in a central location, passed c 44—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**Ward 14.**

**councilmen:** George A. Donahoe, Edward L. Logan, James F. Mulcahy, qualified, page 1

**playground:** *see* Playground, South Boston, Ward 14

**Ward 15.**

**councilmen:** John D. Fenton, John H. Giblin, William Martin, qualified, page 1

**gymnasium:** furnishing: *see* Bath Department

**land for skating purposes:** *see* Park Department

**municipal building:** *see* Estimate and Apportionment, Board of

**playground:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to hire or lease a suitable piece of land, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 611 a 617

**Ward 16.**

**councilmen:** Charles E. Eddy, Frank E. Wells, Frank S. Atwood, qualified, page 2

**Ward 17.**

**councilmen:** Patrick H. Brennan, Timothy L. Connolly, George A. Flynn, qualified, page 2

**new school:** *see* School Department

**ward-room:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in the next loan the sum of \$3,000 for the grading of the grounds, passed c 49—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 55, 56

**Ward 18.**

**combination building:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment report in their next loan \$30,000 for a new building to be used as ward-room, gymnasium and bath-house, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 95 a 103

**councilmen:** James J. Casey, John J. Curley, James A. Watson, qualified, page 2

**gymnasium and bath-house:** *see* Bath Department

**playground:** order that the park department be requested to report, through the mayor, what they have done towards locating playground, referred to the mayor c 652; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 684; order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to put the property lately acquired in order so that it may be used for football and other games, referred to the mayor c 736

**ward-room:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan \$40,000 for a new ward-room, passed c 42—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**Ward 19.**

**councilmen:** William H. Doyle, James McFuerny, Charles P. Nangle, qualified, page 2

**catch-basins:** *see* Lawn and Heath sts. and Fisher ave. and Parker sts.

**electric lights:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to locate electric lights at north-eastern corner Lawn street, near Buckman st., at corner of Heath and Walden sts., and at corner of Heath st. and Bickford ave., referred to the mayor c 319

**engine-house:** *see* Fire Department

**engine-house, Hillside st.:** *see* Fire Department

**gymnasium:** order that the mayor be requested to report his opinion as to the feasibility of utilizing the ward-room as a gymnasium, referred to the mayor c 51; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of \$2,500 to fit up ward-room on Elmwood st. as a gymnasium, for use when not occupied for ward purposes, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 119, 120 a 124

**kindergarten school, improvement of building:** *see* School Department

**playground and open-air gymnasium:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in its first loan order a sum sufficient to establish, passed c 42—referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 45

**ward-room:** order that the superintendent of public buildings be requested, through the mayor, to allow use of ward room to children for recreation purposes during August, passed a 537

**Ward 20.**

**councilmen:** Louis T. Howard, George R. Miller, George O. Wood, qualified, page 2

**electric lights:** (order offered by Alderman Adams): *see* Lamp Department

**Ward 21.**

**councilmen:** Fred A. Emery, Frederick W. Klemm, Temple A. Winsloe, qualified, page 2

**Ward 22.**

**councilmen:** Abram Jordan, George W. Lorey, William G. Roemer, qualified, page 2

**playground:** order that the park commissioners, through the mayor, be requested to purchase site, referred to the mayor c 651

**Ward 23.**

**councilmen:** Andrew Braner, John H. Broderick, Guy F. Newhall, qualified, page 2

**Germantown:** *see* Germantown

**playground:** *see* Playground, Ward 23

**school accommodations at Central station:** *see* School Department

**street-cleaning service:** *see* Street Department

**Ward 24.**

**councilmen:** William E. Harvey, Willard W. Hibbard, Samuel H. Mildram, qualified, page 2

**Ward 25.**

**councilmen:** Ezra N. Rolland, Clarence W. Sanderson, Harry W. Walker, qualified, page 2

**Ward-room, Ward 8. (See Ward 8.)****Ward-room, Ward 17. (See Ward 17.)****Ward-room, Ward 18. (See Ward 18.)****Ward-rooms. (See also the Different Wards; also Public Buildings Department.)**

**use of, free of charge:** *see* Public Buildings Department

**Wards 16, 20, 24.**

**street improvements, appropriation for:** *see* Dorchester

**Wards 18 and 19.**

**playground:** order that a special committee be appointed to select a site for a playground, discussed c 42, 43-passed c 42; committee appointed c 93, 143, 268; Councilman Casey resigned c 93; order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of \$100,000, passed c 51-referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 53; order that the president of the common council increase the number of committee to six members, discussed c 75, 76-number increased by two c 76

**Ward street.**

**claims:** Thomas F. Glennon *et al.*, petition for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 211-granted a 342 c 367

**Wareham street.**

**sign:** Geo. M. Tufts, petition a 401-granted a 406

**Warren avenue.**

**lying-in-hospital:** *see* Health Department

**sign:** J. W. Williams & Co., petition to project, granted a 79; A. Gertrude Wood, petition a 719-granted a 723

**teaming:** *see* Ordinances

**Warren bridge.**

**temporary platform:** communication from the war department approving plan a 832

**Warren street.**

**barber-poles:** F. H. Thompson, petition a 655-granted a 661; Albert D. Cassidy, petition a 719-granted a 723

**clock and post:** order to issue a permit to John E. Kennedy, passed a 46

**flag-pole:** J. C. Pineo, petition a 741-refused a 745; petition a 784-refused a 808

**grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report accepted, order passed a 559

**pipe under sidewalk:** John C. Haynes, petition a 742-granted a 748; W. B. Philbrick, petition to lay a 778-granted a 779

**sign:** Joseph E. Livingston, petition a 597-granted a 603; T. Winfield McCabe, petition a 597-granted a 603; Robert Reynolds, petition a 741-granted a 744

**trees:** order to remove dead trees between Holborn and Quincy sts., referred to the Mayor c 521

**Warren and Moreland streets.**

**coal-chutes and openings:** F. W. Kittredge, petition to construct a 572-granted a 575; petition a 616-granted a 622

**sidewalk:** Francis W. Kittredge, petition a 526-granted a 546; petition a 541-granted a 546, 551

**Warranton street.**

**electric light:** order to locate, passed a 359; Massachusetts General Hospital, petition a 432

**sign:** Frederick C. Martin, petition a 432-granted a 469

**Washburn street.**

**sidewalk:** Gleofa Essig, petition a 616-granted a 644

**Washington Press.**

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Essex st. a 167

**Washington street. (From Haymarket square to Ward 23.)**

**area in sidewalk:** R. H. White Company, petition to construct a 124-granted a 128; C. D. Wainwright, petition a 402-granted a 404; George Wigglesworth *et al.*, petition a 525-granted a 529; petition to construct a 525; Lotta M. Crabtree, petition a 555-granted a 558

**barber-poles:** Edward Perry, petition a 250-granted a 252; James B. Manjoe, petition a 269-granted a 276; F. A. Laskey, petition a 615-granted a 624

**bay-window:** Henry H. Green, petition and order for hearing a 326-hearing a 354-granted a 409; T. H. Connolly, petition and order for hearing a 481-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 524; petition and order for hearing a 535-hearing a 555-granted a 646

**brass rail:** Meyer Frank, petition a 667-report, no action necessary a 761

**coal-hole opening:** Lotta M. Crabtree, petition a 616-granted a 645

**electric sign:** Cushing Medical Supply Company, petition to place on building a 541-granted a 546; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 548-report, veto sustained a 623

**facades:** Massachusetts General Hospital, petition and order for hearing a 382-hearing a 431-report, discussed a 469, 470-referred to committee on public improvements a 470-discussed a 566-568-granted a 568

**flag:** M. I. Bornstein, petition a 524-granted a 537

**illuminated clock:** Howard C. Woodbury, petition a 541-granted a 544

**Washington street, continued.**

**illuminated druggist's mortar:** I. H. Goldsmith, petition a 615-granted a 624

**illuminated signs:** Francis W. Reid, petition a 337-granted a 357; Pacific Restaurant Company, petition a 355-granted a 385; J. J. Delaney, petition a 741-granted a 744; George M. Potter, petition, granted a 742-communication from the mayor vetoing permit, permit refused a 750; T. F. McCarthy, petition a 751-granted a 761; Rupert W. Parker, petition a 751-granted a 761; Pitts, Kimball Company, petition a 751-granted a 761

**improvement:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to place said street, between Walk Hill st. bridge and Forest Hills sq., in proper condition for public travel, referred to the mayor c 266

**incandescent light:** Kitson Hydro-Carbon Heating and Incandescent Lighting Company, petition a 354-granted a 406

**iron pipe under sidewalk:** Walworth Light and Power Company, petition a 585-order for hearing a 586-hearing a 597

**metal cornice and sign:** Howard C. Woodbury, petition and order for hearing a 527-hearing a 542-granted a 570

**order box on sidewalk:** David J. Brett, petition a 641-granted a 644; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit; veto sustained, permit refused a 654, 655

**permanent awning:** Peiree J. Graec, petition and order for hearing a 620-granted a 675

**pipe under sidewalk:** D. Doyle, petition a 525-granted a 529; Albert C. Enrage, petition to place a 525-granted a 529

**poles:** Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 123-order for hearing a 148-hearing a 166-granted a 198

**post and illuminated sign:** J. Frank Willey, petition to erect a 211-refused a 214

**sidewalks:** Frederick Ayer, petition a 465-granted a 482; L. Siskind, petition a 555-granted a 566

**signs:** Samuel H. Goldstein, petition a 45; John Violets, petition a 45; Quong Shong, petition a 55; Albert J. Benfield, petition to project a 102-granted a 104; Julius Johnson, petition to project a 102-granted a 104; Robert Leavitt, petition a 123; John A. Heyl, petition a 144-granted a 193; Majestic Dental Parlors, petition a 193; Wing Kee, petition a 193; Samuel Barnett, petition a 211; Quong Shong, petition a 211; James A. Gay, petition a 211; James G. Abbott, Jr., petition a 211; William Edwards, petition a 229; R. F. Munch, petition a 263-granted a 276; Israel Finkelstein, petition a 432-granted a 468; William Thibodeau, petition a 300-granted a 343; George Burwell & Sons, petition a 324-granted a 357; Morris Salls, petition a 324-granted a 343; H. Jay Smith, petition a 354-granted a 385; Morris Peysner, petition a 503-granted a 527; A. Gordon, petition a 549-granted a 554; Martin Sullivan & Co., petition to project a 615-granted a 624; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, assigned a 641-taken up, veto sustained, permit refused a 656; Bnrk & Co., petition a 641-granted a 646; Remnant Tailoring Company, petition a 641-granted a 646; McManus & Co., petition a 667-granted a 675; Goodman & Fisk, petition a 667-granted a 675; Remnant Clothing Company, petition a 667-granted a 675; Shon Pollner, petition a 697-granted a 708; O. E. Berry, petition a 697-granted a 708; Little, Brown & Co., petition a 697-granted a 708; John Marks, petition a 741-refused a 744; J. H. Newbegin, petition a 741-granted a 744; M. Sullivan & Co., petition a 784-granted a 786; George M. Potter, petition a 784-granted a 786

**sign, illuminated:** Dennis J. Hern, petition a 533-granted a 537

**tracks:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**transparencies:** P. Logne, petition a 655-granted a 661; Fred J. Kneeland, petition a 655-granted a 661

**trees:** order to remove tree at Montebello road, passed a 308; order to remove tree in front of No. 1965, passed a 344; Washington Realty and Investment Co., petition, removal of two trees a 355; order to remove two trees in front of No. 2760-2766, passed a 360; Josiah H. Carter, petition, removal a 533; Dr. James H. Payne, petition, removal a 641

**sidewalks:** Melville A. Wescott, petition a 211-granted a 214; John Sheehan, petition a 402-granted a 443

**Washington street, Brighton.**

**building:** H. S. Angers, petition to move a 561-granted a 566

**sidewalks:** Brighton Five Cents Savings Bank, petition a 465-granted a 482; C. W. & F. A. Davis, petition a 465-granted a 482

**signs:** William L. Rugg, petition a 480-granted a 527; Joseph Peone, petition a 641-granted a 646; W. L. Rugg, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Washington street, Charlestown.**

**bay-windows:** Francis Raynes, petition and order for hearing a 339-hearing a 378-granted a 409

**bulthead:** M. J. McKenna, petition to construct a 742-granted a 748

**Washington street, Dorchester.**

**crossings:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to construct at Bowdoin st., passed a 308; order to construct opposite Rosedale st., passed a 344

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, granted a 385; petition for extension of time a 572-granted a 582; petition to erect and remove a 741-order for hearing a 747-hearing a 751-granted a 787

**sign:** Laurence W. Lunt, petition a 45-granted a 124

**sidewalks:** James F. Haddock, petition a 211-granted a 214; Charles F. Collins, petition a 433-granted a 471; A. G. & L. W. Morse, petition a 463-granted a 482; Lucia W. Maling, petition a 526-granted a 546; Hannah E. Foster, petition a 555-granted a 566; Charlotte P. Williams, petition a 562-granted a 581

**trees:** Martha J. Kearney, petition, removal a 300; Joseph Engel, petition, removal a 402

**Washington and other streets.**

**closing:** order to allow necessary permits to New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, passed a 331, 332

**poles:** Boston Electric Light Company, petition to erect a 778-order for hearing a 779-hearing a 805-referred to committee on public improvements a 810-report, accepted, assigned a 813, 814-taken up, passed a 833

**Washington and Bartlett streets.**

**bay-windows:** Louis Berenson, petition and order for hearing a 437-hearing a 464-granted a 544

**Washington and Bedford streets.**

**electric sign:** Gross & Strauss Co., petition a 615, 655-granted a 661

**facades:** Massachusetts General Hospital, petition and order for hearing a 339-withdrawn a 378

**Washington, Brattle streets, and Cornhill.**

**signs:** Lewis & Co., petition to project a 55-granted a 55

**Washington and Bowdoin streets, Dorchester.**

**sign:** M. P. Sadler, petition a 78, 167-granted a 170

**Washington and Dover streets and Harrison avenue.**

**transparencies:** Frank H. Cowin, petition a 615-granted a 624

**Washington and Dudley streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 432-order for hearing a 475-hearing a 524

**Washington and Erie streets, Dorchester.**

**sidewalk:** Joseph Engel, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Washington and Forest Hills streets.**

**sidewalk:** I. W. Crozier, petition a 301-granted a 301

**Washington and Harvard streets, Dorchester.**

**tree:** order to remove, passed a 586

**Washington and Indiana streets.**

**sign:** Julius Johnson, petition a 78-granted a 305

**Washington and Morse streets.**

**sidewalk:** S. B. Hinckley, petition a 553-granted a 566

**Washington and Motte streets.**

**damages to estate by change of grade:** John T. Wheelwright, petition that the board of aldermen estimate damages caused by extension of B. & P. R.R. a 79-order of notice of hearing a 82-withdrawn a 123

**Washington and other streets.**

**poles:** Boston Electric Light Company, granted a 657

**Washington street and Talbot avenue.**

**guy-posts:** Frank B. Gilbreth, petition to erect a 561-granted a 566

**Washington's Birthday.**

**holiday:** see City Employees

**Water Department.**

**committee:** appointed a 238 c 268

**commissioner:** notice of appointment of Augustus P. Martiu a 805

**claims:** Malone & Strang: see Maloue & Strang; or, *Claims*

**drinking fountain:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to locate a drinking fountain at junction of East Eagle, Prescott and Treuton sts., referred to the mayor c 96

**drinking fountain, Blue Hill ave. and Dudley street:** see Blue Hill ave. and Dudley st.

**drinking fountain, Bunker Hill st.:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to erect opposite Charles-town Heights, referred to the mayor c 375

**drinking fountain, Columbia road:** see Columbia road

**drinking fountain, Commercial st. and Atlantic ave.:** order that the water commissioner be requested to locate and maintain drinking fountain on corner, passed a 441 c 451

**drinking fountains, East Boston:** order that the water commissioner be requested to inform the board of aldermen why the drinking fountain understood to be a gift to the city, was removed from Central sq., what arrangements he has made or intends to make in regard to giving East Boston a share of the benefits to be derived from ice-water fountains, the location of all drinking fountains at present maintained in East Boston, passed a 360; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the water commissioner relative to a 425, 426-placed on file a 426

**drinking fountain, Roxbury Crossing:** see Roxbury Crossing

**drinking fountain, ward 6:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, locate and maintain drinking fountains, North sq., and at playground, North Bennet st., referred to the mayor c 458

**drinking fountain, Ward 7:** see Winthrop sq., Ward 7

**extension of water mains:** communication from the mayor transmitting order passed by board of estimate and apportionment making an appropriation of \$25,000 for extension of high pressure water mains to make connections with sprinkling system, passed a 460-discussed c 496, 497-passed c 497

**hydrants, Parker Hill District:** see Parker Hill District

**ice for municipal purposes:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the water commissioner, stating briefly the results thus far of the new policy which has been adopted of having department cut ice for municipal purposes, etc. c 216, 217-sent up c 217-placed on file a 230

**picnic:** order that the mayor be requested to instruct the water commissioner to allow employees a holiday August 3, the date of their picnic, passed a 386 c 392

**water service, Dorchester Lower Mills:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to report why the high pressure water service has not been extended to the Lower Mills in accordance with statement made by him in his letter of Nov. 18, 1898, to the city council, referred to the mayor c 285-communication from the mayor transmitting communications from the water commissioner, placed on file c 312

**watering trough, City sq.:** order that the water commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to cause trough for horses to be relocated when construction of square is complete, referred to the mayor c 142

**Water street.**

**door:** William Minot *et al.*, trustees, petition to build a 407; report, no action necessary a 814

**sidewalk:** Robert M. Cushing *et al.*, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Water street and Warren avenue.**

**poles:** Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company, granted a 558

**Water Tax on Boarding and Lodging Houses.**

order that a special committee be appointed to investigate the method by means of which an extra water tax is levied upon each room in a house that is let for boarding or lodging, etc., passed c 75-committee appointed c 93, 268

**Watering street.** (See Street Department.)**Watering Streets by Assessment.** (See Street Department, *Street Watering.*)**Waterlow street.**

**sidewalk:** Mrs. E. R. Hanscom, petition a 465-granted a 482

**Waters, Edward.**

petition to stand night lunch wagon, corner Summer and Atlantic ave. a 778-placed on file a 838

**Watson, James A., Councilman, Ward 18.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 93; committee on assessing department, building department, claims, fire department, wire department, Fourth of July, Labor's holiday, mayor's address, playgrounds, Wards 18 and 19 c 267, 268; committee on municipal lighting c 374; committee on legality of street lighting contract c 650; committee on investigation of British monument being placed on Common c 796

**orders offered:** next meeting c 35

council rules c 40

ward-room for Ward 18 c 42

bath-house, Ward 18 c 42

reward for heroism c 42

laborers' uniforms in park department c 50

information regarding sub-foremen c 50

resolutions of sympathy to Councilman Curley c 50

Ruggles st., macadamizing c 93

payment to family of M. F. McDouald c 93

pay for additional public service c 95

twelve-hour basis for firemen c 116

reduction of firemen's salaries c 116

leave of absence for firemen c 141

money for firemen c 163

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**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 784-order for hearing a 788-hearing a 805-referred to committee on public improvements a 834-report, recommended to committee on electric wires a 835

**Way, Augusta A.**

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**Way street.**

**transparency:** Hugh W. Bresnahan, petition a 667-granted a 675

**Wayne street.**

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**Webster street.**

**trees:** Louis A. Ginsburg, petition for the removal of two trees a 101

**Weights and Measures Department.**

**committee:** appointed c 268; notice of appointment a 311  
**sealer:** Daniel P. Sullivan, appointed a 300-confirmed a 326  
**deputies:** Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon, Thomas J. Dwyer, appointed a 300-confirmed a 326; notice of withdrawal of appointment of D. J. Moynihan, Jr. a 323, 324

**Weld, Aaron D., Estate.**

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**Weld Hill street.**

**claims:** Mary Landrie, petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 337-granted a 438 c 448

**Weld street.**

**building:** Aaron D. Weld estate, petition to erect a 719-granted c 736 a 743

**Weldon street.**

**cesspools:** order that the superintendent of streets be requested to raise cesspools located in said street, referred to the mayor c 417

**Welles avenue.**

**railroad crossing:** order that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., through the mayor, be requested to provide an electric signal gong at crossing, passed a 311

**Wells, Amy C. B.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Charter st. a 123-granted a 384 c 391

**Wells, Annie E.**

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**Wells, Benjamin W.**

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**appointed:** committee on clerk of committees department, health department, lamp department, public grounds department, registry department c 267, 268; committee on entertainment of Irish visitors c 649

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**Wells, Thomas B.**

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**Welsh, Willard.**

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Farrington st. a 806; petition, offering to surrender invalid tax-  
deed of estate, Goldstone st. a 806

**Wensley street.**

pole: New England Telegraph and Telephone Company, petition to  
erect and remove a 555-order for hearing a 558-hearing a 572-  
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**West Boston bridge.**

pole locations: communication from the mayor transmitting a plan  
showing pole locations granted by Cambridge bridge commission,  
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**West Broadway. (See Broadway.)****West Broadway and F street.**

sign: Joseph Costa, petition a 777-granted a 780  
trees: order to remove trees, passed a 646

**West Canton street.**

coal-hole: Frances A. Bundy, petition a 402-granted a 442  
tree: George P. Banchor, petition for trimming a 337

**West Cedar street.**

repaving: order that the board of estimate and apportionment be  
requested to include in the next loan order a sum sufficient to re-  
pave, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 141 a 145

**West Cedar and Cambridge streets.**

transparencies: Ward 11 Democratic Committee, petition a 691

**West Cottage street.**

poles: petition of Rev. John J. Farrell *et als.* for removal of poles  
a 616-motion that committee be instructed to give public hearing  
a 616; report with order rescinding order passed July 17, dis-  
cussed a 730, 731-accepted, passed a 731-communication from the mayor  
vetoing order, referred to committee on public improvements a 750-  
report, discussed a 754, 754-order passed over veto a 754

**West Eagle street.**

sidewalk: order that the superintendent of streets pave sidewalks  
between Brooks and Meridian sts., passed a 330

**West Eagle street and Brooks street.**

sidewalks: Dingwell Bros., petition a 549-granted a 566

**West Eighth street.**

sidewalk: Samuel W. Johnson, petition a 720-granted a 748  
sign: Frank F. Boodro, petition a 123

**West End.**

land for playground purposes: see Park Department

**West End Street Railway Company. (See Boston Elevated Railway Company.)****West Fifth street.**

coasting: order to allow, from Dorchester st. to E st., passed c 164-  
referred to committee on public improvements a 167-report, ac-  
cepted, order passed a 169

tree: order to remove tree in front of No. 30, passed a 554

**West First and Granite streets.**

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**West Fourth street.**

tree: order to trim in front of No. 319, passed a 504; Miss Hagerty,  
petition, removal a 778

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**West Leyden street.**

electric lights: Thomas Yeomans, petition a 667

**West Park street, Dorchester.**

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**West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Com-  
pany.****exchange with Needham & Boston Street Railway Company**

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a 524-report granting leave, accepted, assigned a 530-taken up,  
referred to committee on public improvements a 534-report,  
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**locations: 10th accepted a 403**

BRANDON AND OTHER STREETS: petition and order for hearing on  
location for tracks a 326-hearing a 378

CANTERBURY ST.; report with order granting location, accepted,  
referred to committee on public improvements, report accepted,  
order passed a 361

SOUTH AND ASHLAND STS., BLUE HILL AVE. AND WASHINGTON ST.:  
petition for location a 79-order for hearing, assigned a 82-taken up,  
recommitted to committee on railroads a 103-order for hearing  
a 128-hearing a 193-report with order granting location, accepted,  
dismissed a 327, 329-referred to committee on public improvements  
a 329-report, accepted, order passed a 331; Calvary Cemetery  
Association, petition in aid of petition for tracks a 325

**West Second street.**

lamp in passageway: Francis E. Macomber, petition a 698

**West Seventh street.**

pipe: William F. Hennessey, petition to lay a 806-granted a 814

**West Sixth and F streets.**

electric light: order that the superintendent of lamps be instructed,  
through the mayor, to place, referred to the mayor c 73; order to  
place at corner, passed a 232

**West Springfield street.**

sign: Frank Porcellin, petition a 524-granted a 537

**West street.**

sidewalk: Bigelow, Kennard & Co., petition a 379-granted a 404

**West Third street.**

**sidewalk:** John J. White, petition a 555-granted a 566; John R. Meins, petition a 579-granted a 623

**Westerly street.**

**tree:** order to remove tree, passed a 344

**Western avenue.**

**building:** John Soley & Sons, petition to move a 338-granted a 361; J. O. Whitten Co., petition to erect a 354-granted a 400 c 413; John McDonald, petition to erect a 378-granted a 409 c 413  
**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., petition to erect and remove a 698-order for hearing a 708-hearing a 719-granted a 762

**roadway:** order to issue permit to Wm. L. Miller & Co., to close, passed a 644

**tracks:** see Boston Elevated Railway Company

**tramway:** H. P. Nawn, petition to construct a 325-granted a 331

**Western avenue and Mackin street.**

**stopping place:** order that Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to establish, passed a 387

**Western avenue and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 585-order for hearing a 587-hearing a 597-granted a 603

**Western Union Telegraph Company.**

**GOVE ST.:** petition to erect poles a 525-order for hearing a 532-given leave to withdraw a 533; petition to erect poles a 541-order for hearing a 545-hearing a 549-granted a 786

**RUGGLES ST.:** order to remove pole, passed a 710

**Weston, Elizabeth.**

petition for payment to Frederick W. Hassam, of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Savin Hill ave. and Gramplan way a 667-granted a 723 c 733

**Weston-street School. (See School Department.)****Westover street.**

**claims:** Charles E. Lee, petition for payment to B. H. Richardson, balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 324-granted a 468 c 493

**Westville street.**

**claims:** Patrick J. Daly, petition for payment to himself or his attorney balance remaining from tax-sale of estate a 101

**Wetherbee, Robert L.**

petition to be paid amount of judgment and costs in suit against him as police officer a 615-granted a 785 c 792

**Whalen, Thomas A.**

appointed superintendent of printing a 300-confirmed a 326

**Whall, William, B. F., et als., Trustees.**

petitions (three) to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estates, Pleasant, Charles and Washington and Spring st., West Roxbury a 525-granted a 620 c 628

**Wheeler street.**

**revised grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 557

**Wheelwright, John W.**

petition that the board of aldermen estimate the damages to his estate caused by change of grade, Washington and Motte sts. a 79-order for notice of hearing a 82-withdrawn a 123

**Whidden & Co.**

guy-posts: Bennet and Ash sts., petition a 251-granted a 254

**White, Elliott G.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Dalton st. a 572-granted a 779 c 792

**White, Eugenie.**

petition for payment of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Marlowe st. a 698-granted a 779 c 792

**White, G. J.**

bay-windows, Norway st., petition and order for hearing a 303-hearing a 337-granted a 409

**White, Henry M., et al.**

communication from the mayor transmitting petition for change in restrictions as to height of buildings bordering on Back Bay Feus; order changing restrictions, referred to committee on public improvements a 235-report, accepted, order passed a 237-referred to committee on ordinances c 245 (notice of reconsideration filed), taken up, passed c 256

**White, R. H., Company.**

petition to construct area in sidewalk, Washington st. a 124-granted a 128

**White street, East Boston.**

**sidewalk:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to put sidewalk in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 266

**Whitfield street.**

**crossing:** order that superintendent of streets be requested to construct, passed a 815

**plankwalk:** order that that the superintendent of streets be requested to lay plankwalk on both sides, passed a 440

**Whiting, D., & Sons.**

petition to erect building, Rutherford ave. a 464-granted a 537 c 594; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, veto sustained, permit refused a 613

**Whitmore, William H.**

appointed, city registrar a 300-confirmed a 325

**Whitmore street.**

**illuminating sign:** J. H. Gammon, petition a 337-granted a 357

**Whitney, H. C.**

petition for public meeting relative to location for fire-engine, Dartmouth st. a 337

**Whitten, J. O. Company.**

petition to erect building, Western ave. a 351-granted a 409 c 413

**Willey, J. Frank.**

petition to erect post and illuminated sign, Washington st. a 211-referred a 214

**Williams, J. W., & Co.**

petition to project sign, Warren ave., granted a 79

**Williams, Jessie L.**

petition to be refunded liquor license paid for by her a 806

**Williams, Laura J.**

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 597

**Willis street.**

**lamps:** Charlotte A. Powell, petition a 308—order for location of gas-lamps on said street, passed a 308; order to locate, passed a 386

**Willow street.**

**sidewalk:** Frederick J. Werthel, Jr., petition a 562—granted a 581

**Wills, Rachel T.**

petition to be paid balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Cypress and Beech sts. a 832

**Wilson, John W.**

petition to erect iron post, with clock, Hanover st. a 355—granted a 361

**Wilson, Virgil L., et als.**

petition for revocation of pole location, Buttonwood and other sts. a 806

**Wilton street, Brighton.**

**repairs:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, make necessary repairs, referred to the mayor c 209

**Windermere road.**

**laying-out Thacher road as:** see Thacher road.

**Windsor street.**

**coal-hole:** M. Frankel, petition a 78—granted a 81

**Wingersky, L.**

petition to box trees, Devon st. a 55—granted a 59; communication from the mayor, vetoing permit; veto sustained a 101

**Winn, John S., et als.**

petition that action be taken towards placing electric wires under ground in the Aberdeen district, Brighton a 561; report, no action necessary a 834

**Winsloe, Temple A., Councilman, Ward 21.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on election department, vessels and ballast department, lamp department, overseeing of the poor department, registry department, police ambulance, 9th district c 267, 268

**orders offered:** electric light, Alpine and Regent sts. c 164 ambulance, Station 9 c 224 electric light, corner Holborn and Gannett sts. c 285 fire-alarm box, Regent and Alpine sts. c 374 shelter, Dudley st. transfer station c 416 Ehmore st., crosswalk c 416, 417 Weldon st., improvement c 417 electric light, corner Lansing and Sherman sts. c 521 Tolman pl., improvement of c 521 removal trees, Warren and Circuit sts. c 521

**remarks:** closing proceedings c 828

**Winter street.**

**illuminated sign:** Frank T. Brough, M.D., petition a 555—granted a 558; B. Sommer & Company, petition a 751—granted a 761

**sign:** Mme. DeWere, petition a 698—granted a 708

**Winthrop square, Charlestown.**

**improvements:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment include in their estimates \$2,500 for general repairs, referred to board of estimate and apportionment c 119 a 124

**Winthrop square, Ward 7.**

**drinking fountain:** order that the water commissioner be requested, through the mayor, to locate, referred to the mayor c 417

**Winthrop street, East Boston.**

**tree:** order to remove in front of No. 6, passed a 661

**Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company.**

**location:**

SARATOGA ST.: petition and order for hearing on location of tracks a 55—hearing a 123

**Wire Department.**

**committee:** appointed c 268—notice of appointment a 311

**commissioner:** Thomas W. Flood, appointed a 323—confirmed a 338

**appropriation:** communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment, with order, for appropriation of \$10,000 to pay expenses of department, referred to committee on public improvements a 53, 54—report, assigned a 61—taken up, referred to committee on public improvements a 80—report, accepted, order passed a 81—discussed c 84, 85—passed c 85; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the board of estimate and apportionment, with order, for loan of \$20,000 to be expended by department, referred to committee on public improvements a 54—report, accepted, order passed a 61—discussed, assigned c 66—taken up, discussed c 85, 86—passed c 86

**placing of cables in Broadway under ground:** order that the wire commissioner, through the mayor, be requested to report whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway under ground in order to prevent further injury to trees, referred to the mayor c 458; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the wire commissioner ordered printed, assigned c 492—taken up, placed on file c 512

**Wires, Attaching to Trees. (See Ordinances.)****Wirt street.**

**poles:** Brookline Gas Light Company, petition to erect a 432—order for hearing a 438—hearing a 464—granted a 557, 558

**Wise, Mrs. Sarah.**

petition to maintain fruit stand in front of Old Court House a 78—refused a 147

**Withington street, Dorchester.**

**tree:** order to remove a decayed tree in front of No. 23 passed a 278

**Wolcott street.**

**sidewalk:** J. R. Hetherington, petition a 301—granted a 309

**Wolcott and other streets.**

**poles:** New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 741—order for hearing a 747—hearing a 751

**Wolf, John, Jr., & Co.**

petition to be paid for damages to team a 480—report, giving leave to withdraw, laid on table a 620—taken up, accepted a 643 c 648

**Women's Club.**

cornice, Beacon st., petition and order for hearing a 579

**Wood, George O., Councilman, Ward 20.**

**qualified:** page 2

**appointed:** committee on art department, collecting department, contingent expenses, institutions department, legislative matters, ordinances and law department c 267, 268; committee on legality of street lighting contract c 650; committee on Squantum park c 796

**Wood, George O., Councilman, Ward 20, continued.**

**orders offered:** police station, Grove Hall c 77  
 paving of park entrance c 77  
 Waldeck st., lamps c 612  
 replacing of street signs c 612  
 lamp, Tonawanda st. and Ridge road c 612  
 information regarding lamps removed c 612

**remarks:** appropriation for Faneuil Hall c 161, 162  
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 appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing of buildings at Rainsford Island c 630  
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 disposition of Franklin Fund c 771, 774

**Wood Island Flats.**

**dredging:** see Park Department

**Wood Island Park.**

**dredging flats and pleasure boats:** see Park Department

**drinking fountain:** order that the park commissioners be requested to place drinking fountain at park, referred to the mayor c 417

**polo playing:** order that the park commissioners be requested, through the mayor, to allow polo playing between the hours of 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock P.M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the skating season, referred to the mayor c 75

**skating:** order that the mayor request the park commissioners to take immediate steps towards putting in condition for skating, and that it be kept so during season, referred to the mayor c 164

**Wood and Bark, Measurer.**

Phineas C. Kinney, appointed a 250-confirmed a 275; Morton Alden *et als.*, appointed weighers a 273, 274-confirmed a 301, 302; Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, Jeremiah J. Callahan appointed a 323-confirmed a 338

**Woodbury, Howard C.**

metal cornice and sign, Washington st., petition and order for hearing a 527-hearing a 542-granted a 570

**Woodbury & Leighton.**

petition to erect guy-posts, North and South Market and other streets a 144-granted a 148; petition to erect guy-posts, Purchase and Cove sts. a 269-granted a 277, 278

**Woodcliff street.**

**changing name of Dalmatia to:** order to change, from Howard ave. to Blue Hill ave., laid over a 169-taken up, passed a 195

**Woodlawn street.**

**closing roadway:** report and order that permit be granted to James Dolan to close to travel, accepted, passed a 586

**Woodward, Harlow E., et al.**

petition for pryment to S. Z. Boyman of balance remaining from tax-sale of estate, Harrison ave. a 615-granted a 779 c 792

**Woodward Park street.**

**resurfacing:** order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to resurface street, referred to the mayor c 458

**Woodward street.**

**electric light:** order that the superintendent of lamps, through the mayor, be requested to locate lamp at corner of Glover court, referred to the mayor c 266

**Wooster, Anna E., et als.**

petition for hearing on matter of erecting poles, Sumner st. a 464

**Worcester square.**

**fence around square:** report on message of the mayor (referred last year) relative to needs of, recommending reference to board of estimate and apportionment, accepted c 416 a 434

**Wordsworth street.**

**footbridge over tracks of Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad:** order that the board of estimate and apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to build a footbridge across tracks, referred to board of estimate and apportionment a 213; order that the superintendent of streets, through the mayor, be requested to provide a footbridge over tracks, referred to the mayor c 265

**Wrentham street.**

**changing name of street to:** order that Shelton st., from Bruce to Adams st., be changed to Wrentham st., laid over a 127-taken up, passed a 145

**Wright, Henry E.**

petition to erect building, Spice st. a 549-granted c 651 a 656

**Wyman street.**

**sidewalk:** Jacob G. Ely, petition a 402-granted a 443; Anton Koerner, petition a 402-granted a 443

**Wyoming street.**

**sidewalk:** M. D. Knecland, petition a 301-granted a 309; petition a 379-granted a 404

**Wyoming and Wabeno streets.**

**sidewalk:** Levi Herman, petition a 379-granted a 404

**York street.**

**lamps:** Victor Wolmer *et als.*, petition a 533

**Zeigler street.**

**bulkhead:** John E. Cullivan, petition to construct a 407-granted a 442

**closing:** order to issue permit to Boston Elevated Railway Company to close street, passed a 231; Frank Ferdinand, remonstrance against closing, etc. a 251

**grade:** order to establish, referred to committee on public improvements a 544-report, accepted, order passed a 559

**Zeigler, Washington and Roxbury streets.**

**square formed by space to be called Gaston sq.:** see Gaston sq.

**Ziegler, Konrad.**

petition, compensation for damages to premises and property, George st. a 250

**Zieman & Seegal.**

bay-windows, Anderson st., petition and order for hearing a 635-hearing a 556-granted a 570



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Organization of the City Government.

Monday, Jan. 2, 1899.

Meeting of the City Government of 1899 for organization.

The members-elect of the Board of Aldermen met in their chamber at ten o'clock A.M., Alderman-elect Presho, senior member, in the Chair.

The Board was notified by a committee of the Common Council-elect, that a quorum of the members-elect of the Common Council were in session, ready to proceed to business, and the members-elect of the Board of Aldermen-elect at 10:30 A.M., proceeded to join the members-elect of the Common Council in joint convention.

The members-elect of the Common Council assembled in the Common Council Chamber, and were called to order at 10:17 A.M. by Mr. Nangle of Wd. 19, senior member-elect.

Mr. Nangle, on taking the Chair, said:—Gentlemen, being the senior member of this body, the duty devolves upon me today to call the meeting to order. The first business in order will be the appointment of a Clerk. The Chair requests Mr. O'Kane, the Clerk of 1898, to act as Clerk pro tem. The roll of the members will be called by the Clerk.

The Clerk then called the roll from the official list furnished to him by the Board of Election Commissioners, and a quorum was found to be present.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 offered an order—That a committee be appointed to invite the Board of Aldermen-elect to join the Common Council-elect in the Common Council Chamber to be qualified.

Passed, and Councilmen-elect Mulcahy of Wd. 14, Curley of Wd. 18 and Hibbard of Wd. 24 were appointed said committee. They retired at 10:27 A.M., and presently reported that they had performed the duty assigned and that the Aldermen-elect would be in attendance very soon. The report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

## IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The Board of Aldermen-elect entered the Common Council Chamber at 10:31 A.M., escorted by the City Messenger, and took seats with the Common Councilmen-elect. Alderman-elect Presho, senior member, took the chair.

On motion of Alderman-elect McDonald, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Mayor that the Board of Aldermen-elect and the Common Council-elect were assembled in the Common Council Chamber for the purpose of being qualified.

Aldermen-elect McDonald and Berwin and Councilmen-elect Chamberlain of Wd. 12, Kiley of Wd. 8 and Logan of Wd. 14, were appointed said committee. They retired at 10:35 A.M., and presently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned, and that His Honor the Mayor would be in attendance upon the convention in a very few minutes. The report was accepted, and the committee dismissed.

The Mayor, Josiah Quincy, accompanied by Rev. Peter Ronan, chaplain of the day, the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment, and others, entered the Common Council Chamber, escorted by the

City Messenger, at 10:41 A.M., and took seats with the convention.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain as follows:—

Remembering Thy goodness, O Lord, and our own unworthiness, we approach near to Thee this morning to thank Thee for the great blessings conferred upon our nation, our State and our city during the year now drawn to a close. May those blessings be made permanent amongst the people throughout the length and breadth of our land. We pray Thee, the Giver of every good gift, that the blessings of peace may be extended to our sister nations of the world, so that we all may appear in Thy sight as one great family, united in the bonds of love.

We thank Thee, also, for the great privilege of entering upon this new year filled with new hopes and with new aspirations. Grant, O God, the right disposition of heart to us, that we may endeavor to spend the precious time of the new year in a manner that will be pleasing to Thee and beneficial to ourselves. We praise Thee, O Lord, for the many blessings which we enjoy as citizens of the great metropolis of New England. May Thy choicest blessings descend upon our city. Be pleased, O Lord, at the commencement of this new year, to bring joy and happiness to every dwelling in this community, and may the labors and the enterprises of our people be blessed with Thy spirit and crowned with success. Upon this solemn and important occasion, we ask Thee, O Lord, to look down with complacency and approval, and so guide our deliberations that they may attend to Thy greater glory and to the welfare of the people of our city. We pray Thee, O Lord, that Thy spirit of wisdom and fortitude may rest upon our Chief Executive, His Honor the Mayor, and upon the members of our City Government, that they may proceed and execute what is right and best for our beloved city. In the fulfillment of all the duties of their honored positions, assist them by Thy Holy Grace, so that they may be true to Thee, true to themselves, and true to the sacred trust confided to their keeping. Grant us, O Lord, these, our humble petitions, through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

A message was received from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the names of the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment and of the City Council.

Placed on file.

The usual oaths of office were administered by Mayor Quincy to the members-elect of the Board of Apportionment, the Aldermen-elect and Councilmen-elect, all being present except Councilmen Thomas J. Collins of Wd. 13, Frank S. Atwood of Wd. 16 and Samuel H. Mildram of Wd. 24, and taking the oaths as follows:—

## BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

For two years: John Henry Sullivan.  
For one year: Laurence Minot.

## ALDERMEN.

Wilbur Fiske Adams. Edward William Dixon.  
David Franklin Barry. Frederick William Day.  
William Berwin. James Henry Doyle.  
Michael William Brick. Patrick Francis McDonald.  
Franklin Lincoln Codman. Frank John O'Toole.  
John Henry Colby. Edward Webb Presho.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Ward 1.	Ward 13.
A. Dudley Bagley.	Frank J. Linehan.
George H. Batis.	Michael J. Lydon.
David W. Simpson.	
Ward 2.	Ward 14.
Joseph F. Hickey.	George A. Donahoe.
Frank J. Johnson.	Edward L. Logan.
Thomas F. Rice.	James F. Mulcahy.
Ward 3.	Ward 15.
Henry B. Carroll.	John D. Fenton.
Francis J. Doherty.	John H. Giblin.
Charles A. Horrigan.	William Martin.

Ward 4. Thomas A. Kelly. John P. Sullivan. Joseph A. Turnbull.	Ward 16. Charles E. Eddy. Frank E. Wells.
Ward 5. William E. Bennett. John F. Gibbons. Edward H. Madden.	Ward 17. Patrick H. Brennan. Timothy L. Connolly. George A. Flynn.
Ward 6. Andrew A. Badaracco. Patrick H. Bradley. William J. O'Brien.	Ward 18. James J. Casey. John J. Curley. James A. Watson.
Ward 7. John L. Donovan. James H. Stone. James A. Sweeney.	Ward 19. William H. Doyle. James McInerney. Charles P. Nangle.
Ward 8. William H. Cuddy. Daniel J. Kiley. Martin Leftovith.	Ward 20. Louis T. Howard. George R. Miller. George O. Wood.
Ward 9. Samuel Kasanof. Michael Leonard. John J. Tobin.	Ward 21. Fred A. Emery. Frederick W. Klemm. Temple A. Winsloe.
Ward 10. John Bordman, Jr. Walter R. Mansfield. George H. Moore.	Ward 22. Abram Jordan. George W. Lorey. William G. Roemer.
Ward 11. Edward A. Armistead. William S. B. Stevens. Lawrence M. Stockton.	Ward 23. Andrew Brauer. John H. Broderick. Guy F. Newhall.
Ward 12. David B. Chamberlain. Donald H. MacDonald. Arthur K. Peck.	Ward 24. William E. Harvey. Willard W. Hibbard.
Ward 25. Ezra N. Rolland. Clarence W. Sanderson. Harvey W. Walker.	

Ald. PRESHO—Members of the City Council will now give their attention while His Honor, Mayor Quincy, delivers his inaugural address.

**MAYOR QUINCY'S ADDRESS.**

Gentlemen of the City Council:—

The past year has been one of substantial progress and development in several lines of our municipal work. Many laws have been passed materially affecting this city or making considerable changes in its government, new departments have been created and new lines of municipal activity initiated, and several important public undertakings have been planned, advanced or completed. I think it can be truthfully claimed that there is a general forward movement going on in Boston, that her people are awake to their opportunities of advancement—in education, in art, in charity, in commercial development, in mechanical appliances, in public works, in municipal organization—and that they desire to prepare their city to take a high rank among the greatest, most enlightened and most progressive communities of the coming century.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

The debt statement is as follows:—

Gross debt Dec. 31, 1897.....	\$76,668,166 41
Gross debt Dec. 31, 1898.....	82,652,656 60
Increase during the year.....	\$5,984,490 19
Net debt Dec. 31, 1897.....	\$49,053,446 06
Net debt Dec. 31, 1898.....	54,505,814 71
Increase during the year.....	\$5,452,368 65

Increase in sinking funds and other redemption funds during the year.....	\$532,121 54
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Total amount of debt issued during 1898, both inside and outside of debt limit.....	9,485,780 00
Funded debt paid during the year .....	3,501,289 81

Increase in gross debt, as above .....	\$5,984,490 19
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Loans inside the debt limit issued during the year 1898....	\$1,879,980 00
Of this amount loans authorized in the municipal year 1898 re-presented .....	\$351,980 00
Loans authorized prior to 1898.....	278,000 00
Loans inside of debt limit for construction of new schoolhouses, under chap. 408 of 1895 and chap. 442 of 1897..	650,000 00
	<u>1,879,980 00</u>

The loans outside the debt limit issued during 1898 were the following:—

Sewerage works.....	\$2,000,000
Laying out and construction of assessable streets.....	1,561,000
Public Parks.....	950,000
Bluc Hill, Columbus, Huntington and Commonwealth avenues.....	750,000
Haymarket Sq. property.....	616,000
Rapid Transit.....	600,000
South Union Station.....	400,000
Extension of water mains, etc.....	290,000
Additional supply of water.....	150,000
Improved ferry facilities.....	128,800
Improvement of Stony brook.....	100,000
New Library building.....	100,000
Cambridge bridge.....	50,000
Total .....	<u>\$7,605,800</u>

The borrowing capacity of the city within the debt limit for the municipal year 1898 was \$1,728,082.00.

The loans authorized by the City Council or by the Legislature during the year exhausted the whole of this borrowing capacity except the sum of \$58,102.00.

The loans authorized by the City Council in 1898 inside the debt limit were for the following purposes:—

Street improvements, extensions and construction .....	\$544,980
Faneuil Hall, reconstruction.....	80,000
Hospital Department, improvements	61,500
Wire Department.....	50,000
Institutions, improvements.....	40,500
School purposes .....	36,000
Additional portable booths and furnishing .....	30,000
Bridges .....	28,500
Back Bay fens, removal of sewage..	25,000
Chapel, Mt. Hope cemetery.....	25,000
Public bathing establishments.....	17,500
Public convenience station.....	10,000
Fire department, completion of salt water pipe system.....	7,500
Commonwealth park, gymnasium....	5,000
Steamer "Vigilant," new boiler.....	5,000
Miscellaneous purposes.....	7,500
Total .....	<u>\$973,980</u>

In addition the Legislature added within the debt limit the amount that may be borrowed for South Union Station (chap. 248, Acts 1898) .....	750,000
Total .....	<u>\$1,723,980</u>

The following table shows all the purposes for which debt has been issued during the last three years. Of course, this represents only the increase in the gross debt of the city, and is offset by the accumulation of the sinking funds. It is impossible to assign the increase of the net debt to any particular objects of expenditure, and it is therefore necessary to use

the figures of the gross debt in making any analysis of the causes of the increase. Of the total increase, the items for assessable streets, for sewers and for avenues are very largely taken care of by special assessments, the item for rapid transit represents an investment—upon which a sufficient return to provide for sinking funds, as well as for interest, is being received—and the item for South Union Station represents a short loan, which merely distributes this expense over the tax levy of a four-year period, while the item for schools is not under the control of the City Council or the Mayor. These items aggregate \$15,257,500 of the total increase:—

Rapid transit.....	\$3,650,000
Street improvements, extensions and construction.....	3,169,280
Assessable streets.....	3,061,000
Schools .....	2,250,000
Blue Hill, Huntington, Columbus and Commonwealth avenues....	2,392,000
Sewers .....	2,204,500
Parks .....	1,711,300
South Union Station.....	1,700,000
Charlestown bridge.....	930,000
Market or other public purposes..	616,000
Stony Brook improvement.....	500,000
Hospital department, New buildings and improvements.....	350,500
Water department.....	350,000
Playgrounds .....	260,500
Public institutions, improvements.	201,100
Ferry department, improved facilities .....	176,800
Wire department.....	150,000
Library department, new building and branches.....	149,000
Parade grounds, etc., for the militia .....	125,000
Fire department, new buildings, boat and salt-water service.....	124,500
Bathing establishments.....	100,500
New general register of voters....	100,000
Repayment of sidewalk assessments .....	100,000
Faneuil Hall, reconstruction.....	80,000
Bridges .....	63,000
Police department, new boat and sub-station .....	58,500
Public buildings, improvements...	51,500
Cambridge bridge.....	50,000
Cemeteries, improvements in.....	42,500
New electrical construction.....	25,000
New voting booths.....	30,000
Massachusetts Historical Society building .....	25,000
Ward rooms.....	21,500
Gymnasia .....	23,500
Public grounds.....	19,000
Wharf and buildings, East Boston	15,000
Miscellaneous .....	40,100
	\$24,916,580

The total loans outside of the debt limit authorized during 1898 were the following:—

Blue Hill, Columbus, Commonwealth and Huntington avenues, chap. 236, Acts 1898.....	\$750,000
Public Parks, chap. 313, Acts 1898....	500,000
Completion of Public Library Building, chap. 475, Acts 1898.....	100,000
Cambridge bridge, chap. 467, Acts 1898. No limit to amount.	

The average valuation of property upon which the debt and tax limits for the year 1899-1900 are based has increased \$22,897,113 over that of last year. The estimated borrowing capacity of the city for the coming year, after deducting the sum of \$200,000 for playgrounds and \$300,000 for schools set aside by special legislative acts, is .....

Amount which was assessed under \$9 tax limit for financial year 1898-99 .....	\$8,564,750
Estimated general revenue.....	3,488,224
Debt requirements.....	4,264,040
County expenses, exempt from tax limit .....	425,000

Total amount appropriated for the current expenses of the year....\$16,742,024

Making the tax rate on the thousand .....	\$13 60
Amount which can be raised within the \$9 tax limit for the financial year 1899-1900.....	\$8,770,824
Increase over financial year 1898-99 .....	206,074

All loans issued during the year were at the rate of three and a half per cent per annum.

CLOSING OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

Under the financial practice which has prevailed in the past, the City Council has appropriated early in the year the entire amount which could be raised within the \$9 tax limit, plus the estimated income of the city,—from its distributive share of the corporation tax, from charges made by various departments, and from miscellaneous sources. As the whole amount included in the tax levy is fully appropriated, although quite a fraction of it is not collected within the limit of the financial year, but remains outstanding, it is obvious that there is a balance which must be made up from receipts on account of unpaid taxes of previous years, if the city treasury is actually to receive in cash by the end of the financial year the full amount which has been appropriated. In the past the assumption that a certain average percentage of the taxes for the year would be actually paid into the treasury in cash by the last day of the financial year, January 31, and that the balance of the amount included within the \$9 tax limit would be received from payments on account of unpaid taxes of former years, has practically held good; but it is clear that if in any year the collections made prior to February 1st fall materially below the average, a deficiency is created, which can only be bridged over by an excess of income received above the estimates. It is unfortunately the case that for some reason or other,—but through no fault of the Collecting Department,—the collections for this financial year up to the 1st of January have been about one and three-quarters per cent, less than for the same period of last year; as the total assessment this year is \$14,262,000 this makes a deficiency in collections of about \$250,000 up to the present time. Of course, we may come up to the average percentage of collections before February 1, but this cannot be counted upon.

At the same time we are unfortunately obliged to meet a considerable shortage in income, as our share of the proceeds of the corporation tax alone has, owing to changes in State legislation, fallen about \$60,000 below the amount received last year. We are further confronted with the difficulty that, under the new law fixing the expenditures of the School Committee, referred to below, the sum of \$230,000 had to be provided to meet the amount of \$2.83 on each thousand of valuation allowed for schools for the current financial year, in excess of the appropriation of \$2,470,000, which had always been made. This additional sum could only be found by increasing the Auditor's estimate of income by including surplus water income, the amount of which was somewhat uncertain, and which it was very necessary to hold in reserve to meet such possible deficiencies in other directions as I have mentioned, as well as to provide for extraordinary contingencies in connection with the work of the departments. On top of these difficulties the necessary expenditures already made by the Street Department for the removal of snow during the financial year, owing to extraordinary storms, have exceeded the average expenditure of other years by fully \$75,000, and there have been other unavoidable expenses incurred in excess of department appropriations—such as those of the City Hospital for the care of

soldiers. It has also been necessary to make certain expenditures, some of them required by contracts, properly chargeable to loans, which the City Council has failed to provide for in that manner, leaving them to be met out of maintenance appropriations. Owing to these various reasons the task of closing the accounts of the city for this financial year will be one of unusual difficulty, and the requirements of the situation will at once be laid before the Board of Apportionment. There seems to be no plausible explanation of this deficiency of one and three-quarters per cent. in the collections except that quite a number of taxpayers are awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court upon the case which has been brought to test the legality of the sewer assessments, before paying even their ordinary taxes; it is hoped that this decision will be rendered during the present month.

#### BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

In my last inaugural address I pointed out some of the difficulties met with in the attempt to secure proper and business-like management of the finances of the city, and expressed the opinion that there was no adequate remedy for them except through the creation of a Board of Apportionment, on somewhat similar lines to that which has long existed in the City of New York. This subject was very soon after laid before the Merchants' Municipal Committee, which had been freshly constituted, upon my invitation, by the Associated Board of Trade; and, after full consideration, the members of the committee gave the proposal their hearty and unanimous support, and secured for it the endorsement of a number of the representative trade organizations. After much discussion of the form which the proposed measure should take, a bill was finally drafted and presented to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

This bill proposed a board of six members, to consist of the Mayor, the presiding officers of the two branches of the City Council, the City Auditor, the City Engineer, and the Chairman of the Board of Statistics, all serving ex-officio. While the members of the Merchants' Committee continued to adhere to the opinion that an ex-officio board of this character would give the best results, they were obliged to yield to the objections which were made to this constitution, and to assent to a modification of the bill, reducing the membership of the board to five, and providing for two elective members. While this change was conceded reluctantly, the belief was still entertained that even with this modification the new system would produce vastly better results, and this still remains the opinion of the committee. It may perhaps be regarded as fortunate that one of the officers named in the original bill to serve as an ex-officio member of the board, namely, the Chairman of the Board of Statistics,—whose experience and training in the work of that department ought to render him especially qualified for such service,—has now been made by election a member of the board, to serve for the first year of its existence,—during which its work will be of especial importance in the establishment of precedents and principles to govern future action.

The creation of this board, with such a constitution, not only marks the most important and far-reaching improvement, in my opinion, which has been effected in the government of Boston since the passage of the Charter Amendment Act of 1885, with its radical redistribution of powers, but it also marks a radical departure in American municipal government, and one whose results will be watched with interest elsewhere. The board will really be a small financial council, a sort of elective municipal ministry, with the complete responsibility for financial legislation, but

without any administrative duties. That this innovation will prove a panacea for all of the evils, real or imaginary—and they are largely of the latter character—which afflict our municipal government, I do not for a moment believe; but it will surely afford an opportunity such as has never existed before for the formulating of something like a scientific budget, particularly in respect to loan appropriations.

I believe that the public opinion of the whole city will have a much greater influence upon this board, four of whose members are elected by the city at large, than it can possibly have in a common council of seventy-five members elected from purely local constituencies. The financial resources of the city can at least be applied at a reasonable time in the year, and with a comprehensive view of the needs of all the departments, and of all of the various proposals for the expenditure of loan money. Whether the constitution of the board is the best possible one or not, it should, in my opinion, be given a full trial upon its present lines before any amendment is proposed. In order that the business interests of the city may be fully and closely informed as to the operation of the board, and may be kept in close touch with it, it is my intention to recommend to the board to invite the Merchants' Municipal Committee, representing the associated trade associations of the city, to select a representative to be present at all its meetings, and to follow its work in detail.

One of the most important questions which the Board will have to determine will be that of the extent to which the regular department appropriations shall be itemized. The past practice—which I believe has unquestionably been the best one under the conditions heretofore existing—has been that of making a single lump appropriation for each department or division of a department, leaving the application of this amount and the fixing of salaries solely to the executive officers of the city. On the other hand, the practice of Congress is to itemize pretty closely the appropriations for the government departments and to fix nearly all salaries. The practice of the New York Board of Apportionment has been to sub-divide department appropriations into various classes, without carrying the itemizing process as far as is done in the federal government. Under the conditions existing in this city it is a question whether the Board of Apportionment should not carry the itemizing process to a considerable extent.

The pressure of expenditures upon the nine dollar tax limit would seem to make it almost necessary that the departments should be conducted with somewhat less financial latitude, and more closely upon a certain definite scale of expenditure, which can only be altered once a year. I am inclined to think that it will be found necessary to establish a minimum limit for the expenditures of each department, setting aside a sufficient amount in a reserved fund to provide for contingencies, and then to meet any real but unexpected needs of the different departments by special transfers, made from time to time through the year from this fund. The pressure upon the financial resources of the city within the tax limit seems to be constantly increasing, and the most careful and scientific management of our finances will be required in order to enable existing branches of municipal service to continue without such a restriction of their work as would be injuriously felt by our citizens, and to enable such new branches of service as the public welfare may require to be established from time to time.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In my last inaugural address I stated my own belief that the best organization of

the School Committee would be to place it upon exactly the same basis as the other departments of the same basis as the other viding for the appointment by the Mayor of a Board of Education of seven members,—while admitting that it was improbable that the Legislature could be got to sanction such a departure from the old-established practice of this Commonwealth of electing the school authorities by popular vote. I now desire to express my hearty support of a compromise proposition presented to the last Legislature in a bill prepared by a committee of citizens interested in education, namely, that of reducing the number of members of the School Board by one-half, from twenty-four to twelve, three such members to be appointed by the Mayor, one each year, and nine to be elected, three each year. While such an organization of the School Committee may not be theoretically an ideal such an organization of the School Committee may not be theoretically an ideal one from any standpoint, I believe that it would, in practice, effect an important improvement, and it ought to be within the range of possibility to secure the passage of a bill of this character.

The large number of candidates to be voted for at each election is a great weakness of the present system from the standpoint of the citizen, and the large membership of the Board, resulting in the transaction of the most important part of its business by committees, is a great drawback from an administrative standpoint. The appearance of the official ballot at the last city election, with its 23 candidates for the School Committee and its multiplicity of designations, resulted in the bewilderment of the average voter, and in the suppression of any clear-cut and distinct issue between candidates. If only a few persons are candidates for an office the people can be got to take an active and intelligent interest in an elective contest; but this becomes hopelessly confused and belittled by such a multiplicity of candidates as is inevitable where eight are to be elected at a time.

The mere reduction of the number of persons to be elected to the School Committee each year from eight to three, would, in my opinion, accomplish a great deal of good, by making the office far more conspicuous and by compelling the nomination of more specially qualified candidates,—thus creating a tendency, sadly lacking in the past, to make the election turn rather upon methods and systems of school administration than upon merely personal considerations.

I believe that the incorporation into the committee of a minority of appointed members would also operate beneficially, through its tendency to bring into the committee some persons of special expert training who, under the present system, are either unwilling or unable to be nominated and elected. Possibly the changed political complexion of the School Committee resulting from the last election, may lead the legislature to receive with more favor than in the past propositions for its reorganization; and if those who lately interested themselves in the movement conducted by the Public School Association will devote one-half as much of effort toward convincing the Legislature of the desirability of reform, Boston may be enabled to take an important step forward in the administration of her schools during the coming year.

By chapter 149 of the Acts of 1893 the School Committee was given additional loans of \$300,000 in 1899, \$300,000 in 1900, and \$250,000 in 1901, making \$850,000 in all, to pay the expenses of building and furnishing High and Latin schools, including the land therefor. By the amendment of chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895 made by chapter 442 of the Acts of 1897, not less than \$500,000 of the loans to be issued by the School Committee for new school-houses in the years 1897 and 1898 were to be applied to new

high schools. Thus, within the five years from 1897 to 1901, inclusive, the city will have expended \$1,350,000 for new high schools, and for the seven years from 1895 to 1901, inclusive, will have expended under the authority of special statutes amounts aggregating \$3,150,000; of this sum, \$1,800,000 will have been devoted to Primary and Grammar schools, and \$1,350,000, as above stated, to High and Latin schools. Of this aggregate amount, the \$500,000 authorized to be expended in 1895 was outside the debt limit, while the balance has been, or is to be, issued inside the debt limit. The regular borrowing capacity of the city for the coming year is thus reduced by the sum of \$300,000 to provide for additional high school accommodations.

The problem of keeping the cost of new school buildings, particularly where land is to be bought for them in the more thickly populated districts of the city, within reasonable limits, has become one of pressing importance. The cost of the new Paul Revere School upon Bennett St. will amount to the surprising total of about \$400,000—\$230,000 for land and \$170,000 for cost of building and furniture. The School Committee very properly secured at the last session of the Legislature an amendment of the unnecessarily onerous provisions of the building laws governing the construction of school buildings, and it is to be hoped that these changes, with the exercise of special care in the selection of sites, will result in greater economy in the future.

#### SCHOOL FINANCES.

By chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898 a most important, and, I believe, beneficial, departure was made in respect to the finances of the School Committee. In my last inaugural address I called particular attention to the evils of the financial system then existing—under which the appropriations for the support of the schools were nominally made by the City Council, but in reality by the School Committee itself, through its power to make expenditures for certain purposes in excess of its appropriations. By the act referred to a definite financial system for the support of our schools has at last been established, under which the City Council is deprived of the nominal power which it formerly exercised, and the School Committee itself becomes an appropriating body, but subject to a definite limit established by law. Under this act the School Committee, on or before the first day of March in each year, is to pass an itemized budget subject to the right of the Mayor to veto any item—the Board having the right to pass an item over the veto of the Mayor only by vote of three-fourths of all of its members. This gives the Mayor for the first time a real and effective financial check upon the specific expenditures of the School Committee; hitherto he has only had the power of signing or vetoing the general, unitemized appropriation for schools passed by the City Council—which of course gave him no real financial control. Under the new act, the School Committee is limited in its appropriations to \$2.85 on \$1000 for the coming financial year, and to \$2.90 thereafter, so that it is now possible for the first time to make up a really scientific budget of all of the current expenditures of the city. For the financial year which closes on the first of February next, the School Committee was allowed to expend \$2.50 upon each thousand dollars of the actual taxable valuation of the city; this sum amounted to only \$2,700,000, while the appropriation made by the City Council, before the passage of the act, amounted to only \$2,470,000. The necessity of providing this additional sum of \$230,000 after the passage of the annual budget imposed a very serious strain upon the finances of the city for the present year, and this could only be met at all by adding to the school appropriation the probable surplus

income which had been kept in reserve to meet contingencies, and was no more than sufficient for such purpose. It seemed to me better, however, to submit to any financial inconvenience this year for the sake of securing the benefit of a definite limitation of school expenditures—even though that limitation allowed for a substantial increase of school appropriations during the next two years. If the \$9.60 tax limit is to be maintained, it would certainly seem that 32 per cent. of the total amount which the city is allowed to raise for current municipal expenditures, outside of interest and sinking fund requirements, is as much as can be devoted to the public schools without serious prejudice to other necessary branches of the city service. There was every reason to believe that if this check had not been imposed the expenditures of the School Committee would have continued to increase at a more rapid ratio than valuations, and would have been considerably over \$2.90 on a thousand of the valuation by 1901. I believe that our school expenditures can be, and must be, kept within the limits now established by this law, and that any movement for the modification of its provisions, at least until it has been fairly tried for a series of years, should be strongly resisted.

#### CITY COUNCIL.

It seems hardly necessary for me to repeat the views which I have expressed in preceding addresses in respect to the constitution of the City Council. The passage of the act establishing the Board of Apportionment greatly strengthens the considerations, strong enough before, in favor of the consolidation of the two branches in one body. The maintenance of a lower chamber of seventy-five members, drawing \$22,500 a year in salaries, and now having scarcely a vestige of financial power,—only that of rejecting items passed by the Board of Apportionment,—and with no control over street franchises, seems such a palpable absurdity, and such a costly method of maintaining a municipal debating club, if that be considered a desirable object, that it seems to me scarcely possible that it can much longer be allowed to exist. Even with its financial powers unabated, the record of the Common Council during the last year in respect to the transaction of public business hardly seems to be such as to warrant its longer continuance. Since the summer vacation it undertook to hold fifteen meetings, but was obliged to adjourn six times for want of a quorum without transacting any business, while it adjourned three times more because of the breaking of a quorum before the business before it had been disposed of; and it was only upon rare and exceptional occasions that the attendance was such as to warrant any hope that the fifty votes necessary for the passage of a loan order could be secured, whatever might be the merits of the measure.

I do not wish by any means that it should be inferred that I am opposed to local representation in the City Council upon a reasonable plan. On the contrary, I believe that such representation is necessary and useful upon a proper basis. I would magnify the importance of ward representation by reducing the number of local councilmen from three to one from each ward, and I would combine this local representation with that of the city at large, as now represented in the Board of Aldermen, by consolidating the two branches into a single body.

The law passed by the last Legislature requiring each political party to nominate twelve candidates for the Board of Aldermen,—the sole practical outcome of all the legislative attention given to the subject of the reorganization of our City Council at the last session,—seems to me a striking example of the sham reform which is

sometimes inflicted upon the public by well-meaning persons unfamiliar with practical conditions, or by others having sinister objects in view. The theory of this measure was that it would enlarge the latitude of choice by the people, which had been absurdly restricted by the operation of the law as it stood, with its limited vote feature; but the practical result has been, as every one acquainted with politics knew that it would be, to demoralize both political parties, and to substitute a personal scramble and a competition in political throat-cutting for an orderly election, with opposing party tickets. The law as it stood, practically restricting the voter to the right to reject two out of the fourteen candidates, was bad enough; but with this last change it is decidedly worse. No well-informed politician regarded the result of the recent aldermanic election as other than a lottery, and the final determination of the party complexion of the Board by a few votes in the whole city, and that only after a recount, was only what was naturally to be expected under such a system. Moreover, the striking fact should be noted, which perhaps was not anticipated by the framers of this act, that it took a far smaller number of votes to be elected to the Board of Aldermen than ever before,—the candidate receiving the largest number of votes only having 19,807, or 57 per cent. of the whole number cast for the successful candidates for the Board of Apportionment, while the successful candidate receiving the smallest number of votes only had 15,500, or 42 per cent. of such number. Last year, on the other hand, the votes cast for successful candidates for Aldermen ranged from 38,507 to 34,227.

The party system may have its evils, but, in my opinion, they are very distinctly less than those of the last plan which the Legislature has endeavored to substitute for it.

#### NEW DEPARTMENTS.

In my first inaugural address, three years ago, I stated my desire "to promote by every means within my power the interest of the citizens at large in their municipal work and to invite their cooperation in every practicable manner in its administration and in the consideration of municipal problems." I have been fortunate in having been able to carry out this purpose to such a considerable extent through securing the establishment of seven new unpaid boards and enlisting the services of so many citizens in an advisory or semi-official capacity. While I believe in giving all necessary powers to the Chief Executive of a city, I have never believed that the best results could be achieved, or the greatest progress realized, in municipal government through the sole agency of single headed departments and paid officials, responsible only to the Mayor. The establishment of unpaid boards, subject to appointment and removal by the Mayor, introduces a happy medium between the old system of administration carried on under the direction of legislative committees, and the newer theory of single headed and centralized administration under the Mayor. I believe that in many departments Boston is now securing precisely the benefits which many English cities have realized to such a striking extent through the service of public-spirited citizens upon administrative committees of the City Council, without encountering the evils inherent, under our very different political conditions, in any attempt to secure similar results by precisely the same machinery which works well abroad. The substance of good municipal government is very much more important than any particular forms of organization, and I believe that the people of Boston will adhere to whatever system, whether of centralization or

distribution of powers, they find to give the best results in the long run.

The development and extension of the work of the city, and the increasing extent to which it has become specialized, are well indicated by the department changes of the last three years. On January 1, 1896, the total number of strictly executive departments—excluding the street commissioners, the city clerk, the city messenger and the clerk of committees—was 28; six of these departments were controlled by unpaid boards, and the remainder by salaried officials. At the present time we have a total of 36 executive departments, of which no less than 13 are under unpaid boards—the total increase having been in departments of this character, with the exception of the soldiers' relief department, created by an act of the last legislature, which is in charge of a single paid commissioner, and the institutions registration department. Seven new departments headed by unpaid boards have brought 44 additional persons into the service of the city, and, including 36 persons who were serving in this manner three years ago, we now have a total body of 80 men and women engaged in the official service of the city without pay. If we include the seven members of the merchants municipal committee, the ten members of the advisory committee on free municipal lectures recently appointed, the four members of the committee on the municipal camp, and the seven members of the special committee to investigate the operations of the law relating to the punishment of drunkenness, elsewhere referred to in this address, the total number of persons engaged in this manner in the official or semi-official service of the city would amount to 101. To have such a large number of persons brought into contact with the problems of city work from an outside standpoint should certainly have a considerable effect upon the government of the city.

#### ASSOCIATION OF CITY OFFICIALS.

The charter amendment act of 1885 provided that the Mayor should "once a month, or oftener, call together the heads of the departments for consultation and advice upon the affairs of the city." This provision has never been carried out in practice, and it would at the present time entail the calling together of 123 persons. While it does not seem practicable to carry out literally this feature of the charter, it has seemed to me that its spirit might be observed, and that in the end decided advantage might result, through the formation of an association to contain such of the heads of departments, and perhaps other principal officials, as cared to join it, the number of members of boards, heads of departments, chiefs of divisions, secretaries of boards and superintendents of institutions in the service of the city now amounting to over 150. The object of such an association would be to promote a better personal acquaintance with each other among the chief officials of the city, a better understanding by all of the work of each, and a more active and intelligent interest on the part of each official in the general work of the city and in the broad problems of municipal government. Such an association should be able to secure from time to time addresses from well-known authorities upon municipal government, or practical administrators from other cities.

With these ideas in view, a meeting of the members of unpaid boards has already been held, at my invitation, and preliminary steps have been taken looking to the formation of such an association, to include salaried as well as non-salaried heads of departments. A keener and more general interest in the problems of municipal government is very greatly needed, and such an association, if judiciously managed, ought to serve as an important

agency for promoting intelligent civic spirit among the people, and increasing their interest in, and attention to, municipal affairs.

#### AN ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of last year the Architectural Division was transferred from the Public Buildings Department to the Engineering Department, and the position of Consulting Architect to the Mayor, which was established by me three years ago, was united with that of Chief of this Division. The connection of this work with the Engineering Department is clearly the most suitable one, if it is not to be given an independent standing, and the service of the Division has proved useful and valuable in many ways—such as in the preparation of studies and estimates for proposed new buildings, and of plans for alterations and repairs and for steam heating and ventilating. The examination of all plans requiring the approval of the Mayor, including those of new school buildings, by a consulting architect, has proved of great utility and value to the city.

While I would not favor the revival of the office of city architect as it formerly existed, experience has satisfied me that there are considerable drawbacks to the plan of securing outside architectural service prescribed by chapter 49 of the Acts of 1895, and that the city loses a good deal by scattering its work among so many different architects, and having it done to a great extent without continuity or harmony. I have recently taken up this subject with a committee of the Boston Society of Architects appointed to consider it, and it now appears to me that a scheme of organization for an architectural department can be formulated which will be free from most of the dangers and drawbacks existing under the old system, and which will secure the advantages of a continuous department, of a proper professional character, without being exposed to the political and administrative difficulties formerly experienced. The plan which has most commended itself to the members of this committee and to myself is that of establishing an architectural department under a board of three or five practising architects, who would only give such portion of their time to the city as might be required. These architects might be appointed partly by the president of the school committee, acting on behalf of that body,—on account of the large amount of building work in connection with schools,—and partly by the mayor, subject in each case to confirmation by the art commission; the latter provision is deemed an absolutely essential one to insure the maintenance of a sufficiently high professional standard, and to remove the choice beyond the sphere of political influences.

The designing and erecting of all school buildings would be done by one of the members of the board named on behalf of the School Committee, the work being divided in some manner between them, probably by territorial districts, and the same duty in relation to all other municipal buildings would be divided between the two members of the board appointed by the Mayor; plans of school buildings to be subject to the approval of the School Committee and of the Mayor, and all plans for any other municipal buildings to be subject to the approval of the Mayor, as at present. All plans would come before the full board of architects for approval, and in this manner the same advantages would be secured, with competent men constituting the board, which were realized in such a striking manner through the work of the board of architects which passed upon the plans of the buildings for the Chicago fair. It seems to me that under this plan a continuity and harmony of purpose, and a combined professional judgment, would be introduced in a man-

ner which is now impossible, and that there would be the greatest assurance possible under any system that the architectural work of the city would be of the best obtainable character. The advantage of having the same architect, if thoroughly competent, work year after year upon one class of buildings, such as school-houses, seems obvious, and the combined judgment of the board would take the place, in an even more effective manner, of the important service now performed by the consulting architect, while the expense to the city need not be any greater than under the present system. The importance of securing the best possible architectural work upon new municipal buildings can hardly be exaggerated, and any change of organization which promises to secure the highest character of professional service will, I believe, be likely to receive the approval of the Legislature.

The cost of the work of the Architectural Division for the present financial year will be about \$12,000; \$3000 of this amount, however, represents charges against other departments of the city. During the year this division will have performed architectural services for work costing about \$250,000, upon which in ordinary private practice,—the work being mostly in the nature of alterations,—the commissions of an architect would be at the rate of ten per cent. In addition to this, the office force has been engaged largely upon preliminary plans and estimates for contemplated buildings, and has made many plans for the different departments for purely administrative purposes.

#### REPAIR DIVISION.

I spoke in my address a year ago of the desirability of starting a repair division, through which the city could perform directly all work of repairs or alterations upon its own buildings. This was established as a division of the Public Buildings Department in the month of February, and the old Armory Building, on Wareham street, was enlarged and fitted up to adapt it for this use; the city now has here well-equipped shops for doing all kinds of work connected with buildings,—including carpentering, cabinet making, plumbing, steamfitting, gas piping, roofing, plastering and painting. An experienced and successful contractor, Mr. Charles Logue, was appointed at the head of this division, and its work has been carried on under the supervision of the Architectural Division so far as plans and specifications have been required. The operations of this division have been of a very comprehensive and varied character, and I have no hesitation in saying that it has already proved a very useful and economical addition to our municipal machinery, producing results highly creditable to its chief.

The regular basis upon which work for other departments has been done has been that of charging actual cost of materials and labor, plus ten per cent. to cover general expenses; but quite an amount of work has been done upon the basis of a fixed sum estimated in advance. Not only has this basis of charges enabled the city to get a more reliable quality of work than could have been secured from private contractors at the same prices, but the financial showing of the division itself has been highly satisfactory. Up to December 1 the division has done work for other departments to the amount of about \$140,000, and the bills rendered exceeded the current expenditures by over \$12,000, and in addition some \$4,000 has been spent upon the plant in excess of the \$20,000 covered by the regular appropriation, thus showing a total profit upon the books of over \$16,000 for the first ten months. I have invited the Boston Society of Architects to appoint a committee to go over the books and examine the operations of this division and to make

a report thereon, for the information of the City Council and of the public.

In view of the fact that the connection of this work with that of the Public Buildings Department is only nominal, and is something of an inconvenience financially, and that it has now attained an importance which entitles it to the rank of an independent department, I have lately recommended the passage of an ordinance raising the division into a Building Construction Department, and I trust that this will be favorably acted upon by the present City Council at an early date.

It is only fair to state that the work of this division has been somewhat handicapped through the inadequacy of the appropriation upon which it was started, and through the lack of a fund for meeting its current pay-rolls and bills, in anticipation of its collections from other departments. It necessarily has a large amount of charges outstanding pending completion of work, and it therefore requires cash capital to run it upon a proper basis, just as a similar private organization would do.

#### LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Boston was a pioneer in the establishment of municipal libraries in this country, and the growth and development of this important educational agency has long been an object of solicitude and a subject of pride to our citizens. The general importance and rank of our library is well understood, but only those familiar with its work fully realize the magnitude of its operations, the comprehensive and far reaching extent of its service, its character as an educational institution—rather than a mere collection of books,—and the special facilities which it affords for research in particular lines, entitling it almost to the rank of a university. The removal of the library to its new building on Copley square, constituting the chief architectural monument of the city and one of the finest library buildings in the world, opened a new era in its history and immensely extended its opportunities for usefulness. The use of the new library for all purposes has far exceeded the anticipations of its builders, and already its ample accommodations are almost fully occupied. The library now contains some 700,000 volumes, and this number is being added to at the rate of about 30,000 a year. A count made last March showed that it was visited in one week by over 34,000 persons, nearly all who came to consult or take out books. While the library ranks about eighth in the world in the number of volumes, it is practically the first in this country in this respect, and it undertakes a greater variety of service than any other library in the world.

Our library is not a single isolated collection of books; it is a great system of libraries, comprising the central library on Copley Square, ten branch libraries of independent collections of books, and eighteen stations for the delivery of books, of which twelve contain deposits of books from the central library. Residents from all parts of the city can draw books from the central library on an application made at the branch located in their immediate vicinity. The interesting experiment of delivering books from the central library to the public schools is also being tried, and five schools are now served in this manner. The number of outstanding active cards is sixty-five thousand, for an estimated population of five hundred and thirty thousand at the present time, so that one out of every eight men, women and children in the City of Boston, including all conditions, races and ages, is the holder of a library card; our library system as a whole can fairly claim a larger actual constituency than any in the world.

Besides being a popular circulating library for the citizens of Boston, ours is a great reference library for scholars, containing the largest and most available collections for reference in this country. The

service which it renders to scholarship throughout the Union is strikingly indicated by the fact that in a single week one hundred and fifteen different towns and cities, from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Texas, have been represented in the recorded applications for books. The library plant and equipment, including books, represents an investment of at least \$5,000,000, and the endowments to the library amount to \$215,000 more, it is very much to be desired that the amount of such endowments should be increased through the bequests of those who are able to realize the value of the work which the library is doing, and the great need of adding to its strength by endowments, to cover special purposes which cannot fairly be met by taxation.

Over 2,000,000 persons entered the various departments of the library during the year 1897, and 1,200,000 books were issued to card holders for use at home. At almost any time over 700 readers may be found at work in the central library building. The total number of persons employed in all capacities in connection with the library and its branches is no less than 345.

By chapter 475 of the Acts of 1898, the Library Trustees were authorized to expend not exceeding \$100,000 to complete the equipment of the library building and to make certain changes and improvements in the arrangements for handling books, the necessity of which had been felt for some years. This sum has now been substantially expended, and the improvements which have been already effected have resulted in greatly improving the service.

During the summer the trustees, finding it possible to secure the services of Mr. Worthington C. Ford, late chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department at Washington, a man of unusual accomplishments in this line, decided, with my approval, to establish a division of economics and statistics in connection with the library, and this has now been carried on for six months under his direction. There is every reason to believe that this new line of work will be of decided value, and that it will still further increase the facilities and the standing of the library as a great educational agency.

An ordinance provides for the annual appointment by the Trustees of the Public Library of an examining committee of not less than five persons, who shall examine the library and make a report to the board of its condition. This system has been in operation for some time, and, upon the whole, with good results. I desire to endorse a suggestion contained in the report of the last examining committee that this body should be given a more continuous character, through the appointment of a third of its members each year, to serve for the term of three years. The operations of our library system are now so extensive, and so much investigation is required to acquire any real knowledge of its practical workings, to serve as a basis of valuable suggestions for improvements, that the more permanent character which would thus be given to this task of friendly criticism would be decidedly advantageous. Five library trustees cannot begin to come into personal contact with all of the varied elements in the city which are interested in the development and the work of the library, nor can they approach this task from the many different points of view which are needed to give it a comprehensive and well-rounded character; and it seems to me that an examining committee appointed upon the basis suggested would better supplement their work.

#### FREE PUBLIC LECTURES.

I need not repeat the arguments which I have recently advanced in favor of the establishment here of free lectures, of an educational character, for adults, upon somewhat the same lines which have

proved so highly successful in the city of New York. The School Committee has readily responded to my request to permit the use of suitable school-halls for this purpose, and the City Council has just appropriated the sum of \$2500 to start the work. I have recently appointed an advisory committee of ten members to take charge of these lectures; it has been assigned a regular office in the building leased by the city at No. 64 Pemberton square, and is actively engaged in arranging for about one hundred lectures to be given during the coming winter and spring. I believe that this plan, intelligently conducted and properly correlated with the work of the Public Library, can accomplish much for the spread of enlightenment among the masses of the people, as well as afford a great deal of recreation of an improving character. Courses of free lectures given in the various districts of the city, carefully arranged and developed from year to year, and supplemented by the educational facilities of the Public Library and its branches, will come near to constituting a university for the people—where all who have a thirst for knowledge, whatever may be their daily occupations, can be given an opportunity of enlarging their information and of broadening their minds. It seems to me of the highest importance to enforce the idea that education does not stop with the school-room, that the adult is only less in need of further learning than the child who has acquired its first rudiments, and that the municipality should assume the function, through the Public Library and the lecture platform, of promoting such education. The character of the proposed work has been emphasized by the appointment upon this committee of three of the teachers of our public schools and one member of the School Committee, while the close connection of the undertaking with the Public Library has been secured through the service of the librarian as another member. It is proposed to give some of the lectures, as a central course, in the Old Public Library Building, several having been already arranged upon the subject of imperialism; but they will chiefly be given in suitable school-halls throughout the city.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The ordinance establishing the Department of Music was passed by the City Council, upon my recommendation, in the month of April, of last year, and the Commission entered upon its duties about the first of June. It now consists of one orchestral conductor, one band master, one pianist, one instructor in the theory of music, and one instructor in singing, the two latter also being organists. The establishment of this department marked a unique departure in municipal government, in this country, at least, and the work it has already accomplished, with the public interest which it has aroused, gives assurance of its future value as a means of popularizing good music.

Immediately after the organization of the Commission a municipal brass band of 35 pieces was organized, under the direction of Mr. E. N. Catlin as conductor, and practically all of the usual open-air concerts paid for by the city during the summer months were given by this band. The music upon the Common was given more the character of regular concerts than ever before, through the provision of some 5000 seats and of printed programmes, as well as through the larger number of musicians engaged; and when the weather was favorable the attendance ran as high as 10,000 to 15,000 people, considerably exceeding that of former years. The same band also gave regular Sunday evening concerts at the Marine Park, South Boston, and there, also, the attendance was much larger and the audiences more interested than ever before.

The appreciation of the seats provided on the Common, and the suitability of the site for regular use for concerts, leads me to suggest the desirability of providing by loan for the erection of permanent seats, arranged in the form of an amphitheatre. These could be removed in winter, and used year after year, and they would considerably improve the opportunities for listening to the music with advantage. It seems to me that the cost of this improvement would be fully warranted by the results.

The Music Commission has arranged, at my suggestion, for giving a number of local concerts of a chamber concert character—the musicians consisting of a string quartette, a pianist and a singer—in the various sections of the city. Twelve concerts of this character, at an estimated cost of about \$60 each, have been arranged for, and eight have actually been given; the results have been, on the whole, highly encouraging, though there have been drawbacks in some places, which can be removed in future. Those who have attended these concerts have generally appreciated them, and they have certainly tended to enlarge the popular knowledge of music and to cultivate the taste for it. I trust that it may be found possible in future to give thirty of these concerts yearly, which would enable three different programmes to be presented during the season in each hall used for the purpose. The total expense of such a series of concerts need not exceed \$2,000, and I believe that this amount can be expended in this manner to good advantage.

A more ambitious undertaking—which, owing to legal difficulties, has been carried on by the members of the Commission individually, with my co-operation, and not acting as a board—has been the series of twelve orchestral concerts, ten of which have already taken place, given on Sunday evenings in Music Hall by an orchestra of thirty-five musicians; this has been led at different times by Emil Mollenhauer and by Mr. John C. Mullaly, both accomplished and experienced orchestral conductors. The highest charge for reserved seats at these concerts has been 25 cents, and a portion of the seats have been priced at 10 and 15 cents. The result has been, upon the whole, decidedly gratifying and encouraging. The musical critics have recognized the excellent character of the performances, and the audiences have generally been large and appreciative. These concerts have undoubtedly afforded a better opportunity to listen to good music at cheap prices than has ever been given in Boston before; and if they can be maintained upon a proper plane year after year, they should have a material influence in elevating the musical taste of our people and adding to the reputation of Boston as a centre of musical education and taste. It is unfortunate that the city, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, lacks the legal authority to give any concerts at which an admission fee is charged toward meeting expenses, and that the funds to make up any deficiency must therefore be raised by private subscription; but it ought to be possible to continue these concerts from year to year, even under these disadvantages. Experience thus far would indicate that a guarantee fund of about \$1000 is needed to cover deficiencies in a series of a dozen concerts; each one costs \$400, and, at the low prices charged, expenses are only met when the hall is entirely filled, which, of course, cannot always be the case.

The Music Commission is now provided with a secretary who gives about half of his time to its work, and has a regular office in Pemberton square. I trust that it may be given a sufficient appropriation during the coming year to promote the still further development and extension of its excellent work.

#### ART DEPARTMENT.

The old art commission, established by act of the legislature in 1890, and invested with purely negative powers, has now been replaced, under the provisions of chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898, by an art department, which retains the negative powers of the old commission in respect to the right to disapprove statues and other works of art, and is also given certain important positive powers,—including that of awarding, subject to the approval of the mayor, all contracts or orders for the execution of any monument, statue, bust or other work of art for the city; also the further power, to be exercised, however, only by unanimous vote, approved in like manner, of removing or altering any existing work of art in the possession of the city. The commission is now made up of five nominees, of the trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, the trustees of the public library, the trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Boston Art Club and the Boston Society of Architects, respectively, each of these organizations submitting three names to the mayor, from which he selects one. This method of choice seems to me an excellent one, particularly for this special purpose, and the objections to the service of the mayor as a member of the commission, which I called attention to in my last inaugural address, are thus put an end to. The board as now made up consists of three architects, one student of art and one lawyer. Boston now enjoys the distinction of being the only American city which has placed art upon the same basis as other branches of municipal work through the organization of an art department with positive powers, and important results in some lines of artistic development may reasonably be expected.

The transfer of the duty of awarding contracts for works of art to be executed for the city from the Mayor to the Art Commission, will prove a relief to the Executive, who ought not to be called upon to perform directly any administrative act, and it should result in the long run in securing better works of art than the city has had in the past. At the present time the Art Commission is considering the important matter of awarding the commission for the statue of William Ellery Channing, to be paid for from the bequest of \$30,000 received by the city for that purpose under the will of John Foster. The full-size model of the new statue of Colonel Cass, to replace the one now on the Public Garden, has been approved by the Commission, and the statue should be in position by next summer. The sculptor to whom the commission was given is at work upon the model of the monument to Gen. Joseph Warren, and it is hoped that this also may be erected by the beginning of another year. I have asked the Commission to examine all our existing statues and monuments, with a view to the exercise of the power of removal or alterations in any cases which may seem to warrant it. In view of the importance of Copley square from an architectural and aesthetic standpoint, I have also requested the Commission to make some recommendation as to the best plan of laying it out anew.

#### BATH DEPARTMENT.

This department was created by an ordinance passed by the City Council on my recommendation and approved February 4, 1898, and its work has furnished a striking example of the benefits of specialized administration in municipal service and of the progress resulting from it. It was impossible for the Board of Health, which had had charge of public baths since 1879, with its other varied and pressing duties, to give to the administration of baths that attention which its importance calls for,—nor would it have been able, probably, to

obtain the large appropriation needed for the adequate development of public bathing. So far as can be ascertained, Boston was the first American city to establish public baths upon any considerable scale. As long ago as 1860 the City Council appointed a joint special committee "to consider and report what measures, if any, can be adopted to provide such facilities for cheap bathing as will induce all persons to avail themselves of the means provided." The report of this committee recommended the establishment of public baths, but no progress was made until the close of the Civil War, when, in 1866, the sum of \$10,000 was appropriated for the establishment of salt-water baths. During the thirty years from 1868 to 1898, in spite of the immense growth of the city during that time, there had been but little change in the appropriation for baths, or in the bathing places themselves. The Bath Commission found, on its establishment, thirteen floating bath-houses, and one beach bath which had been operated by the Board of Health, and another beach bath—that at the North End Park—which had been partially operated for one season by the Park Commission. In the course of its first season's work the Commission added one new floating bath of a greatly improved type, which was placed at the Harvard bridge, three new beach baths, located at Wood Island Park, Charlestown Heights Park and K St., South Boston, respectively, two river baths, one located on the Neponset River, near the Neponset Ave. bridge, and one on the Charles River, near Spring St., West Roxbury, on the grounds of the Parental School, and two swimming pools, one at Orchard Park and one at the Cabot St. bath-house. In addition, the Commission took charge of the administration of the baths at the North End Park, improving their facilities and increasing their use enormously. Furthermore, instruction in swimming was for the first time provided; this was given during the season by eleven instructors at twenty different points, and 3500 children were taught to swim. The total attendance of bathers increased from about 650,000 in the summer of 1897, as nearly as can be estimated, to over 1,900,000 in the summer of 1898,—a considerable part of the increase being due to the much larger use of the baths by children.

The total current expenditures of the department for the summer season, outside of permanent improvements upon the plant and additions to equipment, were about \$38,000, so that each bath given cost, upon the average, about two cents; this included the furnishing of free bathing suits to children everywhere, and to adults at the North End Park, the furnishing of bathing suits to adults elsewhere at a charge of five cents, and the furnishing of towels at a charge of one cent. Experience amply demonstrated that comparatively small improvements and close attention to administration, with an effort to study the convenience of bathers, resulted in a large increase in the patronage of the public. I believe that public opinion will pronounce this work worth at least what it cost, and I trust that it will receive the necessary financial support in the future.

I believe it was fully demonstrated that the portion of the North End Park to the east of Commercial St. should be regarded purely as a beach and bathing establishment, and that it should be permanently transferred from the Park Department to the Bath Department, which will require an Act of the Legislature. It is in no proper sense a park, and it should not be under park administration.

The popularity of the swimming pools at Orchard Park and at Cabot St. fully demonstrated that some facilities of this character are needed for districts two or three miles away from the water front. The whole cost of the Orchard Park swimming pool, with equipment for use, was only about \$3500, and this seems a moderate

price to pay for a pool used daily by about 1000 persons, on an average, during the summer months.

#### MUNICIPAL GYMNASIA.

By chapter 221 of the Acts of 1897 Boston was expressly authorized to establish public gymnasia, not exceeding one to each ward of the city, and to accept donations of lands or buildings for this purpose. The city acquired the East Boston gymnasium on Paris street, through the generous gift of Mrs. Esther P. Ahl, in the month of January, 1897. It was carried on under the direction of the Park Department, assisted by a local advisory committee, until the establishment of the Bath Department, and was turned over to the latter in the month of April, 1898. The large use which has been made of this gymnasium, since it passed into the hands of the city, and the beneficent influence which it has undoubtedly exerted in the portion of the city in which it is situated, afford ample encouragement for the establishment and maintenance, at the expense of the city, of similar gymnasia for other sections, and I earnestly advocate the adoption of such policy.

An appropriation of \$15,000 was made in 1895 for a gymnasium for Ward 13, South Boston; but, owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable site and of erecting a proper building within this amount, nothing was done until last summer, when it was decided to erect a wooden building upon land owned by the Commonwealth—taking the risk of its future sale, or of its future purchase by the city—and in September an additional appropriation of \$5,000 was obtained from the City Council. The building is now well advanced toward completion, and is expected to be ready for use early in February; I have no doubt that it will prove of as much value to the district in which it is situated as has been the case with the East Boston gymnasium. While the building can be completed ready for use for the amount now available, it will probably be found desirable to further increase the appropriation by a few thousand dollars, in order to still further increase its facilities.

While the experiment of establishing municipal gymnasia is a unique one, so far as I am aware, in this country—the municipal gymnasium, even abroad, being but little known, at least outside of Germany—I can hardly emphasize too strongly my belief in the great benefit to the community, not only physically, but also socially, and even morally, of an extensive development of reasonable and properly directed athletics, which can only be effected through local gymnasia maintained by the city. It is now fully recognized by students of social science that there is a close relation between physical exercise and crime,—that an active interest in athletic exercise, and the practice of it, tend to keep a person out of evil paths, while, on the other hand, an absence of any such interest makes many persons an easier prey to the temptations and influences which lead to crime. One distinguished observer, of much practical experience, goes so far as to say that "crime in our large cities is to a great extent simply a question of athletics." I am fully convinced that there is nothing visionary about the general proposition that the more the community spends in bringing facilities for exercise, which in winter must be to a great extent indoors, within the reach of all, and in encouraging and properly directing their use, the less it will have to spend for the punishment of crime,—to say nothing of the diminution in the expense of caring for the sick, which largely falls upon the public. Boston now expends about a thousand dollars a day upon its City Hospital; might not this burden be somewhat reduced if \$25,000 a year were expended in the support of public gymnasia, with the influence in the di-

rection of bodily health which they would exert, directly and indirectly?

The County of Suffolk will expend during this financial year about \$235,000 upon the support of its Houses of Correction at South Boston and at Deer Island, to say nothing of the sum of \$1,632,500, which the city pays for its police force, and of the large expenses for police courts, jails, etc. Putting the case merely upon the basis of economy in the expenditure of money, I firmly believe that prevention is cheaper than cure, and that judicious expenditures in directions which would in time, if not immediately, reduce crime, and also diminish pauperism and insanity, would in the end better justify themselves than a continuance in the present policy of devoting enormous sums to the maintenance of various classes of public institutions, without making a sufficient study of the causes which lead to the increase in the number of their inmates, or tracing effects back to causes, and attempting to remedy the conditions from which results inevitably follow.

I think that no one can study the causes of the crimes and misdemeanors which fill our public institutions without coming to the conclusion that a large percentage of them at least might have been prevented by the force of counteracting agencies, which can easily be set in motion through municipal effort. I believe that if we can establish and properly administer six or eight municipal gymnasia in different sections of the city, their influence for good can be so clearly seen within a few years that no one would propose to give them up. Boston has an opportunity to lead the way in this line of municipal work, and to initiate a departure which cannot but be of great interest to other American municipalities, and redound greatly to her credit.

#### FRANKLIN FUND.

I am happy to be able to state that material progress has been made during the last year in two important respects towards the proper utilization of the unique bequest made to the town of Boston over a hundred years ago by Benjamin Franklin. In the first place the supreme court handed down a decision last August declaring that there had been no failure in the trust, as the city of Boston was the trustee, so that there was no basis for the appointment of trustees, which had been made by the Probate Court upon the theory that the trust had failed. Secondly, the Board of Managers—consisting of the members of the Board of Aldermen and the three clergymen named in the will—has recently rescinded the unwise vote passed by a former board of managers devoting the fund to the establishment of a trades school, and authorizing the purchase of some five acres of land, on the top of Parker Hill, as a site therefor, at an expense of \$80,000,—such vote authorizing the purchase at forty cents a foot of land then assessed at twenty cents per foot, and now at twenty-five cents per foot in lots. It seems to me very fortunate that a quietus has thus been placed upon the ill-advised proposition to devote this fund to the erection of buildings for a trades school, leaving the institution without means for its support, and even without authority to obtain an appropriation out of the school funds.

I have fully expressed my views upon a desirable disposition of this fund in a communication to the Board of Managers, and I need not now repeat them. Doubtless a portion of the fund might be used with great advantage in some manner for enlarging the knowledge of mechanics, whom Franklin by another, and an independent provision of his will showed his desire to benefit; but I believe that this can much better be done by placing a portion of the fund in the hands of an institution like the Institute of Technology, which is al-

ready organized and equipped for such work,—subject to proper conditions as to the giving of free lectures upon technical subjects, or as to the establishment of free scholarships, open to graduates of the Boston schools.

This object can be practically accomplished through the purchase of a building and land from the Institute and its lease back again for a long period, at a nominal rent, subject to such conditions. I believe that the balance of the fund cannot be applied in any better manner with a view to the honorable perpetuation in this city of the name of the distinguished philosopher and revolutionary patriot than by devoting it to the erection of additional permanent baths, which object he specifically mentioned in his will, to be combined, wherever practicable, with gymnasia or ward-rooms. I trust that final action in some such directions will be speedily taken by the Board of Managers, so that the people of Boston may not longer be kept out of the enjoyment of the fund which Franklin intended for their benefit.

#### RANDIDGE PICNIC EXCURSIONS.

During the last summer season 13,540 children were given a day's outing on Long Island, including a luncheon and facilities for bathing, at an aggregate expense of about \$2600—\$2000 of this amount being the income of the Randidge Fund for last year, and the remainder an unexpended balance from the income of the fund for the previous year. These excursions, carried out without an accident and at an average expense of only fourteen cents for each child, afford a striking example of the widespread beneficence which can be accomplished, under proper management, by the use of the facilities which the city is able to supply. Such a record could not, I believe, be duplicated, or even approached, by any private charitable organization, and I have taken some pride in demonstrating, partly as an encouragement to others to follow his example, the wisdom of the donor in placing this somewhat unique bequest in the hands of the city. Last year the children were in nearly all cases furnished also with free transportation by special electric cars from the immediate vicinity of their homes, through the liberality of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which contributed as many free tickets as were required for this purpose. The various churches of the city were invited to organize excursions, and to furnish volunteer committees to take charge of the children, and nearly all of them were carried out in this manner. The Penal Institutions Commissioner, Mr. E. C. Marshall, acted as director of these excursions, in addition to performing the regular duties of his office, and much of their success is due to his zealous and intelligent service. If these excursions are to continue to go to Long Island, it is very desirable that a pier should be constructed adjacent to the picnic ground, so that the children may be landed at a point much nearer to their destination than is now possible.

Fourteen excursions for mothers and babies were also given in naphtha launches, the parties being landed at Squantum Head, which offers considerable attractions for this purpose and is quite easy of access.

#### MUNICIPAL CAMP.

In the month of July of last year, an appropriation of \$2500 having been made for the purpose by the City Council upon my recommendation, the city initiated the unique experiment of opening a camp for boys who would not otherwise be able to secure a vacation outside of the city limits. A committee of four persons was given the general supervision and charge of the camp, and its executive direction was put

in the hands of Mr. E. C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner. The cost for the equipment of the camp, to accommodate one hundred boys, was a little under \$1000, and other expenses amounted to about \$1500. The camp remained open for seven weeks, and 831 boys were received in all, so that the weekly per capita cost of maintenance was \$1.83. The boys received were between the ages of ten and sixteen years, and upon the whole the results achieved were quite satisfactory and afford distinct encouragement for the considerable extension of this plan next summer.

I believe that this is a profitable line of educational and social work, and that training of some value can be given even during the short period of one week, besides affording to the boys most needing it an opportunity for a change of scene and for out-of-door life, with boating and bathing, which has so much recreative value and quickening influence. I have already expressed my belief that an expenditure of \$10,000, to give 5000 boys a week's outing each of this character, would be fully warranted in the value of the results from an educational standpoint alone—if we take a broad view of what education consists of and do not make the mistake of confining it to what can be learned from books in the school room.

#### VACATION WORK FOR CHILDREN.

I am strongly impressed with the idea that the civilization of any community is to be measured very largely by the extent and the character of the provisions which it makes for the education, training and development, both physical and mental, of its children, so far as such work can be undertaken by the public. The doctrine that it is not only a proper, but an essential, function of the municipality to provide free facilities for giving a certain minimum of education to the children of all its citizens, and that the State may properly require that all children shall either be given the instruction provided at public expense or similar private instruction, is now thoroughly accepted, at least in this country, and requires no argument in its support. It is also an accepted idea that the municipality must assume the burden of providing for the training and bringing up of dependent or neglected children, either in institutions supported at the public expense or in private families in which children are placed out under the supervision of public authorities, besides assuming the control, in institutions, of any children who may commit crimes or misdemeanors, or may be habitual truants. Our Parental School is practically a boarding school, maintained by the public for the benefit of boys who have shown that they require the training and the discipline which the day schools cannot afford. Under the act of the Legislature passed in 1897 establishing a board of trustees for children of the above-named classes, Boston has taken an important step in advance of other municipalities, and the benefits of separating the care of children under the public charge from the control of adult paupers or criminals have already been considerably felt, and will be still more strikingly manifested during the next few years, as changes of administration are affected and as buildings and plants are improved.

Between the work of the public schools on the one hand, and that of the Children's Institutions Department on the other, I believe there is a large and fruitful field for the employment of municipal effort. This has already been amply demonstrated by the work which has been accomplished during the last year—through the very extensive use by children of the new bathing facilities which were offered last summer for the first time, including instruction in swimming, through the extensive use of the larger opportunities afforded by the opening during the summer of a much

larger number of school yards than heretofore, through the remarkable success of the children's excursions to Long Island paid for out of the Randidge Fund, through the promising initiation of the experiment of conducting a city camp for boys on the same island, and through the use which has been made by children of the special facilities for exercise, under the direction of an instructor in gymnastics, which were afforded them at the East Boston gymnasium.

I believe that these various lines of work, all relating to development outside of the school-room, should be more closely correlated and considerably extended, and that this can best be effected by formally recognizing the provision of means for the physical development, training and healthful recreation of the children of the community as a proper municipal function, and by specializing this work under the general direction of a new department, to be created for this purpose, and to be under the charge of an unpaid board of trustees. The administration of public gymnasia is placed by ordinance under the charge of the Bath Commission and properly belongs to that body, so that the control of the use of gymnasium facilities by children may well be left in its hands, together with the control of the use by children of public bathing facilities, including instruction in swimming. But I believe that a new department may well be created to have charge of the use of school playgrounds, of the Randidge excursions, of the boys' camp, and of any similar lines of work which may be developed relating particularly to the out-door life of children, especially during the vacation season. Without in the least undervaluing the efforts of private charitable organizations in this direction, I think that no one can be familiar with the work which has been actually accomplished through municipal agency in the lines above mentioned without recognizing that the most far-reaching and comprehensive results can only be secured through the organization of the forces of the whole community, under the direction of the city itself. I shall accordingly ask the City Council to pass an ordinance providing for such a department, —the nucleus of which may already be found in the advisory committee which had the supervision of the boys' camp last summer, and in the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, which has for many years had charge of keeping open a limited number of school playgrounds for the use of children. It would be hard to assign limits to the comprehensive and beneficent work which could be developed under the specialized administration of a department of this character, at a comparatively small cost to the public, while the work which has been actually started is surely of sufficient magnitude and importance to call for continuous control. As the city secures more playgrounds and equips them, it will be very important that their use for sports shall be properly controlled and directed and this line of work might also well be entrusted later to such new department.

In this connection I desire to call attention to the fact that Boston is behind New York, at least, in failing to recognize the importance of vacation schools, and to make some provision for them. In that city the Board of Education has adopted the vacation school as a feature of the school system, and a regular appropriation of school funds is made for their maintenance; and the City of Philadelphia has also followed this example. Experience has shown that the value of such schools, and the demand for them, has to be demonstrated through other agencies before they can be incorporated into the educational system, and I believe it is better to follow the same course here rather than to urge the establishment of such schools upon the School Committee without such

preliminary demonstration of their value. This work may well be initiated by such a new department as I have suggested.

The turning loose upon the streets during the summer months of an immense number of children, whose parents are unable, on account of the occupations in which they are engaged, to control them or keep them out of mischief, presents a most serious social problem to the community. The comparatively little which the city has already done in the directions above mentioned has certainly exerted an appreciable influence for good; and I am sure that nothing will be more heartily welcomed by a very large proportion of the parents of school children than the provision by the city of some means of training and wholesome occupation for them during the vacation season. In my opinion the economic, social and moral loss of leaving the great mass of children upon whose education such an amount of public money is expended, to run wild to a great extent during the summer months, and to lose so much before returning to school, is so great that the community cannot afford to let it longer continue. If even two per cent. of the expense of carrying on the public schools was devoted to some form of vacation training, I have not the slightest doubt that it would be a more profitable and economical expenditure of public money.

The maintaining of continuity just as far as possible in the process of education and training is certainly of great importance. That it is desirable, even necessary, to suspend the regular routine work of the schools during the summer, I do not for a moment deny; but it by no means follows that a different kind of training, physical as well as mental, cannot be substituted during the vacation season, with the actual approval of the children themselves, and experience elsewhere has shown that great numbers of them are ready and anxious to attend vacation schools.

#### INSURANCE OF EMPLOYEES.

The practice of providing for those dependent upon a deceased municipal official by giving to them the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled during the balance of the year within which he died, has been growing to such an extent as to call attention to this subject. Last year the Legislature passed no less than a dozen special acts authorizing the city to make such payments, and the question where, if at all, the line is to be drawn in the making of such donations, is fast becoming a practical one. If the present tendency continues unchecked, there will be no logical reason for confining such payments to the families of officials who have been in receipt of respectable salaries, and a demand will certainly be made, with a good deal of force, that the families of laborers who have served the city faithfully for many years shall be treated with similar consideration. Any inquiry into this subject will, I think, soon lead to the conclusion that the only way to deal equitably and satisfactorily with this problem is through the establishment of some general system providing for the insurance in case of death, and the retirement after a certain age, of all municipal officials and employees of certain classes or grades. In older countries this problem has been fully met and worked out through the adoption of systems of this nature, with satisfactory results.

The insurance or retirement fund is generally made up one-half through contributions from the salaries of employees, and one-half through a special contribution from the municipal treasury. The question whether the scale of salaries paid by this city is such that it would be just to throw the whole of the necessary contribution for this purpose upon the employee, or whether the city treasury ought equitably to bear a portion of it, is one of detail:

but I am fully prepared to take the position that in some manner or other a system of providing for such insurance and retirement should be established and made compulsory. It is only in this manner that special legislation of the character referred to, prompted by natural sympathy for those left unprovided for, but crude and inequitable in its operation, can be avoided, and even if the whole necessary contribution were deducted from salaries, the city would only be compelling its employees to adopt a course which enlightened self-interest, or a sense of obligation to others, ought in any case to lead them to take.

#### BUILDING LIMITS.

The very important matter of extending the present building limits has at length received the attention of the city council, and the committee on building department has recently presented an intelligent report, calling attention to the grave objections to permitting the construction of wooden buildings to the extent which is allowed in this city, and recommending the passage of an ordinance materially extending the present limits. While there are bound to be considerable difference of views, even among those who have no private interest which would be affected, as to the exact lines to which the limits should be extended, it does not seem to me that there is room for any honest difference of opinion, if we look at the matter solely from the standpoint of the general public interest, as to the crying need of some further restrictions. Boston has many things to be proud of, and sets an example to other cities in many ways; but in the matter of permitting the erection of wooden buildings we are decidedly behind other cities, and I have no hesitation in saying that our present policy is not only dangerous in exposing us to the possibility of a widespread conflagration, but uneconomical as well. All competent authorities recognize the great risk we run that under certain conditions a fire might be started in one of these districts of wooden dwelling houses which it would be absolutely impossible to stop until it had done immense damage. The danger from fire and the consequent effect upon insurance rates would alone be sufficient to stamp our present lax policy as a foolish one; but it has not even the excuse of anything but apparent economy in its favor, even from the standpoint of cost of construction. A brick building may cost in the first instance twenty per cent more than a wooden one, but it does not follow that there is any real economy in building the latter; on the contrary, the best authorities are agreed that the life of a wooden building is so much shorter, and the annual cost of keeping it in repair and painted is so much greater, that a brick building is really more economical in the long run. This seems to me clearly a case where municipal authority should be brought to bear to compel owners of property to conform to what will prove in the long run for their own interest, as well as for the safety and advantage of the whole community.

The extent to which wooden building is still carried on within our city limits is one of the very weakest spots in our proper municipal development, and while a great amount of harm has already been done through the absence of proper regulation, there should be no further delay in applying a radical remedy and introducing a better order of things. As the committee points out, the City of Philadelphia affords a striking example of the benefits of a sound policy regulating the erection of dwelling houses, and the sooner Boston starts upon the same path the better it will be for the future of the community. It is unfortunate that the committee reported at such a late date that it was not practicable for the last City Coun-

cil to take action, but I trust that the present body will promptly take up the matter. If it should fail to do so, I should favor an application to the Legislature for the passage of some restrictive legislation rather than a continuance of the present conditions. The fact that there has been no substantial increase in the area within the fire limits since 1871 is alone enough to indicate the need of some action to keep up with the growth of the city. I believe that the interests of real estate owners and of builders would adjust themselves more easily to a new order of things than some of them apprehend.

#### LIMITATION OF HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS.

After a long and complicated contest before the Legislature, arising out of the proposed erection of the Westminster Chambers building on Copley Sq., chapter 452 of the Acts of 1898 was passed, providing that no building within a certain defined district adjacent to this square should hereafter be built to a greater height than ninety feet, except that there could be erected on any such building above this limit "such steeples, towers, domes, sculptured ornaments and chimneys" as the Board of Park Commissioners might approve.

This act further provided that any person sustaining damage or loss in his property by reason of the limit of height prescribed by the act could recover his damages from the city of Boston,—thus establishing for the first time in this State, if not anywhere, the principle that for a special limitation upon the height of buildings the owners should receive compensation. This act further allows special damages, under a clause general in form, to the owners of the Westminster Chambers building, the erection of which had already been contracted for, giving them the right to recover from the city damages for material bought, or actually contracted for, which could not be used, and also for the extra cost of the material in the stories below ninety feet in excess of what the cost would have been for a building to be carried only to that height. Owing to the variety of conflicting interests and the confusion attending the whole matter, the officers of the city were unable to shape the proposed legislation, and while they acquiesced in its passage, as the best thing that could be done under the circumstances, they never admitted the constitutionality of the damage provision relating to compensation for the taking of mere air space—if a limitation of height may be regarded as constituting such a taking; nor did they believe that the limitation of height to ninety feet in the case of the Westminster Chambers, instead of ninety-six feet, which would have allowed one additional story, was called for by any aesthetic or practical consideration, or that it would be at all worth the additional cost that would be imposed upon the city, claimed by the owners to be from thirty to forty thousand dollars. The appearance of this building in relation to the other buildings around Copley square when it was subsequently erected to the height of ninety-six feet, fully confirmed us in the opinion that there was no sufficient reason for the city, at least, to initiate legal proceedings to keep the height of the building down to the ninety foot limit, thereby incurring this considerable extra expense,—particularly in view of the doubt as to just how much might be covered by the term "sculptured ornaments" in this case. The responsibility of bringing such proceedings was therefore left to others, and the case has recently been heard before the Supreme Court, but is not yet decided.

In this connection I desire to call attention to the desirability of legislation to authorize the city to take and remove the

upper stories of the single building on Commonwealth Ave., which was carried to a considerable height above that of other buildings on this avenue shortly before the passage of the law establishing a limit of the height of buildings on parkways. The cost of this taking should not be very large, and it would restore a symmetry of sky line upon our finest residential avenue which should never have been allowed to be broken.

#### NEW BRIDGE TO CAMBRIDGE.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, the City of Boston, the City of Cambridge, and the Boston Elevated Railway Company, joined in a petition to the Legislature of 1898 for the passage of an act to provide for the building of a new bridge to Cambridge, to take the place of the present West Boston bridge, and chapter 467 of the Acts of 1898 was accordingly passed, providing for the building of such a bridge, and constituting the Mayors of Boston and Cambridge, ex-officio, with a third person to be selected by them, a commission for this purpose. Mr. E. D. Leavitt of Cambridge, a consulting engineer of the highest standing and of large experience, who had frequently been employed by this city upon important matters, was chosen as the third member of the commission, and it organized on June 16, by choosing me as its chairman, and by selecting Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer of this city, as chief engineer of the bridge. The Commission has held quite a number of meetings, and a good deal of preliminary study has been given to the problems involved, and certain general questions of policy have been acted upon; its members visited Chicago for the purpose of examining a certain type of draw, and it sent its chief engineer to Europe to examine some of the best bridges to be found there. Mr. Edmund M. Wheelwright, formerly City Architect of Boston, was selected to prepare sketches and designs from an architectural standpoint, and he has also recently studied the chief foreign bridges.

A design was prepared embodying an artificial island, midway between the two shores—or rather two islands with the main channel passing between them—with a bascule draw. This plan seemed to the Commission to have many advantages from an aesthetic standpoint, and it would add comparatively little to the cost. The Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners agreed to permit the building of such an island, provided that the material therefore were dredged from the basin, but the permission of the War Department is also required, and the Commission is not yet advised as to its decision, although the proper application was made several months ago.

The question of building the bridge at a somewhat higher elevation above the water and without any draw has lately been receiving attention, and at its last meeting the Commission voted in favor of this plan; but for this also the permission of the war department is required, and this may not be forthcoming. Until these fundamental questions are settled little progress can be made in the actual preparation of the plans of the new structure. The temporary pile bridge which will be necessary to provide for traffic while the new bridge is under construction is, however, under way, and will be completed next spring, at a cost of about \$45,000.

The greater part of the bank of the Charles above the present West Boston bridge, as far as navigation extends, has now been taken for park purposes, either by the Metropolitan or by the Cambridge Park Commissioners, and a large part of the remainder of the river bank is so held that it is not available for wharf uses. It is also probable that the owners of quite a portion of the rest of the shore would

consent to have the new bridge constructed without a draw, and certain classes of commerce would be better accommodated than at present by the increased clear head-room under the bridge,—which it is proposed to make about the same as that under the bridges over the Thames at London. The construction of this bridge without a draw would be a considerable saving, both in first cost and in the yearly expense of maintenance, and it would be far easier to construct a bridge of a fine appearance in this manner.

The Commission fully appreciates the opportunity for the construction in this conspicuous location of a bridge which will have a dignified and monumental character, and will be in keeping with the magnificent basin which it will span; and it believes that the people of the two cities have a right to expect the best possible artistic effect, as well as the most substantial and durable construction. Every effort will be made to make this one of the finest and most striking bridges in this country, and no reasonable expense will be spared to accomplish that result. A serious difficulty, however, is met with in connection with providing for the tracks of the elevated railway, as it is almost impossible to secure a beautiful structure if the tracks are carried over the bridge at an elevation. This does not seem to the Commission to be a necessity, as a reserved space can be provided in the centre of the bridge for the cars of the elevated railway. This matter is still under discussion between the Commission and the representatives of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, in its legal and engineering aspects, and it is hoped that some arrangements can yet be arrived at which will permit of the artistic treatment of the problem.

#### BEACON STREET EMBANKMENT.

Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1891, as amended by chapter 435 of the Acts of 1893, authorizes the city, through its board of park commissioners, to build a sea-wall, on lines to be drawn by the harbor and land commissioners, to extend the present embankment from West Boston bridge to the sea-wall in the rear of Beacon street, and thence parallel with this sea-wall to a point opposite the Back Bay Fens. I endeavored last year to secure the passage of an act to provide further that one-half of the expense of constructing that portion of such embankment, with a suitable sea-wall, running parallel to Beacon street, of a width of forty feet, should be assessed upon abutting estates,—leaving the connection of this embankment with the portion already constructed as far as the West Boston bridge to be filled in in future, on account of the greater expense of this section. Owing to the number of other matters which the city had pending before the metropolitan affairs committee, and the opposition of some persons who favored an embankment of greater width than forty feet, the measure failed at the last session; the effort to secure such a law will be again made this year, and I see no reason why it should not be successful. A stage has certainly been reached in the development and improvement of this fine basin of water when some remedy should be found for the conditions now existing in the rear of Beacon street, which detract so materially from the appearance of the river. I believe that a considerable majority of the abutters will be willing to stand one-half of the expense, the whole of which is estimated to amount to about half a million dollars, and that the city will find it profitable to bear the remainder. In view of the fact that the board of harbor and land commissioners has stated its opposition to the construction of an embankment extending more than forty feet into the river beyond the line of the present sea-wall, and of the doubt which exists whether the war department,

the approval of which is necessary, can be got to consent even to this limited amount of filling in of the area of the basin, it seems to me entirely impracticable to contend for any wider embankment than the one proposed, and I trust that all interests can be got to take this view of the matter.

#### THE SUBWAY.

The completed subway, extending from the Public Garden to the Northern Union Station, was finally opened for full use by passengers on September 3, 1898, and the figures for the first complete month of operation—October, show in a striking manner the large use which has been made of its facilities. The average number of cars running through the subway daily was 3518, and the average number of persons entering the cars at the subway stations was 64,467, or very nearly 2,000,000 for the month. 75,000 free transfers were made within the subway during the month. These figures, with the general opinion of the public, and the material reduction in the time of transit, sufficiently indicate that the subway has fully answered the expectations of its advocates, and has at least assisted very materially in the solution of the problem of rapid transit for passengers through the central part of the city. It certainly affords one of the best examples which can be found in this country of a public work well conceived in plan, skilfully carried out in design, built with economy, and fully justified by actual results. Competent authorities from other States and countries have pronounced it a most interesting and remarkable engineering work, and the manner in which the whole undertaking has been planned and carried out has redounded to the credit of the city. Without underestimating the value of the services of many others in connection with the enterprise, it is not too much to say that the credit of securing the adoption of the general plan, and of obtaining the necessary legislative authority to execute it, is chiefly due to ex-Mayor Nathan Matthews, Jr., under whose administration the work was commenced, and it seems to me proper to recognize at this time the indebtedness of the people of Boston to him for a very important public service.

The removal of the surface tracks from Boylston and Tremont Sts. has effected a great improvement in these important thoroughfares, and in their usefulness for teams and carriages. When Tremont St. is properly repaved—and I am inclined to favor an asphalt surface as the most suitable—between Boylston St. and Scollay Square, it will make a fine, open thoroughfare, which will materially add to the beauty and dignity of the city, particularly opposite the Common, and greatly facilitate the easy passage across the city of street traffic—which is subjected to much more difficulty and delay in its movement through any of the streets running across the city to the eastward of Tremont St. It is indeed possible that it may later be demonstrated that even these important considerations should be set aside in order to secure the advantages of street railway transportation on the surface of Tremont St., whether for local use or for through passengers; but it seems to me clearly improper to force this question to an issue so soon after the removal of the tracks, and before the new plan has had a fair test. The greatest good of the greatest number must govern in the long run, but the experiment of getting along without tracks upon Tremont St. should at least be given a proper trial.

#### THE ELEVATED RAILWAY.

The plans of the Boston Elevated Railway showing the character of the proposed structure were approved by me as to architectural appearance and obstruction to light and air, under the provisions of the statute, on April 29, 1898, and were ap-

proved by the Railroad Commissioners on July 11. Since the latter date the company has been actively engaged, with a considerable force of men, in making surveys and examinations of streets, and doing other preliminary work necessary to enable it to enter into the contracts for the erection of the elevated structure. Its officers now state that they expect to have a large portion of the structure under contract within a short time, to begin the work of putting in the foundations at the opening of next spring, and to build a large part of the work by the end of the year. The erection of the elevated railway upon the new Charlestown bridge is already under way, and the plans for the terminal stations at Roxbury and Charlestown have been completed.

#### SOUTHERN UNION STATION.

The new Southern Union Station, now substantially completed, and opened today for the use of the trains of the Old Colony and New England divisions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, now represents the actual carrying out of the plans embodied in the act providing for such a station, passed by the legislature of 1896 and approved on June 9 of that year. The practical completion of this great undertaking, with all of the delays and drawbacks which it has been subjected to, within this period of two and one-half years, is a result that may well be referred to as a cause for congratulation, and as an important landmark in the development of this great municipal community. Boston now possesses a railroad passenger station which is not only the largest, the finest and most completely equipped of any in this country, but which has very few, if any, equals in the world. I have never entertained any doubt that this terminal would fully justify the wisdom of the expenditures incurred by the city for new streets in connection with it, without which the undertaking would not have been possible. Moreover, the contribution of the city has not been added to its long-term debt, but has already been paid in part—the sum of \$353,346 for this purpose having been included in the tax levy of last year—and the temporary debt will be entirely extinguished during the next few years, leaving us with the improvements as a permanent addition to our municipal assets, without a corresponding charge on the liability side of the account. Out of the original loan of \$2,000,000 authorized for this purpose, the sum of \$466,614 has not yet been expended; and while the amount of the loan authorized has been increased \$750,000 under the provisions of chapter 248 of the Acts of last year, to meet the unexpectedly high cost of land taken, \$250,000 of this amount was set aside for the proposed bridge carrying Cove st. over the railroad tracks, which was not contemplated in the original plan, and the whole \$750,000 was deducted from the ordinary borrowing capacity of the city for the last municipal year, so that this extra amount has not increased the indebtedness of the city outside the debt limit. It may be worth while to repeat that for its expenditure the city has secured the extension of Dorchester ave., 92 ft. in width, containing 178,150 sq. ft., the extension of Summer st., 100 ft. in width, containing 88,631 sq. ft., and Cove st., or Atlantic ave. by its new name, 100 ft. in width, and containing 81,946 sq. ft.; while it only had an area of 19,440 sq. ft. in Cove st. as it formerly existed, and has discontinued in Federal and other streets an additional area of 248,920 sq. ft. Thus the city possesses today 80,367 more square feet of street area than it did before, in addition to the important widening of Summer st. between Purchase st. and Atlantic ave., to the sea wall along Dorchester ave. extension, with its fine opportunities for the landing of boats of va-

rious sorts, and to the abolishment of the grade crossing of the Boston & Albany Railroad at Kneeland st.

#### PUBLIC ALLEYS.

Until last year there was no special provision for the laying out of alleys or passageways as public ways, and this had proved an inconvenience in many respects. It seemed to be clearly desirable that some arrangement should be made for the laying out, construction and cleaning of important alleys and passageways, and accordingly the officers of the city secured the passage of chapter 298 of the Acts of 1898 for that purpose. Under its provisions any alley or passageway not exceeding twenty-five feet in width can be laid out and constructed at the expense of the abutters in the same manner as an assessable street. The act provides, however, that the city shall not be liable for any defect or want of repair in any such alley, nor be required to keep it free from snow, but all such alleys are to be cleaned at the expense of the city. Under this act twenty-three alleys and passageways have now been legally laid out as public alleys, and will be properly reconstructed, drained and surfaced during the coming spring. While the new duty of cleaning such alleys imposes additional work upon the Street Cleaning Division, I believe that the assumption of this work by the city will prove of decided benefit.

Under this act the abutters are forbidden, under penalty of a fine, to place any snow in a public alley, and at the same time it is provided that the city shall not be required to keep such alleys clear of snow. This creates an unfortunate condition of things, as it is found exceedingly difficult to bring about the requisite concert of action and contribution toward expenses among the abutters to secure the proper removal of snow, and of course an abutter in the middle of a block cannot easily remove the snow opposite his estate unless his neighbors do the same thing. It would perhaps throw too much additional expense and responsibility upon the Street Department to require it to remove snow from public alleys upon the same basis as from streets; and it therefore seems to me that the best way of dealing with the difficulty would be to provide that the Street Department shall see to the removal of such snow by contract when requested by a petition signed by a majority of the abutters upon a public alley, the expense to be assessed upon all of the abutting estates. This work can certainly be accomplished better under municipal direction, and the imposing of such an assessment would not work any material hardship, while those who now pay for the removal of snow would get the work done at a lower cost, and under proper official supervision.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY.

I referred in my last inaugural to the large claim of the city against the Commonwealth for the taking of our water supply system by the Metropolitan Water Board. I am unable to report that any material progress has been made toward the settlement of this matter during the last year, except that this Board has paid to the city the sum of \$5,000,000 on account of the general taking, as well as \$1,154,766.84 in reimbursement of the moneys paid by it in partial construction of the reservoir at Southborough; but these sums represent only a fraction of what the officers of the city believe it is entitled to receive. While interest on the balance that may be found due is running in favor of the city at the rate of six per cent., and while therefore we can perhaps afford to wait as well as the people of the metropolitan water district outside of Boston, it certainly seems desirable that some steps be taken looking to the settlement

of this case in court, if, as is probably the case, it cannot be settled out of court. No proposition for a settlement has been received by the city from the Metropolitan Water Board, nor has the city been asked to name the sum which it would be willing to take. At the last session of the Legislature the Corporation Counsel and myself endeavored to obtain an amendment to the Metropolitan Water Act to make it clear that this important, and, in many respects unique, case could be tried before a commission, as all similar cases have heretofore been tried in this Commonwealth, instead of before a jury. We also joined with the Metropolitan Water Board in asking for authority for that body to employ its own counsel, instead of being dependent upon the Attorney General's office, believing that this would facilitate a settlement; but neither of these attempts were successful. It was contended, however, that under the machinery of existing law the case might be tried in the first instance by auditors, subject to an appeal to a jury by either party.

The above mentioned sum of \$3,000,000 which was received by the City Treasurer was temporarily used, under authority of law, for ordinary expenditures, in anticipation of the receipt of taxes, instead of borrowing money, as usual, to that amount. Under an order of the City Council, approved Sept. 16, the Treasurer is authorized to invest the whole or any part of this sum in bonds of the city, and to transfer such bonds to the Sinking Funds Commissioners, to be held and managed by them as a separate fund, the interest of which is to be used, so far as necessary, to meet the balance, if any, required for the purposes to which the income from the water works of the city may be applied under the provisions of section 1 of chapter 427 of the Acts of 1898. Under this authority, the City Treasurer has now purchased bonds of the city amounting to \$4,699,000, and has turned them over to the Sinking Funds Commissioners. The proper application of the amount already received on account of this settlement, and of the balance to be received, is thus ensured.

The water of the Nashua river was first brought into the Sudbury reservoir on March 1, 1898, and since then our supply has come partly from that source. The quality of the water has been good, and the assurance of an ample supply for many years to come should be a gratifying one to our citizens, in spite of the great cost of the new system. Up to Dec. 1, 1898, the total expenditures of the Metropolitan Water Board, including the sums paid in partial settlement of the claim of the city, amounted to nearly \$16,000,000. The great dam and basin at Clinton remain to be built, but otherwise the greater part of the work of construction has been finished.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

In view of the important and varied interests with which this department has to deal, and on account of requests which have been made to me that I should personally inquire into certain matters connected with its administration—which absolute inability to find the time prevented me from complying with—I have recently invited the Boston Society of Architects, the Master Builders' Association, the Boston Real Estate Exchange and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, to join in constituting a commission to examine into the organization, administration, system and methods of this department, "with the purpose of ascertaining whether deficiencies exist in it which should be remedied, and whether its service can be in any manner improved or perfected, whether by changes in the laws or ordinances or without such changes." Each of these bodies has been asked to recommend to me three persons from which I am to select one, and the completed board is to contain one lawyer, one architect, one

builder and one fire underwriter. It is expected that each of these organizations will join in the formation of a commission in this manner, and I trust that its work may result in effecting any improvement in the work of this department which a fair inquiry may show that there is room for. The work of the department is of vital importance to the future of the city, and any honest movement to increase its efficiency, and to strengthen its organization, will, I am confident, receive the hearty co-operation of its present officials, who have been obliged to carry on their work under many disadvantages which need not here be specified.

I shall ask this commission to report upon one proposed change in connection with this department which seems to me well worthy of consideration, namely, the establishment of a system of charges for the various services rendered by it. The payment of fees of a moderate amount would not, I believe, be seriously felt by the financial interests which come under the control of the department, and I believe that it would easily be possible to pay for the whole expense of maintaining it in this manner. The department has for years suffered through its inability to obtain sufficient appropriations to keep up with the increase in its work, and it is doubtful whether this difficulty can be removed in any other way than through the establishment of a fee system.

The gasfitting division of this department was established early in the month of October, 1897, under the provisions of chapter 465 of the Acts of that year. The Board of Gas Examiners fixed the number of inspectors at eight, and the eight highest on the civil service list were appointed by the Commissioner. The work of this division during the last year has largely exceeded the anticipations of the framers of the act, the number of permits to perform gasfitting applied for being over sixteen thousand, or over two thousand applications to be examined by each inspector, and it is only with much difficulty that the present force of inspectors is able to keep up with the work and comply with the requirements of the law. There are now 221 master gasfitters and 236 journeymen gasfitters holding licenses. The total annual expense of maintaining the division is about \$12,000.

The additional security afforded by the inspections made under this law has, I believe, been appreciated by citizens who have come in contact with the work which has been done, and the trade has now adjusted itself to the new conditions created by it. Experience in this line has again demonstrated the advisability in a large city of supervising and licensing trades which have relation to the safety and health of the community; and while there is some hardship at first in enforcing a new system under official supervision, this policy has in the long run proved the most satisfactory to every interest concerned.

#### METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE

The Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, as directed by chapter 4 of the Resolves of 1898, has made a careful investigation during the past year as to the best route and probable cost of a high level gravity sewer to receive the drainage of the present Metropolitan, Charles and Neponset Valley districts, and other areas in the Stony Brook basin and in Dorchester, and to have its outlet near the south westerly end of Peddock's Island. This scheme provides an outlet for areas in the Stony Brook valley and in Dorchester, which are now without sewerage on account of the want of an outfall; it does not at all supersede the present pumping system of the main drainage works. It is expected that this report will be presented to the Legislature early in the coming session, and the matter will receive the close attention of the representatives of the city.

## PARK DEPARTMENT.

During the past year the work of this department has been actively directed to the grading, draining, loaming and planting of the improved grounds of the park system, a total area of about 140 acres having thus been developed and made available for public use. In connection with this work of improvement, about 125,000 trees and shrubs were planted, and 170,000 cubic yards of loam were used. New nurseries have been established, and many thousand young trees have been propagated and planted in them. The nurseries have been established and planted in them. The Francis Parkman road, skirting the west bank of Jamaica Pond, has been opened, and has added greatly to the attractiveness of this beautiful sheet of water. A new driveway has been opened around the Peters' Hill addition to the Arboretum. Two stables and two carriage sheds have been added to the buildings of the department. The handsome stone bridge spanning the Riverway at Longwood, with an arch of 100 feet, to connect Boston with Brookline, has been nearly completed. A good deal of work has been done in the way of erecting stone boundary walls and fences, and laying drains and sewers.

At the Strandway, South Boston, 500 linear feet of sea-wall have been added, and 50,000 cubic yards of filling put in place, the rough work upon this improvement having been nearly completed. A new wharf has been constructed for public use near the Marine Park Head-house.

I stated last year that the Park Commissioners had, by a careful revision, reduced the estimates for the cost of the construction work remaining to be done to complete our park system to the sum of \$1,000,000, exclusive of the work upon the Strandway and upon playgrounds. An application was made to the Legislature for the passage of an act authorizing an additional loan outside of the debt limit to this amount, but authority was only given to the Board, by chapter 313 of the Acts of 1898, to borrow one-half of this sum, as it was deemed advisable for some reason that another application should again be made after this amount had been expended. It seems desirable and economical that the present labor force should be continued until the work of construction is completed, and an application for an additional loan will therefore again be made to the incoming Legislature. I am satisfied that the Park Commission with the services of its present superintendent is performing its important work with great skill, efficiency and economy.

The improvement of the playgrounds already owned by the city, and in charge of this department, is an important matter, but it does not seem to me necessary, in view of other pressing demands upon the city treasury that it should be prosecuted with great rapidity. During the last year a considerable amount of filling and grading has been done at Neponset playground and at Billings Field. The plan of the department for the improvement of playgrounds is simply to make smooth, grassy open spaces, bordered by lines of seats and shade trees, giving full and free opportunities for sports.

Plans are under consideration for the improvement of the part of the Fens lying north of Beacon St., and it is hoped that work can be commenced here at an early date; but this matter is somewhat related to the question of an embankment in the rear of Beacon St., elsewhere referred to, and it can best be treated in connection with it. At Marine Park the grounds surrounding the three pools are to be laid out and planted, making a valuable addition to the available park area at this point. At Franklin Park the completion of the bordering plantations has been planned, so as to enclose the park within a belt of its own woodland. Boundary walls are to be built upon all open lines

in Franklin Park and Jamaica Park. Shelters and lavatories for various parts of the park system are much needed and are among the improvements planned. At Wood Island Park a large amount of planting is to be done this year, practically completing the work at this point.

The work of final development, which has now reached a point so near its end, is bringing the unequalled variety and beauty of our park system into greater prominence and making it more visible to every one. I believe that Boston stands pre-eminent among the cities not only of this country but of the world in the wise liberality with which the work of park development has been supported, in the professional skill which has been applied to it, and in the single-minded devotion of successive boards of park commissioners to the conservation and the development of the important interests entrusted to their charge. If we consider our parks and parkways merely as a real estate asset, they will surely figure in the aggregate valuation of municipal and private property for more than the thirteen million dollars which they have cost, and the Boston of the twentieth century, with its million of population, will have reason to be grateful for the priceless heritage which this generation will hand down to it.

By chapter 54 of the Acts of 1893, the park commission was given the important additional power of planting trees, and placing seats, fountains and works of art, upon streets connecting with any parkway, or road bordering upon a park, within the distance of 500 feet from the point of junction, and of prescribing rules and regulations relating to the height and character of fences, and to the display of advertisements within such limits. This enlarges in a highly desirable manner the powers of the Park Commissioners to protect the immediate vicinity of our parks and to prevent surroundings incongruous with their character.

## PLAY GROUNDS.

A very important step in the line of providing local playgrounds upon a proper plan was taken last year, through the passage by the Legislature of chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898. This act, which was not to take effect until accepted by the City Council, authorized the Park Commission, "for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds, to meet the wants of the different sections of the city," to purchase, with the approval of the Mayor, land for playgrounds in such different locations, not exceeding twenty in number, as it might deem best. A total loan of \$500,000 was authorized for this purpose, to be within the debt limit, and not more than \$200,000 to be expended in any one year. It was not found financially possible for the City Council to accept this act until the very close of the last municipal year; but it has now gone into effect, and the Park Commission will proceed at once to carry out its provisions. The city should thus secure within the next three years a series of playgrounds which, joined to those it already possesses, will prove of the greatest future value, and should place Boston ahead of any city in the country in this important matter. Instead of land being selected more or less at haphazard, as appropriations could be obtained from the City Council, a careful study can now be made of the whole matter, and the loan can be distributed so as to provide as fully and as fairly as possible for the needs of every section. This act only provides for the purchase of land, which of course is the matter of most vital and pressing importance, leaving the improvement and equipment of the playgrounds to be provided for by such appropriations as may be made for the purpose, from time

to time, out of the regular funds. The healthful influence upon the rising generation of a large city of adequate playground facilities can hardly be overestimated; but in order to insure its full benefits we must later establish some such official supervision and direction of athletic sports and exercises as exists in some foreign cities.

At the present time the Park Commission has under its administration fourteen playgrounds, namely, Wood Island Park, Charlesbank, Charlestown Heights, Charlestown Playground, Franklin Field and the North End beach, taken under the Park Act, and the North Brighton, Neponset, First St., North End, Mystic, Fellows St., Christopher Gibson and Billings Field playgrounds, taken under the Playground Act.

The smallest of these, the North End playground, contains 11,384 square feet, and the largest, Franklin Field, contains 77 acres. Seven of these were acquired prior to 1896, and the other seven have been purchased since that time. While it is doubtless best to leave the matter of playgrounds in the hands of the Park Commission during the period of acquirement of land and of construction, I am inclined to believe that when they are ready for use it will be found desirable to create a special department to have charge of their further development and practical utilization.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Work in connection with the abolition of the Congress-street grade crossing is making satisfactory progress. The masonry abutments and the piers in Fort Point Channel for the bridge in the line of Summer-street extension have been completed; the work on the foundations for the draw is well under way, and will be in readiness to receive the draw before the middle of March next. The steel superstructure of the fixed spans is under contract, to be completed before May 1.

The masonry abutments at A St. have been built, and those at B and C Sts. will be completed early in January. A large amount of filling has been deposited along the line of the new street, and a contract made for the timber bulkheads for supporting the filling between the water and A St. The portion of the new street near L-street bridge, for a length of about 550 feet, has been graded, the sidewalks built and the roadway paved. The sea wall along the widening of Congress St., between Atlantic Ave. and the harbor line, has also been built.

During the past year the sea wall on Dorchester-avenue extension has been completed from Federal-street bridge to Summer-street extension, and the street has been filled in; the temporary sidewalk has been built and the roadway temporarily paved with granite blocks, excepting a narrow strip adjoining a portion of the property of the Boston Terminal Company, upon which the buildings and other structures have not as yet been so far completed as to permit the paving to be done. The work of widening Federal-street bridge to connect it with the new street has also been done.

Summer st. extension, in front of the new station, has been paved and the sidewalks built. The square formed by the intersection of Summer st. and Atlantic ave. has been regraded and temporarily paved, the centre of the square having been raised about two and one-half feet. Atlantic ave., between Summer st. and East st., and from the latter street to Kneeland st., has been put in such condition that it can be used.

All of the contracts for the new Charlestown bridge have been let except those for the railing, the sidewalks, the final painting, the grading and paving of the approaches, and the construction of a part of the draw pier, which cannot be let

until the old Charlestown bridge is removed. The severe storm of Nov. 27 caused a temporary suspension of the work under contract, and, consequently, a part of this work, which otherwise could have been completed this season, will have to go over until spring. If the weather next spring is favorable, the bridge can be put into service early in the coming summer.

After much study, and after several plans had been prepared and carefully considered, the method of widening Charlestown st. was determined upon, and the plan therefor was approved Oct. 12, 1898. Work will be begun on this widening, and also upon the changes of grade of the street and of the intersecting streets, early in the coming season. The entire work, it is expected, will be completed before the close of next year.

Malden bridge is in poor condition, and if it is to be continued in use extensive repairs should be made. The present draw is too narrow, and should be replaced by a draw as wide as the bridge, as the teaming over the bridge is now limited by the width of the draw, which can only pass one line of travel. The expense of properly repairing the bridge and of rebuilding the draw, so as to put the bridge in proper condition for service during the next ten years, will be about \$40,000.

The expense of entirely rebuilding the bridge and of widening Alford St., from the bridge to the Poor Farm, by a pile structure along the street—the bridge to be of piles and to be sixty feet wide, with a paved roadway and a draw of same width—would be \$150,000, exclusive of the cost of a temporary bridge.

The North Beacon St. bridge to Watertown should be rebuilt to conform to plans approved by the United States War Department several years ago, in order that a sum of \$25,000, appropriated by the United States Government, may become available—the expending of the sum being contingent upon the reconstruction of two bridges to Watertown over the Charles river. One of these bridges has been rebuilt, and the reconstruction of the North Beacon St. bridge will enable this sum of \$25,000 to be used for dredging and improving this part of the river. The estimated expenditure by the city for its part of the expense of rebuilding this bridge is about \$11,000.

The extension of Cove St. has been much discussed, and several hearings have been held by the Street Commissioners; as a result of the various hearings and of conferences between the city authorities and the several railroads it is hoped that a plan can be agreed upon which will be acceptable to all parties, and that work can be commenced upon the foundations for the bridge over the railroad tracks by March 1st of this year.

The method of abolishing the Dorchester Ave. grade crossing has been determined by the commission appointed for that purpose. Plans have been prepared for building the abutments of the bridge on Boston St., it being the intention to raise and finish this street before disturbing Dorchester Ave. Plans for the abutments of the bridge on Sweet St. are nearly finished, so that both of these bridge abutments can be put under contract within two or three weeks.

The work of restoring the ground around the stand pipe on Fort Ave., Roxbury, known as the Roxbury High Fort, as nearly as is practicable, to the condition existing before the old fort was removed, has been performed as far as the funds appropriated would permit; much, however, remains to be done to finish this work in a proper manner.

Hearings are now in progress before a commission appointed by the court to determine as to the method of abolishing the Blue Hill Ave. grade crossing, and several plans and estimates have been prepared showing different methods of treating this pressing problem.

The bridge and abutments to carry the Boston & Albany Railroad over the extension of Brooks St. are completed, and the remainder of the work can be finished during the coming season if the necessary funds are provided. The expense of the completed work will be about \$40,000.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

The health of the city, as indicated by the statistics of the Board of Health, has been exceptionally good during the last year, as the death rate for the year will not exceed twenty and a very small fraction to each one thousand of population—which is the lowest death rate to be found in the available records of the vital statistics of the city. There has been no epidemic during the last year, and the mortality and morbidity from preventable diseases has been very low. Such a result speaks well for the improved sanitation of the city, and for the comprehensive work of the Board of Health.

Last March a bacteriological laboratory was established by the Board with my approval, and placed under the charge of a competent specialist. This laboratory has enabled the Board to perform directly a good deal of important work which it formerly had to pay for outside, and a system has been developed which places some of the branches of health work upon the soundest and most efficient basis yet established in this country. A large variety of work passes through this laboratory, and it has materially strengthened the equipment of the Board of Health. The cost of its maintenance at present is about \$5000 per year, and the Board believes this expenditure to be a highly economical one in view of the important work which it performs. The creation of this division of the work of the Board of Health affords another illustration of the value of increased specialization of municipal work.

By Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1897, the Board of Health was given authority under certain circumstances and conditions to condemn and remove buildings unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair, upon payment to the owner of only the actual damage sustained by him through such destruction, without the taking of his land. This gave to the Board a new and highly important power, which had been found useful in New York, where such a statute had been in force. The strict enforcement by the Board of Health of all laws under which any existing dwellings unfit for human habitation can be razed to the ground, and the spread of any slum areas prevented, is a matter of the greatest importance. The problem of securing the proper housing of the people has not yet assumed such urgent importance in Boston as it has in New York and in some other large cities. In this field of work it is particularly true that prevention is better than cure, and that the rigid maintenance and enforcement upon all landlords of a certain decent standard is easier and better than to allow the development of conditions which will have to be extirpated later at great cost. The slum represents a centre of disease in the body social, and it should be seasonably removed by measures no less drastic than those employed by the physician in dealing with an ulcer on the human body. In England the question of securing the proper housing of the poor is recognized as one of the most important questions connected with municipal life, and large amounts of public money have been expended in the erection of model tenements, owned and leased by the city. If the need of similar action here is to be avoided, landlords will have to be held up by public opinion and by official action to the maintenance of a proper standard in buildings let for tenements.

The total number of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health was 207,

and 105 of these were actually vacated on account of the refusal of the owners to comply with the orders of the Board; the total number of dwellings ordered vacated and destroyed as unfit for human habitation was 50, and the total number actually destroyed was 23. The discrepancy between these numbers is due, as explained by the Board, to the numerous difficulties, legal and otherwise, which prevented the prompt execution of its orders.

#### HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of the City Hospital during the last year has been unusually active, nearly 8000 patients having been treated in the 11 months ending Dec. 1, which is over 300 more than in the previous year of 12 months. The most notable event out of the usual routine was the fitting up and maintaining of tents and wards for the use of soldiers, of whom 500 were treated, involving a very considerable additional expense.

During the last year a good deal of work of an unusual or extraordinary nature has been accomplished. The new coal pocket, finished at the beginning of the year, has been in active use and has fulfilled all expectations. The enlargement of the boiler house, the extension of the coal conveyor, and the changes to provide for the use of finer and cheaper grades of coal, are practically completed and will soon be in active operation. The main portion of the new laundry building has been completed and partly occupied; contracts for the new laundry machinery have been made, and the hospital expects to have shortly one of the finest and best private laundries in New England. The Ann White Vose Building for Nurses is already roofed over, and the interior work is in progress. Two wards, including modern operating rooms, have been reconstructed for the use of the gynaecological service. Considerable expenditures have been made out of the maintenance appropriation for the completion of various portions of new work.

#### INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

The Insane Hospital Trustees have under their care at the present time about 1,577 patients, of whom about 1,000 are in State hospitals and the remainder at Austin and Pierce Farms. During the past year these two hospitals have been consolidated under one superintendent for administrative purposes, Pierce Farm being now used as a hospital for men, and Austin Farm as a hospital for women. A consulting staff of physicians has been appointed, and a training school for nurses will very soon be established.

The old wooden building at Austin Farm, originally built for female paupers, which had long been considered unsafe and unsuitable for the insane, has now been absolutely condemned by the State Board of Insanity, and the City Council has authorized the trustees to close the building and transfer its inmates, 138 in number, to the State Hospitals.

This action will lend still further force to the arguments to which I referred to a year ago in favor of considerably enlarging the accommodations for the care of insane furnished by the city, in order that the number of Boston insane patients who have to be boarded out in state institutions may be decreased. It is certainly the duty of the city to make suitable provisions for the care of all of its insane at the Boston Insane Hospital. Considerations of humanity and economy alike recommend this course; great distress is now caused to many people through their inability to visit insane relatives placed at a distance, and the per capita expense to the city of caring for all its insane at its own hospitals would be materially less than the amount now paid to the State, for reasons which have been fully explained heretofore.

The trustees propose to urge this year's city government to make a sufficient appropriation for the purchase of additional land and the erection of at least one new building, so that some material progress toward bringing the institution up to a larger capacity may be made during the coming year. The land already owned affords an admirable site for a great institution of this character, as it is readily accessible from all parts of the city, while it is surrounded on three sides by land forever restricted from being built upon—the land so restricted, together with that available for hospital uses, amounting to nearly one thousand acres.

Plans of this land have been made by the City Engineer, assisted by a landscape gardener, and from these plans sketches have been made for the further development of the hospital. These plans and sketches have been submitted to a committee of eminent experts in the administration of hospitals for the insane, who also visited the institution and inspected the grounds; this committee approved the present location of the hospital and the plans for its extension, and were unanimously of the opinion that a metropolitan hospital should be built in which all of the city's insane can be cared for. The first step must be the securing of an appropriation to erect a new building in place of the one just condemned, and I shall urge this matter as strongly as possible.

Under the present hospital trustees the needs of our insane are being more carefully and scientifically studied than has ever been possible before, and the wisdom of the separation of the care of the insane from that of other dependent persons and criminals has been fully developed.

#### CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

An important change has been effected in this department during the last year through the permanent closing of the Marcella St. Home, which was formerly the Roxbury Almshouse but has been used for many years for dependent and neglected children. This result has been rendered possible through the further carrying out of the policy, referred to in my last inaugural, of placing these children in families outside the city. The Trustees believe that the good results of this change are already marked. Eight hundred and seventy-eight children in all have now been placed out in families, board being paid for a little over half of the number, and the others being taken without charge. These children are visited by the agent of the Trustees once every two months, or oftener if deemed desirable. Before any home is accepted a careful investigation is made by a visitor, and thus far the Trustees have been able to find a sufficient number of families willing to receive such children. The policy of placing them in families of their own religious faith has been adhered to.

The need of additional dormitories at the Parental School, which I referred to last year, is more pressing than ever, and must now be met at the earliest possible moment. A summer school was held at this institution last summer, and the corps of teachers has been raised to the standard of public school teachers and given the same salaries. A new superintendent has been appointed within the last few months, and an improvement is expected under his administration. Additional land for this institution is much needed, and the grounds should be drained and graded.

The experience of another year has further emphasized the importance of removing the House of Reformation from Rainsford Island to some point upon the mainland. This institution should, if possible, be given plenty of land, upon which an institution upon the cottage plan, per-

mitting of the grading of the boys, can be built. There is imperative need of placing the younger boys, of 13 years of age or less, of whom there are about 30 out of the 145 in the institution, in a separate location, where they are not exposed to contact with the older and more hardened boys.

The expense of keeping the old buildings at Rainsford Island in repair is very considerable, and they are entirely out of date; the institution could be run more economically, as well as do its work better, in new quarters upon the mainland. A change has recently taken place in the office of superintendent, the new incumbent having been chosen on account of his successful experience in educational work, as well as at an institution for boys. It is certainly impossible to secure proper results at institutions of this character unless the greatest emphasis is placed upon the educational side of the work and superintendents are chosen who are competent to direct it, as well as to perform general administrative duties.

The work at the central office of the department has steadily grown, and it has been found necessary to engage additional visitors for children placed out; the office has at present twelve employees. The summer hospital for infants was again maintained at Rainsford Island, 152 having been admitted during the season. The average period of remaining in the hospital was about 21 days, and the mortality was 29 per cent., which is a decided improvement over the record of last year. The cost of maintaining this hospital was about \$7,000.

#### PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

During the last year two important offices under this department, previously filled by men, have been placed in the hands of women. The trustees determined shortly after their appointment that as soon as practicable the almshouse at Charlestown should be treated as a home for women and aged couples only. This change led naturally to the appointment of a woman as superintendent, and the position is now filled acceptably by her. At Long Island the chief employee in the office is a woman, and she is also doing satisfactory work.

The Charlestown Almshouse has been improved by the addition of more modern appliances in the laundry, and of better facilities for baking, by which a better quality of bread is now furnished to the inmates. Further improvements at Long Island are urged strongly by the trustees, who feel that the material welfare of the inmates demands that there shall be better facilities for heating, lighting and ventilating the buildings. The present electric plant has been repeatedly condemned, and a new power and lighting plant is necessary to furnish the proper facilities. During the summer 61 soldiers were received at the Long Island Hospital and cared for there, an entire wing having been set aside for their use, and it is gratifying to state that not a single death occurred among them.

The City Council has recently appropriated the sum of \$11,000 for a much-needed addition to the facilities for the extinguishment of fire, and the large amount of property owned by the city will soon be given some adequate protection.

The trustees have prepared careful plans and estimates of important and urgent work chargeable to loans which should be done during the coming year, including a new building for a heating and lighting plant, a laundry and a bake shop, estimated to cost \$45,000. The architectural division reports that the present power and heating plant is in a very deplorable condition, and that it must have at least a very general overhauling during the coming year, and that the erection of a new

plant for this purpose would be much more economical in the long run.

**INSTITUTIONS REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.**

The act of 1897 providing for the establishment of separate departments for the care of children, paupers and criminals, also established an Institutions Registration Department, to be under the charge of an Institutions Registrar, whose duties were "to investigate all questions relating to the settlement of paupers, to the commitment of the insane, or to the agency for discharged prisoners, or to any rights, duties or liabilities connected therewith, and to perform such services relating to the accounts, and to the collection, registration and tabulation of statistics relating to said departments, or any of them, as may be required by the Mayor, or by the officer or trustees in charge of any of said departments."

It seemed best to await for a time the development of the work of the newly created institutions boards before proceeding to fill this position, and the Penal Institutions Commissioner was therefore designated by me to serve as acting Registrar. As the result of recent conferences between representatives of the various institutions boards and myself, and of our consideration of the proper functions and best methods of administration of the registration department, it has been unanimously agreed that the best organization of the department would be to place it under the control of a board consisting of the Chairmen of the three institutions boards and of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, the Chairman of the Board of Statistics, and the Penal Institutions Commissioner, all serving ex officio.

As the registration department is merely an agency for the performance of certain special work affecting two or more of these other departments, it seems clearly better that it should be placed under their joint control in the manner above suggested, instead of under a single independent head appointed by the Mayor. A petition will therefore be presented to the Legislature at its coming session asking for a suitable amendment of the present law to accomplish this object.

This department has been engaged in making a complete revision of the legal settlements of all the paupers, insane persons and imbeciles supported by Boston in the city and State institutions, in compliance with the law passed last year, this work involving the investigation of over 2500 persons. It is at present undertaking the interesting work of making up a chart of the weekly population of the city institutions, including comparisons with the mean temperature and with the condition of business as indicated by weekly failures, to determine the relation, if any, which exists between them.

The department proposes to make a study in the near future of the location of the dependent classes by districts within the city, in order to determine exactly the areas in which pauperism, crime, and insanity are chiefly found, and also to enter upon an investigation as to the influence of heredity by making a study of the previous environment and antecedents of inmates of our institutions.

**PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.**

The penal institutions are in a very satisfactory condition. No disturbances have occurred during the year, and although the discipline is firm the condition of the inmates is good, and their appearance shows that care and attention are being devoted to their well-being.

The school at the South Boston House of Correction is producing gratifying results, and it is proposed to extend the school system to Deer Island, in order that those who are illiterate may receive instruction

in the elementary branches of English. The constantly increasing numbers in our Houses of Correction of those unfamiliar with the English language makes this instruction very advisable.

At Deer Island the classification of the inmates is being made in four grades, the first containing those serving their first sentences, the second, those serving from the second to the fifth time, inclusive, the third, those serving from the sixth to the tenth time, inclusive, and the fourth, those who have been sentenced there for more than ten times. This classification, when fully made, will be beneficial in many ways.

The construction of a cemetery at Deer Island has been in line with the advanced thought of those interested in humane prison management. Until recently the last resting-place of convicts dying at this institution was simply a trench, where their remains were placed without special care. The last moments of the dying will not now be clouded by such a thought.

The antiquated system of lighting the women's building at Deer Island by oil should be replaced by electric lighting as soon as possible, through additions to the present electrical plant.

**PUNISHMENT OF DRUNKENNESS.**

It seems to me that the problem of so adjusting the penalties for drunkenness that, on the one hand, this form of misdemeanor will receive sufficient punishment to restrict, as far as practicable, over-indulgence in intoxicating liquor, without, on the other hand, imposing too large a direct financial burden upon the community—through the cost of maintaining an unnecessary number of drunkards in confinement at the public expense, and inflicting a still larger loss upon those dependent upon them for support—is worthy of closer study and more practical investigation than it has received. From a social standpoint, this is one of the most serious questions with which the city has to deal, on account of the very large number of persons who are directly or indirectly affected. It has appeared to me that the number of persons confined in our houses of correction for drunkenness was excessive, and that some way should be found to reduce the expense and loss to the community, without increasing the amount of intemperance. During the year ending January 31, 1898, there were 847 committals to the House of Correction at Deer Island on account of drunkenness, amounting to about 75 per cent. of the total committals; and on the basis of a pro rata division of the expenses of the institution, the direct cost to the county for the confinement of drunkards for that year amounted to over \$111,000 at this one institution. In addition, it is estimated that about 3000 persons are committed to our county jail yearly for this offence, besides a considerable number sent to the House of Correction at South Boston. In the last three years the committals to Deer Island for drunkenness have increased about 30 per cent. Past experience has shown the intimate relation between changes in the laws affecting the punishment for this offence and the drunkard population of Deer Island, and I believe it to be highly desirable that this important question should be carefully inquired into, from the standpoint of the financial, social and moral interests of this great municipal community, with a view to the recommendation of remedial measures, if such are found practicable. With this object in view, I have recently appointed a commission of inquiry, consisting of seven men and women specially qualified to investigate this question carefully and without prejudice. I trust that the report which they will make within the next few months will throw some light upon this important problem, and will lead to amendments to the present laws, if these are found desirable.

## STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the last year this department completed an analysis of the receipts and expenditures of the city since its incorporation, intended primarily as a guide in the further study of its finances. This has served as a basis for a series of tables showing the capital account of the city by periods, and also for the tables contained in special publications of the department, already published or in course of preparation. Two important special financial publications were issued during the year, a third is now in press, and a fourth is well advanced in preparation. In the near future the department will undertake the publication of a monthly statistical bulletin. A system of exchanges has been established with a considerable number of statistical offices, both in this country and abroad, and a large number of reports from the executive departments of the principal great cities have been secured in exchange for copies of our own executive documents; a valuable, and in some respects unique, library is thus being collected at small expense. The department has instituted a number of special studies, at my request, in regard to experience in other cities in connection with certain new lines of work in process of establishment here, which have proved quite useful. The department has had editorial charge of the "City Record" and of the "Municipal Register."

## THE CITY RECORD.

This weekly publication, which was recommended in my last inaugural address, was started immediately afterwards as a gazette of the executive departments, and later the City Council passed an ordinance, approved Feb. 9, 1898, establishing it as the official gazette of the city and placing the direction of its editing in the hands of the Board of Statistics. The cost of printing this publication for the year has been a little over \$8000, and of this sum about \$2500 is received back for advertisements, and about \$325 for subscriptions and sales. I believe that an official record of this character is fully worth its cost, and that its value will increase from year to year. It has in general fully answered the purposes for which it was established, and it has been particularly useful in enabling the Mayor to keep more fully informed as to the operations of the different departments. It is also serving a useful purpose as a means of getting a variety of important municipal documents printed in a convenient form for reference and preservation, and its statistical value is also considerable. The additional publicity which it ensures for official action should be of influence in holding the departments up to a high standard of work, and enabling any citizen who really cares to do so to follow in a good deal of detail the work of the city. Its publication has attracted favorable notice elsewhere; it has a large exchange list, and thus serves to spread the knowledge of any new or effective municipal work which is in operation here. About 800 copies are printed of each number, and there are 112 paying subscribers at \$2 a year.

## CIVIL SERVICE DIVISION.

Six months ago the City Auditor established, at my suggestion, a civil service division of his department, to serve primarily as a record office for the requisitions made by the different departments upon the civil service commission, for the certifications of names to the departments by this commission, and for action taken by the departments under such certifications. The division was further designed as an agency through which the different departments might be furnished with such information as they might require from

time to time as to the somewhat complicated matters of the operation, effect and construction of the civil service law or rules, or as to the state of the eligible lists. The division was established on account of the growth of the business transacted between the different departments of the city and the civil service commission, and it is intended as a convenient organization to facilitate such business, and to see that it is properly conducted and that the civil service laws and rules are strictly observed. The general duty of scrutinizing the pay-rolls of the different departments, to see that no names are added to them or borne upon them improperly, or without strict observance of the civil service rules, also falls upon this division; also the duty of compiling statistical information as to the employees of the various departments. Experience has already demonstrated the convenience and value of an office of this character, and I am confident that it will prove not only a decided convenience to the different departments as a channel for information, but that its work will have a material influence in promoting the regular and orderly operation of the civil service system.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The installation of the salt-water fire service in a limited down-town district, which has been delayed through many unforeseen obstacles, was completed last fall, and it is with much satisfaction that I am able to state that under the trials to which it has thus far been subjected the system has shown itself fully satisfactory, and amply competent to perform the work expected of it. At a test made on November 13, the fire boat, lying at Central Wharf, and working with only its average pressure, was able to throw some 3,000 gallons of water a minute in Post Office Sq. to the height of a ten-story building, and in the opinion of the Commissioner, still better results could be shown in an emergency. The total cost of the 4,646 feet of 12-inch pipe thus far laid, together with 200 feet of 6-inch supply pipe, has been \$30,000, and there can be no doubt that this method of fire protection is both economical and effective, within a limited area, as an auxiliary to the regular engines. The Commissioner recommends the laying of about 6,000 feet additional of this salt-water pipe.

The department has been strengthened during the year by additional horses and chemical engines, and the long-felt want of a veterinary hospital for its horses will shortly be removed through the completion of a brick building for this purpose on Swett St.

## ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

I am in full agreement with the opinion of the Election Commissioners that the number of election officers now required by law is excessive, and imposes unnecessary expense upon the public. The election officers for each precinct should be reduced to a warden, a clerk, and two inspectors, instead of four, and the number of deputies should be reduced from six to two. This smaller force would answer all practical purposes.

The Commissioners are also strongly of the opinion that the number of precincts, now 191, should be increased so that the maximum number of voters to a precinct should not be over four hundred, and strong arguments can be advanced in favor of such a change.

I will only refer, without repeating former arguments, to the suggestions which I have made in other addresses to the City Council relative to the desirability of greatly restricting recounts of votes, if not doing away with them altogether, and of substituting some other system of counting the ballots for that now in use.

## SEWER ASSESSMENTS.

This subject has recently become a burning one through the issuance of the first tax bills containing these charges. It is perhaps not to be wondered at that taxpayers, very few of whom ordinarily take much interest in the finances of the city, or take the trouble to acquire much information as to the requirements of its service, should object to any new form of taxes, particularly if their fears are aroused that it is to be followed by others. The difference between the unanimity of favor with which the law providing for the building of sewers upon the assessment plan was received at the time of its passage in 1897, both within the legislature and outside, and the equal unanimity with which it is now denounced in many quarters as an unrighteous and indefensible contribution wrung from the owners of real estate, affords a striking illustration of the contrast between the way a law is sometimes regarded before and after it goes into operation. The present administration cheerfully assumes the full responsibility of framing and proposing the present sewer assessment law, and it would be glad to receive the whole credit of the important results already accomplished under it; but truth compels the statement that the plan proposed was carefully examined by the committee on metropolitan affairs of the legislature of 1897, and passed by the latter body after full opportunity for consideration, with little, if any, dissent—so that it would seem that the credit, or discredit, whichever it may be, for the adoption of this somewhat novel plan for paying for sewerage work must be divided. The plan embodied in the law of 1897 was brought forward, first, for the practical reason that it seemed to be the only one which dealt effectively with existing conditions and could be enacted into law, and, secondly, for the reason that it seemed to the representatives of the city to be theoretically the most equitable and least objectionable scheme of securing necessary sewerage works. They have not since seen any reason to change the opinions then held; but if it shall seem wise to the Legislature of 1899 to upset this system of special assessment established by the Legislature of 1897,—either because the new sewerage works which were once admitted to be necessary become superfluous when the time to pay for them arrives, or because the assessment, based largely upon the basis of special benefits received, which was approved two years ago, now seems inequitable in its operation,—the representatives of the city will have no other objection to offer than may be involved in laying all of the facts relating to the matter fully and freely before the Legislature.

The practical result of bringing the main drainage pumping plant and the sewerage storage basins up to the requirements of the present and the immediate future, has at any rate been accomplished, or is under contract and far advanced toward completion,—thus giving the city a firm standing ground from which to resist the movement for the taking of its chief sewerage works by the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, which it was obliged to meet two years ago; this is alone sufficient justification for the Act, to say nothing of the large amount of work which has been accomplished toward meeting the long neglected problem of surface drainage in a number of important districts. Experience had shown that appropriations for these very important purposes could not be obtained from the City Council within the debt limit, and I believe that no competent authority will say either that the work accomplished and in process of execution was unnecessary, or that it has not been properly planned and executed with reasonable economy.

If objection is made, not to the work or

to the manner of its carrying out, but merely to the laying of a special assessment to pay for it, I can only point out that the policy of laying all taxes upon real estate, of which this may be considered a single application, is supported by many eminent authorities and by many large owners of real estate. In my first inaugural I stated my belief that "taxation levied upon real estate distributes itself through the community at least as equitably as it can be distributed under any system, while it has the great advantages of perfect simplicity, impossibility of evasion and absolute freedom for business development."

I still adhere to these views, and they strengthen my own belief that it is sounder policy to pay for necessary sewerage works by a special charge upon real estate than by general taxation levied upon all kinds of property. But perhaps a still stronger argument is to be found in the fact that the benefits conferred by new sewers are very largely local and special, and that it is not, therefore, equitable to distribute their cost equally over the whole community. I therefore still believe that the present system is at least more scientific as a method of taxation, and more equitable, both theoretically and practically, than any which can be substituted for it; and I think that it will be found much easier to denounce the present law in general terms than to frame any substitute for it which will not be open to still greater objections.

## SEWER DIVISION.

Work on the reservoirs at Moon Island has progressed steadily during the last year, and about one-half of the work contracted for has been completed; this will give the reservoirs a storage capacity of fifty million gallons per tide, or one hundred million gallons per day. A long-standing nuisance has been abolished by the filling in of the cove on the easterly end of the island, and the building of a sea-wall to protect it. New flushing gates are to be put in, to be operated by compressed air.

At the main drainage pumping-station at Calif Pasture the four engines have been thoroughly overhauled, and their capacity has been increased nearly one-third. The plans for the 72,000,000 gallon pump are well advanced, and this pump will be in operation by the time it is needed to take care of the increased volume of sewage.

In the city proper the Canal-St. relief sewer has been pushed forward, about a thousand feet more having been built this year. This important sewer will be completed in the spring, and this will permit the proper drainage of the Canal-St. district and restore its sewers, which have been entirely filled with sewerage deposit since 1883, to a proper condition, which should result in a great improvement in the sanitary conditions of this thickly-settled business and residential section.

In the outlying districts a large amount of heavy sewer construction has been done in building conduits to carry off the surface water, which has flooded considerable areas in the past. Important work of this character has been done in the Tenean-Brook valley, Dorchester, on Goldsmith Brook, West Roxbury, on the Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, on Mattapan Brook, and on Salt Creek, Brighton. This essential work of providing proper separate channels for sewers for surface drainage, which has been so long neglected, has at last been accomplished to a considerable extent, as the main part of the heavy work has been done, leaving the building of smaller conduits and pipe-drains for the next few years.

The Superintendent of Streets recommends the extension of the Stony-brook conduit from the point to which it has now been completed, near Boylston sta-

tion, to a point a little beyond the Forest Hills station, on the ground that the West Roxbury low-level sewer will have to be extended this year in order to afford sewerage to low-lying districts in this portion of Jamaica Plain, which cannot be otherwise drained. If the Stony-brook conduit is not extended at the same time, this sewer would have to be built for immediate use, and then destroyed and rebuilt when the conduit was extended, which would seem to be necessary within a few years at the longest. Plans and estimates for this work are now being prepared. The Superintendent also believes that a conduit for the lower reaches of Mattapan brook should be built as soon as Blue Hill Ave. is extended to Mattapan. These seem to be the only two large pieces of surface drainage work remaining to be undertaken.

The Sewer Division has done a large amount of work during the year in completely remodelling the sewer system of the South-cove district, which was made necessary through the construction of the new Southern Union Station. Some of this work was of unusual difficulty, and it has been performed with entire success. The Boston Terminal Company has paid to the city about \$100,000 for its share of the benefits from these changes in the sewerage system.

#### PAVING DIVISION.

The appropriation for this division for construction work was this year very materially decreased from the amount allotted in the last few years, and there were no specials of any importance. From the construction appropriation, however, it was possible to partially take care of some of the most pressing needs in the way of new paving. The following streets were thoroughly reconstructed with granite blocks on concrete base, with pitch-joints: Tremont St., from Boylston to Pleasant; Hanover St., from Tremont row to Washington St.; Howard St.; Commercial St., Clinton St. to State St.

Other jobs of considerable size, with granite blocks on gravel base, were Bunker Hill St., Charlestown; Tremont St., Roxbury; Norfolk Ave. and Parker St.

Asphalt was laid on portions of Shawmut Ave., of Broadway, South Boston, and of Hayward Pl.

A new crusher was built in the Brighton District yard, which will compare favorably with any in the country. It is of 225 tons daily capacity, has compartments for storage, and can carry at least two days' crushings.

The regular work of this division has been considerably handicapped by the excessive cost of snow removal the past year.

Columbus Ave. extension, from Massachusetts Ave. to Franklin Park, has been completed with the exception of a short section between Centre and Ritchie Sts.; in this section one-half the roadway has been built, giving ample room for through travel. The remaining section would have been entirely completed in ten days if the work had not been suspended on account of the heavy snowstorm of November 27.

No work has been done on Blue Hill Ave. during the season, as the contemplated abolition of the grade crossing of the New England Railroad has been before a board of commissioners, who have now practically agreed upon a plan of abolishing the crossing by carrying the avenue over the railroad.

A plan of construction for the remaining section of Commonwealth Ave., from Warren St. to Chestnut Hill Ave., has been adopted. The work already done consists of the removal of ledge by contract and grading by the regular force of the Street Department. The work of grading and removing of ledges can be carried forward to advantage during the winter.

The Act of the Legislature authorizing the borrowing of money for the construc-

tion of this section (chapter 236 of 1898) requires that it shall be completed before the year 1900. To finish the work in one year will require the utmost diligence.

Columbia road, from Blue Hill Ave. to the New England Railroad is completed and in use. Work has not been commenced upon the railroad bridge. From the bridge to Edward Everett Sq. a large amount of work has been done. The grading is substantially completed, and nearly all the sewers, water pipes and gas pipes have been laid, and some work has been done on the surfacing. The contracts for construction require the work to be completed by July 1, 1899, and with the exception of the bridge the progress already made indicates that it will be substantially completed at that time. Work is in progress on the erection of the bridge over the Old Colony Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and also on the filling of the section of the road and parkway between Atlantic and I Sts. Proposals have been received for completing the grading of the section between Mercer and Mt. Vernon Sts. Considerable filling has been done during the year on the latter section under several small contracts.

At Ipswich St., the bridge over the Fens waterway, the abutments of the bridge to carry the park driveway over the street, a retaining wall along the line of the railroad, and iron fences on both sides of the street at the crossing of the Fens have been finished, and a temporary wooden bridge to carry the park drive over the street has been erected.

The temporary bridge over Ipswich St. at the Fens will be replaced by a permanent steel structure early this season.

One crying need of the paving division should receive proper attention during the coming year. Comparatively little has been done in the way of repaving in the down-town section of the city for many years. The great proportion of streets there are paved with the old, small blocks, on gravel base, and they have been so often dug up that their surfaces are in bad condition. The loss to the teaming interests of the city annually caused by the rough and uneven pavements on many of the streets through which the heaviest teaming is done is very great, and it is important that Boston should apply somewhat the same liberal policy which she has adopted in building the great avenues which have been opened during the last few years to the work of resurfacing the important streets through which the great tide of business traffic is constantly carried on. I trust that the Board of Apportionment will adopt the policy of appropriating a substantial sum yearly for a series of years to the repaving of important business thoroughfares.

#### STREET CLEANING DIVISION.

The appropriation for this division has remained about the same, so that it has not been possible to materially extend its service, but its standard of efficiency has been well maintained within its necessary limits. An interesting change has been made in the methods of street cleaning in the west and north ends of the city, the use of machine sweepers having been abandoned in favor of hand sweeping. The former method was to sweep the streets at night several times a week by machine; at present the streets are divided into small sections and are swept by hand continuously. The expense has been but slightly greater, and the increase in cleanliness is very apparent, as under the old practice the streets would be more or less littered up within a few hours of being swept. The problem of securing at least the negative co-operation of the public to assist the work of street cleaning, through the giving up of the too common habit of throwing any kind of litter into the

streets, is a difficult one, but without such assistance it is almost impossible for the work of the Street Cleaning Division to cover all that is needed.

#### STREET WATERING.

For the financial year 1897-98 the sum of \$73,000, exclusive of water rates, was expended for street watering, which was done wholly at the expense of the city. In my last inaugural address I recommended that street watering should be done on the assessment plan, under the provisions of chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897, and after somewhat of a contest over the matter an order to that effect was passed by the City Council and approved April 18, 1898, and subsequently the Board of Aldermen authorized the Superintendent of Streets to fix the assessments under this act.

Owing, however, to the objections made to assessing the expense of street watering upon abutters in the outlying districts of the city, where there is so much vacant land, and where the frontages of estates are so much greater, the order as passed restricted watering under the assessment plan to districts within a radius of four miles from city hall. The adoption of an arbitrary limit of this sort doubtless works inequitably in many cases, and I am inclined to think that the matter should be somewhat differently regulated this year, and that the best plan would be to water the whole city by assessment, but to vary the amount of watering and the cost in different districts; but I strongly recommend an adherence to the system of watering by assessment, as the charge upon the average estate is a very small one, and a sufficient sum to water the streets of the city adequately cannot practically be obtained in any other manner.

The inequity of the former practice under which the city watered macadam streets and left the paved streets unwatered is perfectly obvious. The streets of the city were better watered last summer than ever before, about \$140,000 having been expended for this purpose, and if the citizens of Boston are to enjoy the benefits of an adequate service in this line the assessment system will have to be maintained. It should be borne in mind that these assessments are laid not under any special statute relating to Boston, but under a general law affecting all cities alike, and street watering by special assessment is common outside of Boston.

During the last summer one electric street watering car was put in operation, to give this system a practical trial, covering four miles of street. The results were upon the whole highly satisfactory, and so far demonstrated the advantage and economy of this method of watering as to encourage its more extended use by the city during the coming year.

#### FERRY DIVISION.

During the last year one new propeller ferry-boat, the "Governor Russell," was built, but was sold to the United States Government, being required for war purposes, for the sum of \$71,000, before she could be given her trial trip; the propeller ferry-boat "East Boston" was also sold to the government for the sum of \$57,500. A contract has been made for a new ferry-boat, which is now building and should be completed by the middle of February, and another new boat must also shortly be contracted for unless one of the boats sold to the government is to be re-purchased. Contracts have been made for two new drops and tanks, and these are now being put in place; this will make all the drops practically new, so that no more will be required for at least twenty years. Two of the slips have also been sheathed. The boat, slips, tanks, landings and head-houses, with the exception of the South Ferry, East Boston side, which needs re-

building, are in good condition, and no extraordinary expense should be required for some years.

#### DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND WASTE.

In my last inaugural address I made a full statement of the considerations which had led to the making of the contract with the New England Sanitary Product Company for the utilization of garbage by the reduction process, at works to be erected by the contractor adjacent to the Calf Pasture sewerage pumping station. Owing to unavoidable delays—chiefly due to the inability of sub-contractors to deliver some parts of the iron work on account of the demand created by the late war—the plant was not put in actual operation until the latter part of October.

Since that time it has been working in a highly satisfactory manner, fully meeting the expectations of the contractors and of the city, and it has already been demonstrated that there is no reason to fear that it will cause any nuisance in the vicinity. Owing to various causes, the contractors have been obliged to make a much larger investment in this plant than they anticipated, the total cost having amounted to nearly \$250,000. The plant, however, contains important new features and improvements, and is not only much superior to any other reduction works in this country, but is doubtless the best in the world, the various processes of extracting the valuable materials from garbage being conducted in the most scientific manner. The plant is in fact a fully equipped manufacturing establishment, which takes in garbage as its raw material and turns out grease, ammonia and a dry powder used as a base for fertilizers, as its finished products.

The only drawback in the whole arrangement is that the contractor has to be paid to take the raw material, as only a portion of the costs and profits can be realized from the sale of the manufactured products; but I am satisfied that the payment to be made by the city (\$47,400 a year)—which includes the transportation of the garbage to the plant from the various points upon the water front at which the city delivers it to the contractor—is a reasonable one, considering the large investment involved, the limited duration of the contract, and the value to the city of having the services of competent and experienced contractors; and, in addition, the city should be able to save a large part of the sum of \$25,000 which it has cost in the past to send garbage out to sea.

This plant has the capacity to handle 300 tons of garbage a day, and at the present time is receiving about 110 tons. The sale of swill to farmers will be entirely discontinued by the city within a few weeks, as soon as work now in progress at the Albany street yard, to permit of the shipment of garbage from that point, can be completed. We may well congratulate ourselves that the opening of this new year finds the old, unsanitary methods of handling garbage nearly obsolete in this city, and a scientific and sanitary manufacturing process substituted for them.

The Superintendent of Streets and myself have also been much interested in effecting some arrangement by which combustible waste might be disposed of in a similarly scientific manner, and I am glad to be able to announce that a contract for this purpose was recently made with Mr. Herbert Tate, a New York contractor who has had more experience in this line than any one else in this country, and who successfully operated a plant for this purpose for the late Colonel Waring when he was at the head of the street cleaning department of that city. Under this contract a building and plant have been erected, at the expense of the contractor, on the wharf property on At-

lantic Ave., near Oliver St., which was leased last year by the Street Department, and this plant will be in operation within a week or two. Everything of value is sorted out of the waste by hand as it is carried along upon a moving belt, and the residue is burned. The contractor is to be paid the sum of \$5500 a year, and the city has the right to purchase the plant, at a price to be fixed by arbitration, at the end of five years. Owing to the novelty of this system, and the great uncertainty as to the value of the materials which will be removed from the waste before burning, it seemed best that the city should not conduct an experiment on its own account, but should allow an experienced contractor, to whose books it would have access, to demonstrate actual results. Only the waste from the central portion of the city can be delivered at this plant, as the expense of cartage would be too great to justify bringing it very far from the point of collection, so that a number of additional local incineration plants will later be needed for this same purpose. Combustible waste will be placed by the householder in a receptacle separate from those used for garbage or for ashes, and will be collected in a different kind of team. This leaves the clean ashes available for filling, and puts an end to the nuisance of burning combustible waste upon the dumps used for receiving filling, and to the sanitary objections to making filled land out of ashes which are mixed with various miscellaneous substances subject to decay. The Board of Health has seriously objected to the former practice and has heartily approved the arrangement about to go into effect for putting an end to it.

#### CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

This department found on assuming charge of the old burial grounds of the city that no records of any value or importance existed in connection with them. Since that time the department has been copying the inscriptions on the old stones, inquiring into the ownership of tombs and searching into public and private records in reference to interments and burials in the old cemeteries. This work has substantially been completed, so far as the search for information is concerned, and the department is about to classify this information so as to be available to the public, in the form of a card catalogue. This will be a complete record, so far as the same is obtainable at the present time, of matters pertaining to the old cemeteries of the city of Boston.

Plans have been submitted for a new chapel at Mt. Hope Cemetery, which will be constructed during the coming year. To save expense, the stone to be used in building this chapel is being quarried in the cemetery, giving an excellent quality of stone, and, at the same time, making additional land available for lot purposes.

The present main entrance to this cemetery is to be changed by throwing a large sweep of land into the roadway, for ornamental purposes, thereby obtaining a more suitable entrance and giving a better approach to the cemetery proper.

#### PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

I have believed for some time that the excellent facilities of this department for the growth of plants and flowers should be made of more value to the public schools, and last fall, at my suggestion, the Superintendent tried the experiment of distributing the surplus plants of the department to be placed in the public schools instead of giving them to the general public as heretofore. The new plan was received with great favor, and the opportunity of securing plants for the beautifying of the school-rooms met with great appreciation; applications for plants were made by 849 masters and teachers, repre-

senting 149 schools, and over 27,000 plants were distributed. About 350 window boxes supplied by the schools were filled with loam, and some 12,000 plants were well started in these before they were placed in the school-rooms, the rest of the plants being delivered in pots furnished by the department. This gratifying record for the first year affords ample encouragement for the continuation and extension of such work, and I have given my approval to a suggestion made by the Superintendent that plants for this purpose should be specially grown during the summer months, so as to be ready for distribution in the fall at the beginning of the school term, as they will then be in a more perfect condition. This new work affords another illustration of the possibility of largely increasing the usefulness of a plant and an organization already at the command of the city, at a small extra expense. Nature work, as it is called, now fills an important place in modern educational methods, and the actual educational value which can be derived, under intelligent teachers, from plants and flowers placed in the school-rooms is very considerable, to say nothing of the new atmosphere which they introduce.

#### WIRE DEPARTMENT.

By chapter 49 of the Acts of last year provision was made for the placing of wires under ground in two additional miles of street each year for ten years, and wires have already been placed under ground in sixty miles of street. Chapter 263 of the Acts of last year further enlarged the powers and duties of the Wire Department in respect to the inspection of wires in buildings, practically giving it full control over this matter, and inspectors are now assigned to this work. The great development of electricity, and the increasing number of uses to which it is put in modern life, increase the importance of official supervision to insure proper work and protection against fire. While the Wire Department was originally established upon a temporary basis, and primarily for the purpose of securing the placing of wires under ground within a limited district, it has developed into a useful branch of municipal service, making it now desirable, particularly under the new acts referred to, to recognize it as a permanent organization. I have believed for some time that there should be some consolidation of the electrical work of the city effected through the transfer of the Electrical Construction Division from the Public Buildings Department to the Wire Department; it seems to me that the time is now ripe for this step, and I shall therefore recommend the necessary change in the ordinances.

This department is engaged in solving new and interesting problems in connection with the constant changes and improvements which are going on in the generation and distribution of electricity. For instance, the department has in many cases been called upon to account for the presence of electric currents in buildings containing no electric wires and fixtures, and has been able to determine the cause of such currents in each case, and to take proper measures to prevent their recurrence; these stray currents have been the cause of a considerable loss by fire, and the importance of preventing them is obvious. The cause of the explosion of gases in manholes and electric conduits has been another difficult problem which the department has been engaged in solving, but it is believed that this has been found and an effective remedy applied, as only one explosion of gas has occurred in a manhole during the last year, so far as known.

The investigation of fires caused, or conjectured to have been caused, by electric currents, is an interesting and important field of inquiry, and many

new phenomena are found from time to time. Outside of the period of the two severe snowstorms which have occurred since the middle of last winter, the number of fires due to electrical causes has been much less than in former years.

The department is constantly endeavoring to prevent the use in Boston of various electrical appliances and devices which have only their cheapness to recommend them, and to promote the use of the best apparatus and material in all electrical work. In view of the benefits which have been realized through the regulation of other mechanical trades and the licensing of mechanics, such as plumbers and gas-fitters, it would seem to be desirable to place electricians upon the same basis. The consequences of bad work in electrical construction are certainly as serious a menace to property, if not to life, as defective plumbing and gasfitting, and the nature of the work is such that it is even less within the power of the average citizen to be sure that he is getting good and safe work. The inspection of the work done in a mechanical trade has led in many instances to the direct regulation of the mechanics who practice it, and I am strongly inclined to agree with the position taken by this department that all persons engaged in any way in electrical work should be required to prove their qualification and take out a license.

#### ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.

The Chief of this division renews his former recommendations, which have my full support, in favor of establishing an electric lighting plant in the basement of City Hall. The city is now paying about \$22,000 a year for the lighting and heating of City Hall, the Old Court House and the Probate and Historical Buildings, and a saving of at least \$5000 a year can be made by the installation of an electric plant and the use of the exhaust steam for heating purposes. The estimated cost of such a plant complete is \$42,500.

This division also urges the installation of local fire-alarms for the protection of city buildings upon which no insurance is carried; it certainly seems desirable that where the city carries its own insurance it should make use of every possible precaution. A fire recently broke out in one of the city buildings used for a shop while the watchman was going from one end of the building to the other, and had it not been accidentally discovered, serious damage would have occurred.

Several American cities have in recent years installed electric fountains, which are capable of giving very beautiful and varied effects in various colors and forms of display. It seems to me that the Frog Pond upon the Common offers a very good opportunity for such a fountain, as it could be here seen by a large number of people to great advantage. At my suggestion this division has had plans for this purpose prepared by the best expert in this line of work, and these can be carried out at an expense of about \$11,000. I believe that this would constitute a great attraction, particularly upon holidays, and would draw large crowds of spectators.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT.

Under the Metropolitan Water Act of 1895, the Metropolitan Water Commission is to deliver water under such head that it will be available for the distribution system of this city. On the first of January water was for the first time delivered by the commission directly into our pipes.

The department has made arrangements for extensive changes in the fire system, which will enable water to be delivered at a greater pressure in the Jamaica Plain and Dorchester districts,

where at the present time considerable complaint exists because of the low pressure. An additional twelve-inch main is now being laid through Neponset and Squantum to re-enforce the supply of water to the islands in the harbor, as the increase in the use of water had rendered the existing pipes inadequate; a large twenty-inch main is also being laid to improve the supply of South Boston.

During the summer months the Water Department made arrangements for the first time for supplying cool water at a number of public fountains, this result being secured by having the water pass through a coil of pipes placed underground in an insulated ice box. These fountains were much appreciated by the public, and the expense of installing and operating them was very moderate; it will be still less for the coming year, owing to the fact that the Water Department will cut the ice from its own reservoir during the winter and store it for use next summer. I believe that a very considerable number of such fountains should be installed at different parts of the city for the benefit of the public.

#### SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

Under the provisions of the Statutes, State aid has been paid to soldiers and their families by the City of Boston since the year 1861. During the last year the sum of \$205,500 was disbursed to 3600 families residing in this city; of this amount the sum of \$3500 was paid to 216 families of soldiers and sailors who enlisted in the late war with Spain. By chapter 441 of the Acts of 1897, the distribution of soldiers' relief was removed from the jurisdiction of the Board of Aldermen and placed under the control of a commissioner appointed for the purpose, and this office was filled at the beginning of last year by the appointment of Mr. Reuben Peterson, who had had charge of the work under the Board for a great many years.

#### DIRECT EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR.

The extension of the policy of substituting the direct employment of labor by the city for the contract system has been somewhat noteworthy during the last two years. Within about that time three important branches of work, calling for the employment at times of considerable numbers of men, have been fully placed upon the new basis and removed from the sphere of contract work,—namely, the city printing, and the execution of electrical construction and repair work and of all kinds of repairs and alterations upon public buildings. These lines of work call for the services of from two hundred to five hundred men at a time, and their aggregate expenditures amount to about \$400,000 a year.

The proper management of such branches of work is very essential in order to assure their success under municipal control; but with such management I am more assured than ever that better results can be secured than are possible under the contract system, while the establishment of higher rates of wages and of better conditions of employment than are possible under the system of unlimited competition would alone, in my opinion, furnish a powerful argument in favor of the new policy. No labor questions have arisen in either of these branches of work which could not easily be dealt with, and I believe that upon the whole the employees have shown an appreciation of the advantages of the system, and a willingness to perform the work assigned to them with zeal and fidelity.

It is unfortunate, of course, that the volume of work to be done in each of these lines necessarily fluctuates very considerably, thus compelling the suspension dur-

ing a considerable portion of the year of a large number of those who are employed at other times; this condition, however, is absolutely unavoidable, and it is equally met with in private employment in the same branches. Of course any attempt to carry a fixed number of employees on the pay-rolls at all times would absolutely wreck either of these departments, as surely as it would lead to the failure of any firm which undertook to adopt such a policy in private work of a similar fluctuating character.

In this connection I may refer to a class of questions which often arise in the award of city contracts. It sometimes happens that a firm or corporation regularly employing citizens of Boston, at full rates of wages, will be a little underbid by an out-of-town concern, which may be able to pay considerably less for its labor.

Complaint is also made at times that Boston contractors employ men who are not even citizens of this country upon work done by them within the city limits, paying them low rates of wages. I am not a believer in the doctrine that the best results for the community are to be realized through the unrestricted play of the forces of competition, whether these operate within the sphere of capital or within that of labor, and the tendency of our time is now setting strongly in the direction of limiting competition in both these fields.

While I believe that it would be an absurd and extreme application of the theory of protection to require all goods used by the city to be manufactured within the city limits and by its own citizens, I am disposed to go as far as to hold that some preference may well be given in certain lines of public work to concerns within the city of Boston, if the conditions are such that reasonable competition can be secured and fair prices obtained within such limits. In adopting such a policy, however, the city should in fairness give notice in its advertisements inviting bids that it reserves the right to give such a preference. I believe that it is also practicable to require in many cases that only citizens of Boston shall be employed by contractors, and that the full market rates of wages, as fixed by the trades unions in case they are such a practical factor in the labor market as to entitle them to recognition, shall be paid.

Boston has remained behind many cities in this country, and some in England, in failing to adopt hitherto the policy of prescribing the terms and conditions under which contract work shall be performed, and I intend at once to try the experiment of inserting some clauses of this character in such contracts as seem reasonably to permit of it. I may mention, as an indication of what is going on in this direction elsewhere, that an ordinance has been passed in the city of Chicago requiring every contractor with the city to employ in the execution of his contracts only members of the various trades unions, where these have an actual standing in the particular line of work.

#### ANNEX TO CITY HALL.

I spoke a year ago of the pressing need of increased office accommodations for the city departments, and advocated the policy of providing such further offices in the immediate neighborhood of City Hall, through the reconstruction of existing buildings owned by the city. Further careful study of the problem of rebuilding the Historical Building has led the architect who had made the plans for this purpose to the conclusion that it would be better economy, and more satisfactory in every way, to take down the present building entirely, instead of attempting to utilize the walls, and to erect a single new building, to take the place of both the Historical and the Probate buildings, instead of treating one at a time, and the con-

sulting architect fully agrees in this conclusion. These two buildings have at present 12,500 square feet of office space, and this would be more than doubled by the erection of a new ten-story building, as this would contain, as planned, 26,825 square feet of office space. The cost of such building, at thirty-five cents per cubic foot, would be about \$215,000, or, say, \$225,000 including architect's commission. The accommodations afforded by it would provide for the various offices now occupying leased rooms, and there would certainly be an actual saving of considerably more than the interest on its cost. Such a building can be erected in about fifteen months, and while there would be great inconvenience in removing temporarily to other quarters the departments now occupying these two buildings, I believe that its erection should not be longer postponed, if it is found possible to provide the money for it. The policy of increasing office accommodations in the immediate neighborhood of City Hall will save the city a very large amount of money in the future, by postponing for an indefinite time the erection of a new City Hall, while, if nothing is done, the pressure for such a building on a new site will constantly become greater.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

This historic edifice has long been in considerable danger of destruction by fire, and has been in a general condition which rendered its reconstruction, to a large extent, very desirable. This matter has at length attracted the attention it deserves, and the City Council passed in the month of June last year an appropriation of \$80,000 for this purpose. A contract for the execution of the main part of the work has been awarded to a reliable builder, of experience in this special line, and there is now every assurance that at some time during the coming year this building, of such unique interest and value, will be reconstructed in a manner which will properly preserve and reproduce its antique character, and remove any future danger of its loss by fire, besides making it much more convenient and attractive for use. The appropriation was cut down to \$20,000 less than originally asked for in order to get it through, and a further appropriation of about this sum will be required to complete the work in a proper manner. An underground public convenience station is very much needed in this vicinity for the better accommodation of the occupants of the markets and of the general public.

#### REAL ESTATE EXPERT.

Some two years ago I adopted the practice of referring all matters relating in any way to real estate, such as settlements for land taken, leases, purchases of land, etc., to an expert regularly retained for this purpose. This plan has worked very well, and I believe that the closer examination of all questions relating to the value of real estate which has thus been made possible has resulted, directly and indirectly, in saving the city a good deal of money. There are a large number of papers relating in some way or other to real estate, which come to the Mayor for signature in the course of a year, and as he cannot personally take the time to look into them—and presumably does not possess the special knowledge to enable him to do so with the best results—it is certainly desirable that all questions of this class should be referred as a matter of course to an expert, for report in writing. This seems to me an important step in the process of specializing municipal work, and referring all technical or expert questions to some competent authority, which is essential for the proper development of city government. I am glad to take this opportunity to express my sense of the very considerable value to the city of the services of this character which have been rendered by Mr. John C.

Cobb, who has been acting in this capacity for the last two years.

**NEWSBOY LICENSES.**

There seems to be considerable need of some change, either in the terms or in the enforcement of the regulations of the board of aldermen relative to the licensing of minors to sell newspapers. The number of such licenses outstanding at the present time is 1654, and complaint is made by teachers that it is at present very difficult to enforce the conditions of licenses, owing to the ease with which badges can be transferred. It is suggested that the badges should be bought and owned by the city instead of by those holding licenses, and that this would afford better opportunities for control. In view of the very large number of boys who are employed in this manner, and of the important bearing which a strict observance of the conditions of licenses has upon school attendance, it is certainly very desirable that all steps possible should be taken to secure the proper identification of the holder of a license, and a strict compliance with its terms.

An order has recently been passed by the school committee requesting action upon this matter, and suggesting certain changes in the system which has existed.

**HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.**

The Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners has taken, under authority of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1897, passed in pursuance of recommendations contained in the report of the State Board on Docks and Terminal Facilities, a strip of flats 1500 feet wide, bordering on the harbor line between Jeffries' Point and Wood Island Park, East Boston. This land has been taken with a view to its future use for public docks and terminals, but the form of such use, and the time when the preparatory work will begin, depend upon future action by the Legislature. The acquirement of this land by the Commonwealth still further strengthens the desirability of bringing about a comprehensive relocation of the railroad tracks in East Boston, with the view of abolishing the present grade-crossings as far as possible, and better serving the convenience of the public.

Work upon the new pier and dock at South Boston which is being built by the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners is progressing; proposals for the building of a pile platform and pier around the solid core will shortly be advertised for, and it is expected that this work will begin during the coming summer.

During the last year an additional appropriation of \$250,000 was made by Congress toward carrying on the work of deepening and widening the main ship channel, under the act approved June 5, 1896, and thus far some \$44,000 cubic yards of material have been removed by dredging; the sum now in hand is sufficient to complete the dredging contract and to leave a substantial balance towards the removal of rock ledges uncovered by the dredging. The improvement actually made thus far is mainly in "The Narrows."

The work of improving the fortifications of the harbor has made rapid progress, and when that now under way is completed this city will be placed in at least a fair condition of defense from an attack by a hostile fleet.

**CONSOLIDATION OF STATUTES.**

In pursuance of my recommendation made a year ago, the City Council, in February last, authorized the appointment of a special commission, to consist of the Corporation Counsel and two other lawyers, to prepare a compilation of all special laws relating to the city of Boston,

with a view to the passage of a comprehensive consolidation act; and the city has been fortunate in securing the services of Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, ex-attorney General of the Commonwealth, and Hon. Patrick A. Collins as members of this commission. Their work is now nearing completion, and it is hoped that it can be presented to the City Council during this month; I trust that the proposed consolidation act, which will prove not only a great practical convenience, but will make the government of the city much more comprehensible by the average citizen, will be passed at the coming session.

The twelfth revision of the ordinances of the city, which has been before the City Council for two years, was finally passed by that body last July, and has now been printed and distributed.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In addressing the City Council at the beginning of this last year of my service in the office of mayor, I wish to assure you that it will be my effort to co-operate with you, in every way, as individuals, or as legislative bodies, regardless of any partisan considerations, in anything which will make for the advantage of the people who have elected us to serve them, and of the great municipal community whose interests are entrusted to our hands. If the positive powers of the City Council are less than in the past, ample opportunities of rendering useful service to their constituents and to the city still remain to its members, and they are still the elected representatives of the people. Let us all strive each in his own way and in his own sphere of duty, to accomplish something during the coming year which will redound to the credit of the city of Boston.

At the conclusion of His Honor's inaugural address he was given hearty applause.

The Mayor and suite retired, the convention dissolved and the aldermen returned to their chamber at 12:12 P.M.

**INBOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

The Board of Aldermen reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 12:14 P.M., Ald. Presho, senior member, in the chair.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move you that this Board do now take a recess.

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, I ask to amend that motion, that we adjourn, to meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock A.M.

The motion to adjourn was carried, and the Board adjourned at 12:15 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1899, at 11 A.M.

**IN COMMON COUNCIL.**

After the retirement of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council was called to order by Mr. Nangle of Wd. 19, senior member.

Mr. Kiley of Wd. 8 and Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 addressed the Chair, and Mr. Connolly was recognized.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Council now proceed to elect a President, that the roll be called by the clerk; that each member as his name is called announce aloud for whom he desires to vote; that the same be recorded by the clerk and that the person receiving a majority of the votes be declared elected President of the Common Council.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. Chairman, in speaking in favor of the passage of that order, I desire to call attention to the few democrats whom I know today are about to desert their party and combine with the republican members of this body to elect a renegade democrat as presiding officer of this body. (Hisses.)

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman's remarks are out of order.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I desire to call to the attention of those men, and to see if they can remember, the names of the following men—Edward J. Jenkins, Thomas J. Denny, John Gallagher, Patrick L. Cassidy, Michael H. Lynch, William A. Foss and Martin T. Folan. In 1884 or 1885, I don't remember which was the year, these gentlemen to whose attitude I especially call attention, formed an unholy alliance with the members of the republican party and defeated the Hon. John H. Lee, president of the democratic city committee of Boston, as presiding officer of this body. What has been the record of those men since? Can any of you point to any one of those men in an honorable position? I call attention especially to the death of several of those men (laughter), and the manner in which they died. (Renewed laughter.) I believe that the judgment of the democratic party will be against any such alliance as is attempted to be brought forward here today. Who is back of this, and why is it being done? Is it because the republican party desires the presidency of this Common Council? No, the renegade democrats of Wd. 8 desire to split the democratic party. (Hisses.)

The CHAIR—Gentlemen of the Council will come or order.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. CONNOLLY—They desire to split the democratic party.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The CHAIR—The point of order is not well taken. (Laughter.)

Mr. CONNOLLY—I am simply showing reasons why the order should pass. Probably the gentleman is ashamed of the fact that he is in alliance with a renegade democrat himself. (Laughter.) Far better and more honorable would it have been for the democratic members of this council to have nominated a member of their own party. But, no; they have been whipped into line by the chairman of the Republican City Committee, with the aid of Martin M. Lomasney of Wd. 8, who has shown them a few tricks that they did not know before. I tell you, gentlemen, that his hand is in this and it means the defeat of a democratic candidate for mayor in the year 1899.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will please confine himself to the question.

Mr. CONNOLLY—I desire to ask these men, whoever they may be, who intend to desert their party today, to remember that last November constituents of theirs in their various wards elected them to vote as democrats and for democratic candidates, not for republican nominees of a republican caucus. Gentlemen of this Council, and especially those men who are about to desert their party today, remember—remember I tell you, one and all (laughter)—that your constituents will rebuke the action you are taking today. You may think it is a laughing matter, but when you go before them next fall for reelection and they defeat you and send you out of political life forever, you will then find that the democratic party never forgets an injury such as you are about to inflict upon its organization today. Do you think for one instant that the people will allow you to sell out their mayoralty candidate next year and turn the city of Boston over to the republican party by the aid of the democratic voters of Wd. 8. (Hisses.)

I tell you, the people of Boston have placed themselves on record as favoring a democratic administration this year. They want it and must have it. I have been nominated for the presidency of this Council in a democratic caucus, receiving the majority of the votes of the

caucus, and I demand your democratic votes and support here today. If I don't get them you will be defeated in the next election. You will not come back to this body and your political fate will be sealed forever. Gentlemen, I ask you to consider this matter carefully, to look into it well, and as democrats to stand faithfully and loyally by your party, voting for the democratic candidate nominated in a democratic caucus.

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8—Mr. President (applause and cheers).

The CHAIR—Gentlemen, I will state right here that if this conduct is continued I will adjourn this Council.

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8—Mr. Chairman, I suppose the best answer I could give to my friend in the second division (Mr. Connolly) would be silence; but as he has referred to the constituency which has honored me with an election to this body, I would not be doing my duty if I did not reply to the very degrading attack made upon the personality of certain members of this Council. Mr. Chairman, he has talked about democracy, and he has talked about renegades. Let me read to you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, the proposition which the gentleman in the second division fathered and submitted to the Republican members of this body. It is as follows:—

"Whereas, the Republican members-elect of the Common Council have decided to vote for Daniel J. Kiley for President, I hereby pledge myself to vote for the choice of the Republican Councilmen-elect on the first ballot for President of the Common Council, provided that the choice of said Republican-elect is not said Daniel J. Kiley."

This gentleman in the second division, who prophesies the political ruin of men who support me here today, has shown this paper, this pledge and this promise, to republican members of this body—and I challenge him to successfully deny it. I am here as a candidate for the Presidency of the Council, looking for the votes of the members of the Common Council, with political liberty as my platform, untied and unfettered by the administration, by heelers or by political bandits, who now control party affairs in this city. (Applause.)

The CHAIR—Gentlemen, I will tell you right here and now (laughter) that if this occurs once more, I will adjourn this Council. The applause is uncalled for.

Mr. KILEY—I ask those present to maintain quietness until the result is announced. Mr. Chairman, I have no fear of the result today; but let me say to you, and through you to the other members of the Common Council and to those present, that today marks the beginning of the downfall of the men in this city who have subserviated party, who have subserviated principle, to their own selfish aggrandizement and greed. Mr. Chairman, the constituency which I represent is responsible for my presence here today. I am willing to answer to them at the next election for what I have done. I believe, also, that the men who stand loyally with me in this Council chamber will be as ready, as willing and as able, to answer to their constituency as the man in the second division who has made the proposition to the republican members of this Council to sell out the party, and to elect a republican. This is all I have to say, Mr. Chairman, and I leave my case in the hands of the members of this Council.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 8—

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. CONNOLLY (continuing)—who has made the charge that he has, I wish to say that it should be—

Mr. WATSON—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I arose and asked for the recognition of the Chair at the same time

that the gentleman speaking did, and he, having spoken before and I not having spoken, I demand the recognition of the Chair.

The CHAIR—The point of order is well taken. Mr. Watson has the floor.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. Chairman and fellow members of the Council, I don't intend to say but a word of two in answer to the prophet, Connolly. I wish to say that today I stand here ready to vote for Daniel J. Kiley. I am not voting to injure the organization in the city of Boston. I am voting for ability; I am voting for some recognition. I have a grievance, and I intend for that reason to cast my vote as I have stated. As for being afraid of going back to my constituents after such action, I have been dying politically for three years, and yet I am pretty lively today; but if the question of my coming back to this Council hangs on my vote, I say right here and now that I am done with the Common Council. My hopes would be higher. I say here and now that I am as independent today as ever. I have had everything offered to me today, from a house down to a dog. (Laughter.) I wish to say that I shall vote for ability, and, in doing so, it gives me great pleasure to vote for Daniel J. Kiley.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7—Mr. Chairman and fellow members of the Council, I also wish to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 17. I vote as a Democrat today. I vote for a Democrat, in the person of Daniel J. Kiley of Wd. 8, and I am willing to go back to my constituents and tell them how I vote. I vote for Daniel J. Kiley, and I am willing to stand by the result.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. Chairman, I cannot add any more to what has been said by Mr. Daniel J. Kiley. I only desire to say that I stand here today to offer my vote as a protest against unjust taxation, ring rule and bossism in the city of Boston.

The CHAIR—The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. Chairman, in answer to Daniel J. Kiley, when he says that I intended to sell out the Democratic party, I ask him to tell the members of this Council whether he has ever seen such a paper with my name on it, or if he can find one Democratic member of this Common Council who has agreed to do any such thing, or that I have asked to do such a thing. He has gone to the Republican party and has asked for their endorsement, and he has received it; and from this day forward he is a Republican, pure and simple. He cannot whitewash himself. He is a Republican, and will be so throughout this year. I say that I never placed my name on such a paper, and have never sanctioned any agreement as that in any shape or form.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I wish to say a few words in reference to this affair. I wish to say to those gentlemen who have been nominated and elected by a Democratic constituency that it has always been my experience in the local fights which I have had in my own ward that those who are defeated in the caucus can easily go out any time and get the Republican nomination. That has been proved to be the case in Wd. 9. I simply wish to state today to those members who have been nominated and elected by a Democratic constituency, that a caucus of the members-elect of this Council was duly called to nominate a candidate for President of the Common Council for the year 1899, that there were two candidates in the field, and that Mr. Timothy L. Connolly received the majority of the votes of the caucus; and I say today that every Democratic member of this Council who wanders away and votes for anybody else, no matter whether he be a Republican or a person claiming to be a Democrat, is doing an injustice to the party and the constitu-

ency which elected him, and that while he may suffer no injurious effects today, in a year from now he will find that his constituency will demand an answer for what he has done today.

As for the republican end, I wish to say that for as long as I remember, year after year, they have nominated a man of their own party, and have voted for him on inauguration day; and I do not see any reason why they should go to work and give their nomination to a democrat who has been looking for it. But in the past week they have travelled around getting members pledged to a democrat. I wish to remind the democratic members that any democrat who will go out of a democratic caucus and try to get the republican nomination can do so. This is all I have to say to you, gentlemen, today.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say here to the members of this council that I am one of the renegades of Wd. 8. It may be the opinion of the gentleman that we are renegades, but I happened to come here last year, not thinking of ever being a candidate for the Common Council, but as a citizen of the city of Boston, and saw the way in which the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Connolly) presided over the deliberations of this body as the so-called leader of the democratic members of this Council, and the transactions at that time are what led me to vote for some one other than the gentleman in the second division. I thought then that if I ever were elected to this Council, representing the people of my ward, I would be the first one to desert the gentleman if he were a candidate for presiding officer over this great deliberative body. I hope today that, no matter how much of a renegade ward he may consider Wd. 8 to be, its representatives are going to stand by democratic principles and the democratic party, and are going to vote for a democratic president from Wd. 8, a member elected from that ward by a very large majority. It is not a question of desertion. It is a question of justice, and we come here to get that justice by electing Daniel J. Kiley as president.

Mr. BRADLEY OF Wd. 6—Mr. President, by the occurrences here today it is plainly indicated to us that it is absolutely imperative for us to elect a democratic President for the year 1899 to govern us as the presiding officer of our body. From time immemorial the principle of the democratic party has been that the primaries shall govern. Mr. Connolly has received the majority vote in a properly conducted democratic caucus, and, such being the case, he is entitled to recognition from the 44 democratic members of this body today. I hope and trust that he will receive every democratic vote, and I feel perfectly satisfied that he will.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have this opportunity to say a few words to my fellow members of the Common Council of 1899. As one who has served in this body throughout the past year, I can state that Timothy L. Connolly has been a presiding officer of ability. I know, as a member of that body, that Timothy L. Connolly has always treated every man as he should be treated, and I am here today to resent the imputations cast by the last speaker from Wd. 8 (Mr. Leftovith), when he said he as a democrat was going to vote against Tim Connolly because Mr. Connolly had not treated the members of the last Council fairly. I rise here, Mr. President, as a member of that Council, as one who occupies the seat I occupied throughout the past year, to say that Mr. Timothy L. Connolly as a presiding officer was a success, and was an honest man in the position. I speak also as the man who presided over the democratic caucus in the anteroom here the other evening, the regular democratic caucus to which every

democrat was invited and which nominated with a clear majority Timothy L. Connolly to the presidency. Why should there be an attempt to force an alliance between the Wd. 8 democrats and disaffected democrats of last year's board and the republican members who compose the new body? As a democrat, I am proud to stand here today to testify to the ability, honesty and political integrity of Timothy L. Connolly. My vote today will go for him, and I am proud to be able to pledge to him today the three votes from old Wd. 2. (Applause.)

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. Chairman, I did not desire to say anything in reference to the contest here today, but I must state that when the gentleman, Martin Leftovith of Wd. 8, gets up here and tells us about the transaction of the body of 1898, which he knows nothing about, his statements are wrong and absurd. I must say in behalf of my friend Timothy L. Connolly that, since I have been a member of this body, in 1897 and 1898, he has been, in my opinion, fair as a presiding officer and fair and broad as a member of this body—which is more than I can say for some of the democrats who are working today in conjunction with the republicans of this body in order to receive recognition to be received from the presiding officer of this body. There are no committees to seek for which will be of any personal benefit to any member here. Members who come here representing a democratic constituency are expected by democrats to come here and vote for the democratic candidate, the man who received the nomination fairly and honestly. I say, gentlemen, that I have been with Mr. Connolly in this contest from the beginning until the finish, and I will cast my vote today for Timothy L. Connolly, as a fair, honest, liberal, broad-minded democrat. (Applause.) Mr. Chairman, we held a caucus two weeks ago, I believe—I don't know the exact date just now. Mr. Connolly, as the candidate of that body, said to me, as I had the honor of presenting his name to that convention, that the caucus should be assigned for another week, so that the members who were candidates for president could all have a fair opportunity to seek the votes. The caucus was assigned to a later day. I will say for Mr. Connolly that if any other democrat in this body today can receive more democratic votes than he, he, as a democrat, will stand by him. But, Mr. Connolly being the choice of the party, having received the nomination fairly and honestly, I say it is the duty of democrats to vote for him. If they do not do so, I will repeat what he has stated, that they will have to answer to their constituency when they try to return for the year 1900.

Mr. KILEY—Mr. President, we have heard the last dying gasps of hard losers. An opportunity has been afforded to have this question well debated, and I most respectfully move you now, sir, the previous question.

The previous question was ordered, the order was passed, and the Clerk, in pursuance of the order, called the roll. Each member, as his name was called, announced his choice for president of the Common Council of 1899, with the following result:—

For Daniel J. Kiley—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linchan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Roland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—41.

For Timothy L. Connolly—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasantof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden,

Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—28.

Absent or not voting—Altwood, Collins, Donahoe, Giblein, Lydon, Midram—6.

(Loud and long continued applause and cheering, with cheers from the galleries for Daniel J. Kiley and Martin M. Lomasney).

The CHAIR—The result of the vote is as follows: For Timothy L. Connolly, 28; for Daniel J. Kiley, 41. The Chair will declare Mr. Kiley elected president for the year 1899. (Applause and cheers).

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that a committee of two be appointed to escort the president-elect to the chair.

The motion was seconded and carried, and the Chair appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Connolly of Wd. 17 and Hibbard of Wd. 24.

The Committee attended to the duty assigned them, and Chairman Nangle said: Gentlemen, I take great pleasure in introducing to you your President for the year 1899, Mr. Daniel J. Kiley of Wd. 8. (Applause.)

President KILEY—The Council will be in order.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to offer the following order:

Ordered—That the President be authorized to deposit one ballot for Joseph O'Keane as the choice of this body for Clerk of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that this Council do now adjourn to Thursday, January 5, 1899, to meet at 7:45 P.M.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the adoption of the order.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on that.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, inasmuch as the council of 1899 has not yet decided upon any date on which to meet, I claim that the gentleman's motion is out of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would rule the point of order not well taken. The question is on reference of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information from the presiding officer of this body—that is, as to the date when this body will meet?

The PRESIDENT—The date is to be decided by the Council itself. The Chair infers that, unless some date is fixed by the council it is subject to the order of the Chair.

Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 addressed the chair and was recognized.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, that is what I intend to speak about. I am opposed to reference of the order to the next meeting of the Council. On the day set apart for the organization of the City Council I think it is no more than right that we should, on that same day, register our choice for the assistants who will help us out during the year in connection with our parliamentary work. I object to the assignment of the order, and I hope that we will go ahead and elect our Clerk of Committees, Clerk of the Common Council, City Messenger and City Clerk.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I hope and trust that this order will not be referred to the next meeting of the Common Council, but that we will proceed to elect as Clerk of the Common Council the man who has faithfully served for the past 19 years as clerk of this body. I believe he is an efficient officer and should be re-elected here today, and I hope and trust that the order will not

be assigned to the next meeting of the Common Council, but that we well act upon it today as men.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I rise for information. Will a motion to adjourn be now in order?

The PRESIDENT—The question being on reference to the next meeting, that motion will first have to be disposed of before any other motion will be entertained by the Chair.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I desire to offer at this time a substitute order for the one which is now before the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will first read the order before ruling:—

“Ordered, That this Council do now adjourn to meet on Thursday evening next at 7:45, and that the same be the day and hour for meeting thereafter until otherwise ordered.” The Chair will rule the order out, as at this time it cannot be placed before the body until the motion made by the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) is disposed of. The question is on assignment of an order already before the council to the next meeting.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, inasmuch as the gentleman who made the motion gave no reason or argument why the order should be assigned to the next meeting, and the Chair decided the point of order I raised out of order, it would seem to me, we having no meeting day set as yet, that the procedure in this matter should continue, and that the order should be acted upon at this time. If the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) has an opponent to the clerk of this body, let him be a man and present the gentleman's name today. If not, why not proceed with the business of organization? I hope the order will go through today, as I would like to see the organization of this body formed.

The question was put on assignment to the next meeting, and, the President being in doubt, a rising vote was ordered. Before the rising vote was taken, however, Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 said:—

Mr. President, I move that the roll be called.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I second that motion.

The yeas and nays were ordered and the order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council, yeas 38, nays 31:—

Yeas—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovitch, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald,

Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sander-son, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—38.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turn- bull—31.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Collins, Donahoe, Giblin, Lydon, Mildram—6.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I wish to offer an order (Sending an order to the chair).

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. I desire the chair to state to me when the next meet- ing of this body will be.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will kindly allow the clerk to read the order, perhaps he may know.

Mr. MULCAHY—I would like to know now.

The PRESIDENT—The clerk will kindly read the order for the information of the gentleman, as well as the other members of the Council.

The Clerk read the order offered by Mr. Watson, as follows:

Ordered: That when this Council ad- journ, that it adjourn to Thursday, Janu- ary 5, at 7:45 p. m.

The order was passed.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to adjourn; de- clared carried. Mr. Connolly doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the Council voted to adjourn, yeas 41, nays 28.

Yeas—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Ben- nett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sander- son, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—41.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Cur- ley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gib- bons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin—28.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Collins, Donahoe, Giblin, Lydon, Mildram—6.

Adjourned, at 1:03 P.M., to meet on Thursday, January 5, at 7:45 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, January 3, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 11 A.M., Ald. Presho, senior member, in the Chair.

The CHAIR—The Chair awaits the pleasure of the board.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we now proceed to the election of a permanent Chairman of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1899.

Ald. Dixon's motion that the Board proceed to ballot for a chairman for the year 1899 was carried. The Chair appointed as a committee to receive, sort and count votes, Ald. Dixon and Berwin. The committee having attended to their duty, reported as follows:—

Whole number of ballots.....	12
Necessary for a choice.....	7
David F. Barry had.....	7
Frank J. O'Toole had.....	5

and David F. Barry was declared elected Chairman for 1899.

On motion of Ald. Codman, a committee was appointed to escort the Chairman to the Chair. The committee, Ald. Codman and O'Toole, performed the duty assigned.

The CHAIR—I have the pleasure of introducing to you your Chairman for the year 1899, David F. Barry. (Applause.)

Chairman BARRY, in taking the Chair, said:—

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen.—In entering upon the duties of the chairman of this board, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor which you confer upon me by choosing me as the successor of the long line of eminent citizens of Boston who have occupied this chair since 1822.

I recognize the confidence which you have placed in me and I assure you that, so far as it lies within my power, this confidence will not be abused.

It will be my constant effort to perform my duties in such a manner as to meet the commendation of my fellow-citizens, and at the same time I hope to be able to merit the approval of you, my associate members of the board of aldermen. It will be my aim to so preside over your deliberations as to show you that I have no other end in view than to carry out the beneficial laws of parliamentary practice, with due regard to the courtesy and impartiality which a presiding officer should always show towards those who have placed him in this position of honor and trust.

I deem the present a fitting occasion to express to the citizens of Boston my gratitude for the long period in which they have been pleased to retain me in the city government; for 14 years I was a member of the common council, during which time I served for five years as president of that body; in 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897 I was a member of this board, and now, after an absence of a year, I am again returned by an exceedingly large vote.

It must be gratifying to any one to feel that he has the esteem of his fellow citizens, and I am pleased now to make public acknowledgment of the kindness and consideration which came to me from all quarters especially during the recent municipal campaign. I wish in particular to thank the press of Boston for the great service it rendered to me and to assure the gentlemen connected with it that their courtesy will never be forgotten.

And now, gentlemen, as a lengthy address would be inappropriate at this time, I will only say that I thank you with all my heart for your kindness in electing me to this office, and I wish to express the

hope that our relations during the present year will be of the pleasantest character, and that we will labor to the best of our ability to advance the best interests of our beloved city of Boston.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That a joint special committee of three members of the Board of Aldermen, with such of the Common Council as may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several topics of the address delivered by His Honor the Mayor at the inauguration of this City Council.

Passed. Sent down.  
Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads, when appointed, be requested to give a public hearing on the subject of the relocation of the tracks on Tremont and Boylston Sts.

The order was passed.  
Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the last vote. If that prevails, I have some reasons to offer why the order should not pass.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I wish to be fair. If there are any reasons why this matter should not be given a public hearing they might be stated at this time. I think there are many reasons why the Board should inquire into this, and, even if we haven't any powers in the matter, at least suggest to the legislature some reasons why the tracks should be relocated. There is a good deal of complaint. The citizens of Boston and the merchants along Tremont and Boylston Sts. are complaining, and I think there is public necessity for some action. I think it is within our province to look into a matter of such importance to our city, and I hope, if there are any reasons why the matter should not be referred, that the gentleman will state them so that they may be fully considered by the Board.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, for the very reason that the honorable alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) has stated, that we have no power in the matter whatsoever. The taking up of the tracks on Tremont St. was done under statute law, and the Board cannot act in the matter one way or the other. If it is the desire of the Board to place itself on record in favor of or against the proposition, that is one thing, but I do not care to prejudice myself in the matter at this time. I should much prefer to have the matter remain as it is. I understand petitions are to be offered to the legislature to have the matter reopened, and, if so, the members of the Board can take whatever position or stand they desire upon it. But, so far as the Board of Aldermen as a body is concerned, I don't believe it is a subject we can go into. As I said before, we can go before the legislature and take whatever stand we wish in the matter. In addition to that, public hearings generally entail a good deal of expense on the city of Boston. That has been my experience; and they generally give poor results.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman desires, I would move, as a substitute motion, that this be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. BERWIN—I accept the suggestion, Alderman.

Reconsideration was carried, and the question of passing the order was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan order the sum of \$50,000 for a new ward room for Wd. 8.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the joint rules and orders of the last City Council, except rule 20, be adopted as the joint rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered; and that a committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen, with such of the Common Council as may join, be appointed to pre-

pare rules and orders for the government of the present City Council.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the rules and orders of the last Board of Aldermen, with the exception of rule 33, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Board until otherwise ordered; and that a special committee of three members of this Board be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the present year.

Passed.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the West End Street Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to relocate their tracks on Dewey Sq. in such a manner as to eliminate the sharp curves now existing there; said curves being a great detriment and delay to public travel, both for foot passengers and vehicles.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, when organized, be requested to provide a sufficient amount in the next loan bill to complete the construction of Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be hereby requested to place an electric light at the Quincy St. crossing on Columbia Road; also suitable gas lamps on Alpha Road and Centre Court, off 333 Centre St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Chairman of this Board be authorized in behalf of the Board, to approve permits for amusement licenses, until the appointment of the Committee on Licenses.

Passed.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Chairman of this Board be, and hereby is, authorized to employ Frank X. Chisholm as stenographer and clerk for the members of the Board, to date from January 2, 1899, and to fix the rate of compensation; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Salaries.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

Ald. DIXON offered an order.—That the City Treasurer be directed to pay the amounts that may be due to soldiers and sailors and their families under the provisions of chapters 447 of the acts of 1890, 279 and 301 of the acts of 1894, 361 of the acts of 1895 and 561 of the acts of 1898, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and to employ such assistance as may be required for the purpose; the amounts so paid and the expense incurred on account thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Soldier's Relief.

Passed.

Ald. DIXON offered an order.—That a special committee, to consist of three members of the Board of Aldermen, be appointed to determine the amounts to be paid to soldiers and sailors and their families under the provisions of chapters 447 of the acts of 1890, 279 and 301 of the acts of 1894, 361 of the acts of 1895, and 561 of the acts of 1898, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Passed.

Ald. DIXON offered an order.—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed to inspect the prisons in Suffolk County, as required by chapter 220 of the Public Statutes.

Passed.

Ald. DIXON presented the following:—  
Petitions for amusement licenses for season ending Aug. 1, 1899, viz:—

Albert O. Cullymore, Red Men's Hall, corner Washington St. and Chestnut Hill Ave.

W. F. Fallon, Jamaica Hall, corner Centre and Burroughs Sts., Jamaica Plain.

Severally referred to the Committee on Licenses, when appointed.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents ordered by either branch of the City Council in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for Printing.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the heads of the various city departments be authorized to submit their annual reports in print; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Printing.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the several joint standing committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to them from the last City Council.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That a message be sent to the Common Council informing that branch that this Board has organized by the choice of David F. Barry as chairman.

The order was passed and the chairman appointed Ald. Dixon as a committee to inform the Common Council of the election of a chairman.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move that we now proceed to the election of a City Clerk.

The motion was carried. Committee, Ald. Colby and Doyle. Twelve ballots were cast, all of which were received by J. Mitchel Galvin, who was accordingly declared elected City Clerk on the part of the Board of Aldermen. (Applause.)

On motion of Ald. Doyle, the Board voted to proceed to the election of a Clerk of Committees, Committee, Ald. Doyle and Adams. Twelve Ballots were cast, all of them for John F. Dever, who was declared elected Clerk of Committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen. (Applause.)

On motion of Ald. Adams, the board voted to proceed to the election of a City Messenger. Committee Ald. Adams and McDonald. Whole number of ballots, 12, all of which were cast for Edward J. Leary, who was accordingly elected City Messenger on the part of the Board of Aldermen. (Applause.)

Notices of the election by the Board of the above three officials was sent down to the Common Council.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the address delivered by him before the City Council on Inauguration Day.

Passed. Sent down.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday next, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the several standing committees of this Board, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this Board by the last Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

Ald. ADAMS moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting today, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned, at 11:48 o'clock A.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Monday, Jan. 8, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A message was received from the Board of Aldermen notifying the Common Council that the Board had organized by the choice of David F. Barry as Chairman.

Placed on file.

Later in the session, Alderman Dixon, as a committee of the Board of Aldermen, waited upon the Council, and notified that body that the Board had organized by the choice of David Franklin Barry as chairman for the year 1899.

The PRESIDENT—The Council receives the report of the committee, and congratulates the Board of Aldermen upon its organization.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the address delivered by him before the City Council on Inauguration Day.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That a joint special committee of three members of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several topics of the address delivered by His Honor the Mayor at the inauguration of this City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the joint rules and orders of the last City Council, except Rule 20, be adopted as the joint rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered; and that a committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the present City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the several joint standing committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to them from the last City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of city documents ordered by either branch of the City Council in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for Printing.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the heads of the various city departments be authorized to submit their annual reports in print; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Printing.

Passed in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 7, 8 and 9 together, viz:—

7. Certificate of the election of J. Mitchell Galvin as City Clerk.

8. Certificate of the election of John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees.

9. Certificate of the election of Edward J. Leary as City Messenger.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the President cast one ballot for the election on the part of the Common Council of J. Mitchell Galvin as City Clerk, John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees, and Edward J. Leary as City Messenger.

Passed.

The President attended to the duty assigned him, and announced the election of J. Mitchell Galvin as City Clerk, John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees and Edward J. Leary as City Messenger in concurrence, for the year 1899.

## CLERK OF COMMON COUNCIL.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, unfinished business, viz:

10. Ordered, That the President be authorized to deposit one ballot for Joseph O'Kane as the choice of this body for the Clerk of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

The Council voted on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12, to take the vote on No. 10, by a roll call.

The order was passed, yeas 62 nays 0, and Mr. O'Kane was declared elected as Clerk of the Common Council.

Yeas—Armistead, Bagley, Balfis, Bennett, Bordan, Brauer, Brennan, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblein, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Madden, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Feck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winslow, Wood—62.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Badaracco, Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Flynn, Lydon, Macdonald, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Tobin, Turnbull—13.

The City Messenger, by direction of the President, administered the oath of office to Mr. Joseph O'Kane.

## INVESTIGATION OF CITY REMOVALS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That a special committee of the Common Council, consisting of seven members, of which the President shall be a member, be appointed to investigate the causes for the discharge or suspension of city employees during the months of October, November and December, 1898, and January, 1899; that said committee be authorized and instructed to report its findings in print, with such recommendations and suggestions as they deem proper or expedient.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in reference to that order, I wish to read one or two sections of the Massachusetts Civil Service Law, Section 10 says:—

"No person in the service of the state or any city thereof shall use his official authority or influence either to coerce the political action of any person or body, or to interfere with any election."

Section 24 says:—

"Whoever, after a rule has been duly established and published according to the provisions of this act, makes an appointment, or office, or selects a person for employment contrary to the provisions of such rule, or wilfully refuses or neglects otherwise to comply with or conform to the provisions of this act, or violates any of such provisions, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$100, or not more than \$1000 for each offence."

I cite these two sections of the law. Within the past few months, the people of my district, the section I represent, have been removed from positions in the employment of the city of Boston. I therefore offer this order and also cite the law of the civil service to back it up. I hope the order will pass unanimously tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned for one week.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I think we should not start the Common Council of the year 1899 by delaying matters. While this order does not affect my ward or my district, I have seen through the papers and have heard from conversation the fact that certain people in cer-

tain wards, because they would not be dictated to and pulled about by some political bosses, have been dropped from their jobs in the street department. In fact, Mr. President and fellow-members, I know of many employees of the city of Boston who have been dropped because of their political action, men who are now without bread and butter and who depend upon friends for sufficient to feed and clothe their children, those who have them. This is something we have got to settle here and now. If there is a law against the wholesale suspension and discharge of employees in that manner—and we have not seen the last of it—I say it is time that we appealed to it. Otherwise some men may be injured who do not deserve to be injured. There may be men in the different departments accused of certain things by political enemies, and what is said against them may be a pure lie. Let us have an investigation and one alone—to defeat the measure. I will state frankly that my ward has not been bothered yet, because I have not men working in this department, but if there had been any of my friends working in the department and I had taken a certain stand in this body, not one of them would have been given an opportunity to earn his bread and butter. I know what would come. So I sympathize with my friend in Wd. 13 and my friends in other wards of the 9th congressional district. I therefore appeal to the members not to delay matters. Let us find out where the screw is loose. I hope, therefore, that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that an assignment will not prevail. While my constituents have not been used badly by the administration—perhaps because of the fact that they are so few—I am favorably inclined towards that order, because I believe that an investigation should be had, and if the gentleman from Wd. 17 had no other reason to give why the matter should be assigned than that what he has given, I trust that assignment will be voted down.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President and members, I am in great sympathy with my friend from Wd. 18 when he requests the Council tonight not to assign matters and not to delay matters, as the Council did last year—and that in spite of the fact that he was the main cause last year of assigning and delaying different bills. The only reason why I believe in assigning this order tonight, Mr. President, is that the majority of the Councilmen here are practically new members, and it would be nothing but right, as a matter of courtesy to the new members that we should have at least a week to look into this bill, which calls for an investigation. I do not know whether we want an investigation or not. I presume that the majority of the Council will decide that. I believe in an assignment for one week. I believe that ought to be allowed on this bill, so that the new members can look into the matter properly.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to state here this evening that I am very much in favor of this committee being appointed. I believe that certain facts have come out since the last election, and that certain accusations have been made against the administration, and in order to clear up all the facts and to give a good understanding of affairs to the new members who have been elected to this Council for the first time—of which I am one—it would be no more than right that an investigating committee be appointed to see whether the Mayor of Boston is to blame for the accusations which have been made, or whether the "machine," as they call them, is at fault. Now, whoever is at fault for the discharge of employees of the City of Boston, I think it should be investigated, and every member of this Council should know who is right and who is wrong. I hope that this order will prevail.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President I have listened to the orator from Wd. 8, and to the sympathetic orator from Wd. 13, who I must say is taking a different proceeding from the line which he adopted last year. When he comes to compare his movements with those of last year, he will remember that he was a great gentleman then for asking for the assignment of orders for weeks—not one alone, but for several weeks and on several occasions. I am not opposed to the investigation which is called for here, but I must say, as my friend Kasanof of Wd. 9 has stated, that the new members of this body desire some information in reference to it. There are other members here who do not know so much about the particulars of this affair as the gentleman from Wd. 8, perhaps, and they desire to know. While I say that I do not oppose it, I should like to have the facts brought out, like the rest of the members of this body. Therefore, I hope that the matter will be assigned for one week.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, it strikes me that there are certain gentlemen in this Council tonight who are frightened at this proposed investigation. Now, I say, "turn on the X-rays." Let us start here. I believe it will be a forerunner of other investigations. I do not see why there should be so much opposition to the passage of this order tonight when there is no possible use of assigning it for one week. If the committee is appointed and finds that there has been a good reason why the gentlemen were discharged, well and good. There will be no harm done in that case. On the other hand, if they find out the contrary, that they were discharged for no good reason, I think that the appointment of the committee will bring a good result. Mr. President, I am most earnestly in favor of the passage of this order tonight.

(By direction of the President, the order was read again by the Clerk for information.)

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I sincerely hope and trust that this order will pass here this evening. Although none of the city employees from my ward have been hurt during this year, they were hurt a year ago, on account of political reasons, and the same thing happened in Wd. 8 this year, I understand. Whether the persons have been discharged for political reasons can be very easily found out by an investigation. For those reasons, Mr. President, I hope that this order will pass here this evening.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I wish to state that I hope that the motion to assign will not prevail, as a new member. Some of the members on the other side have suggested that the new members should have time to become acquainted with the purport of this order. I think there is no new member who is not acquainted with it. But I think there is one more reason why we should not vote to assign this order this evening. I think that I voice the sentiment of His Honor Mayor Quincy, when I ask that this order be not assigned. In his inaugural address he stated that he desired the Council to be a working party, and not a dilatory party, and I believe in following his suggestions, and think that we ought to take action upon this order tonight. I hope that assignment will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is on the assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I know Mr. Kasanof's reason for opposing assignment for one week. It is for the reason that he wishes the strategy board to take hold of this thing. (Applause and laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the councilmen to kindly refrain from personalities as much as possible, and also asks the Council to maintain order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I also desire to answer Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14. He speaks of my different actions this year from those last year. He says I was slow last year—that I made delays. Mr. President, I was slow. It took me three months to be recognized by the Chair. That wasn't my fault. Now, Mr. President, Mr. Mulcahy says that he is in favor of this investigation. I will make the prediction now that he will not vote for the investigation, and he knows it. Now, Mr. President, I think we have had enough talk upon this order. I am satisfied that assignment will not prevail. I do not believe the council will vote in favor of assigning it. We will vote to find out the reason for these discharges, and I am satisfied that we will find some pretty dirty linen in some places—especially if I have a chance. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the members to refrain from laughter and boisterous demonstrations.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I think that this matter has been discussed fully here tonight, and I most respectfully move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President—The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman please allow the Chair to state the question?

Mr. HICKEY—I am waiting for the Chair to put the question.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 has moved the previous question. The question is "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, the gentleman in the first division has stated that the members of the Council have had every opportunity to debate this question. Now, I have arisen in my place and attempted fifteen or sixteen times to secure the eye of the Chair but I failed—probably in consequence of my action on Inaugural Day. However, I am opposed to the passage of the order at this time, irrespective of what merit it may contain. It was a custom throughout last year to grant any member the courtesy of an assignment for one week when we asked it. I certainly hope that that courtesy will be granted to our last President of the Common Council, who made the motion.

Mr. HOGAN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, being one of the new members, I do think that we should be given some time to get acquainted with this measure. I want to find out something about it. I do not think we know enough about it now. I hope that assignment for one week will prevail, as I think that will give us ample time to look into the matter and will give us time to get acquainted with it.

The PRESIDENT—The question is "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President and members of the Council, I sincerely hope that this order will not be assigned or delayed in its passage. I appeal to the members of the Council. I appeal to the laboring men in their wards. If the laboring men in their constituency were loafing and looking around for bread and butter, I ask them if they would vote to have this order delayed a week? Laboring men in my district have been discharged, and they have no visible means of support. I ask the members of this Council whether, if they appeared here under the same conditions, they would vote to have an order of this kind assigned? Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will pass tonight without any further delay.

The motion for the previous question was put, and the main question was declared ordered. Mr. Kasanof of Wd. 9 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, and the Chair appointed the following gentlemen as tellers: In the first division, Messrs. Bennett and Linehan; in the second division, Messrs. Hibbard and Sullivan; in the third division, Messrs. Brauer and Bord-

man; in the fourth division, Messrs. Howard and McInerney.

The Council stood divided and the main question was declared ordered, 47 members voting in the affirmative, 18 in the negative.

The question came on giving the order a second reading, and the yeas and nays were ordered on motion of Mr. Kasanof of Wd. 9.

The order was ordered to a second reading, yeas 53, nays 13:—

Yeas—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrihan, Howard, Jordan, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—53.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Flynn, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Leonard, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Tobin—13.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Donahoe, Logan, MacDonald—4.

The order was read a second time.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I object to a second reading of the order under rule 6 of the Common Council, which provides that an order cannot have its second reading without a suspension of the rule. The rule has not been suspended.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is a little late in making his objection, the order already being ordered to a second reading by a yea and nay vote. The question now comes on the passage of the order.

The order was passed. Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to appoint the following committee under the order just passed: Messrs. Kiley of Wd. 8, Bennett of Wd. 5, Chamberlain of Wd. 12, Connolly of Wd. 17, Hibbard of Wd. 24, Linehan of Wd. 13, and Walker of Wd. 25. The Chair will request the committee to assemble in the President's room immediately after the adjournment of the meeting.

BADGES.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That a committee of three members of the Common Council be appointed to secure badges for the members of the Common Council; the expenses to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Common Council, and the price of the badges not to exceed seven dollars each.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned for one week. I know this is the routine order for the regulation decoration, and I am well aware that it is well and desirable for the members of the Council to have something to show on occasions to identify themselves as members of the city government. But I am not sure but what it can be done for a less sum than \$7 apiece, which amounts to more than \$500, and for my part I want to give the new members an opportunity to look into the matter to see whether they want to have \$7 apiece paid for these badges, or want something which will cost less money.

Mr. Klemm's motion to assign to the next meeting was lost.

The order was read a second time and passed.

COUNCIL RULES.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of five members of this council, be appointed to prepare and report a draft of the rules to govern the Common Council for the year 1899.

Passed.

## ENGINE HOUSE, NORFOLK STREET.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan a sum sufficient for the erection of an engine house, Norfolk street near Dorchester station.

Passed. Sent up.

## DRAWING OF SEATS.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Council now proceed to the choice of seats and that the first selection be allowed to Messrs. Nangle and Hibbard, in the order named, the remaining seats to be selected as usual.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection on the part of the members of the Council, the Chair will request that this order be laid over until the rest of the business of the Council is disposed of, so that the drawing of the seats may be done as the last business of the evening.

The order was laid over.

(See later in the meeting, under the same heading.)

## PAPER RULED OUT.

Mr. HICKEY arose with a paper to present, and, in sending it to the Chair, said:—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, in presenting that order, I desire to just preface it with a word or two.

The PRESIDENT—The reading of the order would naturally be the first thing in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, am I out of order?

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will kindly refrain from speaking until the order is read by the Clerk.

The CLERK—Mr. Hickey presents the following preamble and resolve:—  
City of Boston, Common Council,  
Jan. 5, 1899.

Whereas, it is charged that extraordinary and improper methods were resorted to

The President requested the Clerk to allow him to examine the order.

The PRESIDENT (after examination)—The Chair will rule the order out.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6—Mr. President, as a matter of courtesy to this Council, I ask that the order be read.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, Mr. President!

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President! The PRESIDENT—(Rap, rap, rap!) The Council will be in order.

Mr. BRADLEY—The Council is in order, Mr. President. I ask that—

The PRESIDENT—The Council will preserve order.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to offer an order.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8.

Mr. Cuddy sent an order to the Chair.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President!

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President!

Several other members also addressed the Chair. "Mr. President!"

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The gentleman from Wd. 8 has an order to present, and the Chair will request the members of the Council to be in order.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, I request that the order which you have ruled out be read tonight for information.

The PRESIDENT—(Rap, rap, rap!) The Council will be in order. Mr. Cuddy offers an order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, Mr. President!

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order regarding that order—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will be in order, or the City Messenger will be requested to remove him from the Chamber. Mr. Cuddy has offered an order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—(Rapping to order)

Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 has offered an order, the clerk will read:

The CLERK—"Ordered, that the Committee on"

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that I presented an order to the Chair, that the Chair ruled it out, and that the Chair prevented my speaking upon it, saying that I had no right to do so until it had been read.

The PRESIDENT—The order has been ruled out by the Chair. The Chair will request the gentleman to be in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, will the Chair please give me a reason for ruling so.

The CLERK—(Continuing reading Mr. Cuddy's order.) "Ordered, that the Committee on Ordinances be requested"

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, Mr. President!

The CLERK—"To report an amendment to the revised ordinances to provide that the Saturday half-holidays"

Mr. Bradley, Mr. Hickey and Mr. Mulcahy (addressing the Chair) Mr. President.

The CLERK (Continuing) "Shall be granted to all city employees, throughout the entire year, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston."

Several members addressed the Chair, amid laughter and applause in the galleries.

The PRESIDENT (rapping to order)—The Council will be in order. Spectators are kindly requested to cease levity and demonstrations of all kinds during the transaction of public business.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, may I ask at this time the ground on which you ruled my order out? I claim that I have the right to know the ground.

The PRESIDENT (rapping to order)—The Chair will request the City Messenger to enforce the rule of the Common Council.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—There is a question now before the Council, and when that question is disposed of the gentleman will have the liberty of speaking to a question of personal privilege.

Mr. HICKEY—That is satisfactory, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order offered by Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I request that that order be read for the information of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—It will be read for the information of the Council. The Clerk re-read the order offered by Mr. Cuddy, as follows:—

"Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report an amendment to the revised ordinances to provide that the Saturday half-holiday shall be granted to all city employees throughout the entire year, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for their services to the city of Boston."

The order was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

## A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I wish to speak to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state what his question of personal privilege is.

Mr. HICKEY—Having presented to this body an order which the Chair ruled out of order, but which I believe to be honestly legitimate, and the Chair having ruled that debate would not be allowed upon the order until it was read, I ask the Chair if he is afraid to have those preambles and resolutions read? I want to know, Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege and no more.

Mr. HICKEY—My question of personal privilege is that the Chair has no right to rule an order out without giving a specific ruling as to why it is out of order, and the Chair has not done that. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he considers the preambles and resolution offered by the gentleman from Wd. 2 as a serious reflection, not only upon the Chair, but upon the members of this Council, and he therefore has ruled, and ruled properly, that the order is out of order. (Applause and cheers.) The Council will be in order. The Chair awaits motions, orders and resolutions.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order, which was handed to the Clerk.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information.

Mr. McInerney's order, which was as follows, was read: Ordered, That the Board of Apportionment be requested to include in its first loan order a sum sufficient to establish a playground and open air gymnasium in Wd. 19.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 7.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Utica and Beach Sts. in Wd. 7; the expense of same to be charged to Lamp Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

NEW HEAD HOUSE—SOUTH FERRY.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take the necessary steps in order that work may be begun at once on the new head house at South Ferry, East Boston side.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVERPOOL ST.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have Liverpool St. kept free from snow and ice during the present winter season, in order that its usefulness as an alternative route for cars may not be impaired.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

WARD ROOM, WD. 18.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of \$40,000 for a new ward room, Wd. 18.

Passed. Sent up.

BATH-HOUSE, WD. 18.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of \$40,000 for a gymnasium and an all-the-year bathing house on the site of the present Cabot St. bath-house, Wd. 18.

Passed. Sent up.

REWARD FOR HEROISM.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to consider and report to this Council what action should be taken by the City Government to properly recognize the heroism of Neil J. Wallace of 354 Heath 2St., in saving children from drowning in Leverett Pond on Parkway, December 25, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, WARDS 18 AND 19.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an or-

der—That a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, be appointed to select a site for a playground for Wds. 18 and 19.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, in regard to that order, I desire to say that last year, we made several attempts to try to provide a playground for Wds. 18 and 19. There were present, clergymen in that section of different denominations, and several masters in the schools. We held a meeting at which I suppose there were some twenty or thirty persons. One claimed that Parker Hill might be a good place; one claimed that Madison Park would be a good place. There was objection raised to Madison Park by the master of the Sherman School, he claiming that Madison Park was a proper place for mothers and nurses to go with children. Others picked out a place on the Back Bay Fens. I thought—and I believe members of the Council who were at that meeting agree with me—that the proper place would be a place between Parker Hill, Halleck, Ward and Ruggles St. They agreed that that would be the best place to pick out for both wards—the nearest, handiest and best. They expected last year to get money enough for this playground. They waited upon His Honor the Mayor, and if I don't make a mistake, I think he attended one of the meetings in Paine Memorial Hall. Mr. Paine presided at that meeting. They all agreed that a playground was something required in that section. The people out there have been looking for a playground, to my knowledge, for some ten years. Six years ago, there was \$1000 appropriated and paid out of the treasury of the city of Boston for a playground for one year. They couldn't buy the site at that time, but they paid out a thousand dollars for it for that year, I believe, to the heirs of the Sewall-Day people.

Now, I believe if they can afford to pay out a thousand dollars in one year, that something further should be done in the line of obtaining a playground for that section at this time. The Mayor is desirous of having playgrounds all over the different sections of the City of Boston, explaining the matter fully to the Council in his inaugural address as one of the things he is in favor of. I know when I waited on him myself he was very much in favor of playgrounds, saying that they were beneficial to people all over the city. In offering the order to provide for committee I did intend, Mr. President, to also add some of the aldermen, but I believe it would be well to leave it to the alderman from our section, Ald. O'Toole. I believe he will take the proper action in the Board of Aldermen regarding this matter. I hope when the committee is appointed there will be some notice taken of it. I also hope attention will be paid to the order offered by my colleague Mr. McInerney, asking that some provision be made in this line by the Board of Apportionment. I have an order here that I intended to introduce to that effect, but as my colleague Mr. McInerney saw fit to get one in first I have no objection. I simply introduce this order to accomplish the desirable results in this direction, and I hope it will go before a proper committee to consider it.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I hope that order will be assigned, as I understand that the president is about to appoint a committee on playgrounds.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust the order will not be assigned, for the reason I gave in connection with the first order introduced here—that I desire to save time. Then, again, this is in my district. I wish to corroborate all that has been said by Councilman Nangle and also to inform this body and through the body or through the press, His Honor the Mayor, that the people of Roxbury demand a playground in either Wd. 18 or Wd. 19. It has been promised us from time immemorial. Mr.

President, the organization of which I have the honor to be secretary has a committee on playground for Wds. 18 and 19, of which committee my two colleagues and three members of last year's Council are members; and at the meeting the gentleman from Wd. 19 refers to two members of the House of Representatives from each ward, 18 and 19, and both aldermen from those wards were present. I have had citizens come to me urging that some action be taken in the way of providing a playground for those wards. The people of Roxbury have nothing. It is true that we have a bathhouse which is a great sight for blind people. (Laughter.) I cannot add much to what Councilman Nangle has said, except simply to reiterate that the people of Roxbury, in Wds. 18 and 19, demand recognition in this matter of a playground. We have no improvements whatsoever—nothing; and I tell you there will be a revolution, a political revolution in those two wards, unless we get something this year. I hope the order will not be assigned.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, in presenting my order I did so because I saw that something of the kind was necessary for the ward and section. As it stands now other sections of the city get what belongs to them. South Boston has its share; so have the North End, Charlestown and the West End. Roxbury is practically unknown. As I was told a short time ago, it is not on the map. The people of that section are beginning to wake up to the fact that they are going to have what they want. I must say we want this.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President—The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement, if the gentleman from Wd. 19 will pardon him at this time. The order asks that a special committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of providing a playground for Roxbury—Wds. 18 and 19. The Chair will state that he intended to have a committee on playgrounds appointed this year and that the subject matter of that order will be a proper subject for consideration by that committee, if the gentleman from Wd. 19 will be satisfied with that disposition of it. I would suggest that the order be referred to that committee. If the gentleman insists, however, on a special committee, thereby taking a step in the line of encumbering the Council with special committees, for which there is no necessity, the Chair will put the question on second reading of the order.

Mr. NANGLE—I understand you to say, Mr. President, that you intend to appoint a playground committee?

The PRESIDENT—I will state for the information of the gentleman that it was the intention of the Chair to have a committee on playgrounds appointed.

Mr. NANGLE—Well, Mr. President, the only feasible way to look at the matter is this. Nobody knows what the people of Wds. 18 and 19 desire as well as the people who live there. I, of course, don't want to be persistent at all in the matter, but I think it would be wise to appoint a committee to consider the question of a playground for that section, the committee to be appointed from that section. There are two wards to be provided for there. We don't ask a separate playground for each ward; and I think it would be wise for the members of that section to be appointed on that committee and allowed to pick out a site, because I think they could pick out a site more satisfactory to the people than one picked out by somebody else might be. As for my friend Bagley's request for assignment, I am surprised that he should ask for the assignment of an order of this kind. I am not asking for any money from the apportionment board at all. If there were any reason for assignment, I would be willing to have the matter assigned, but I think it would be well not to assign it, and I think also it would be wise

to appoint a committee from that section.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair if the Chair has an order ordering the appointment of a committee on playgrounds? The Chair made the statement that he was going to appoint a committee on playgrounds.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) that no such order has been submitted, but that His Honor the Mayor recommended in his inaugural address that a committee on public playgrounds be appointed by both branches of the City Council, and in accordance with that suggestion and in line with an act passed by the legislature of 1898, the Chair thought it might be a proper thing to appoint such a committee. The Chair makes that statement, and if the gentleman from Wd. 17 is satisfied with it the Chair will proceed to put the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 19 upon its second reading.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I desire to say that I believe it would be wise to pass that order, and I hope the members, out of courtesy to the people of my section, will see fit to vote for the order. I am not asking for any money at the present time, but simply for the appointment of the Committee, and I think it no more than right that the Committee should be appointed as outlined in my order as a matter of courtesy to that section.

The motion to assign was lost. The order was read a second time and passed.

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WD. 15.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of \$15,000 for a municipal building in Wd. 15.

Passed; sent up.

#### PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the City Treasurer be requested to pay the supervisors who served at the state election as soon as possible.

Referred to the Committee on Treasury Department, when appointed.

#### RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the standing and special committee of the Common Council, when appointed, be authorized to resume the consideration of the unfinished business referred to them by the last City Council.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 25.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate a suitable number of electric lights on Tremont St., Wd. 25, between Oak Sq. and the Newton line, to properly light the street.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTENSION OF BROOKS STREET.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to complete the extension of Brooks St., Wd. 25.

Passed. Sent up.

#### BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 submitted the following:

AN ORDINANCE to Establish the Building Construction Department.  
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section 1. The building Construction Department is hereby established and the same shall be under the charge of the Su-

perintendent of Building Construction, who shall execute all repairs and improvements on buildings or parts of buildings belonging to or hired by the city, whether used for city or county purposes, and all constructions of new buildings, except such constructions, repairs and improvements as are required by law to be made by contract, and such as can be made by the regular employees of the department or departments having the charge of the building or part of the building; said work shall include all work coming within any of the building trades or connected in any manner with the building trades, except electrical construction and electrical repair work, and the same shall be done by said Building Construction Department when requested by the officer in charge of such other department, such request in the case of new construction to be approved by the Mayor. Said Superintendent shall execute all such work by competent mechanics employed directly by him, and he shall purchase all the materials and supplies needed in connection with such work.

Sect. 2. The City Auditor at the close of each month shall transfer the amount of all bills allowed by him for materials furnished and work done by said Superintendent as aforesaid for another department to the appropriation for the Building Construction Department, to be used as a part of such appropriation.

Sect. 3. Said Superintendent shall be appointed annually by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, shall give a bond in the sum of three thousand dollars, and shall receive an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars.

Sect. 4. Section one, of chapter thirty-two, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fourth line thereof, the words "and repairs," and by striking out in the ninth and tenth lines thereof, the words "make all repairs and improvements, and."

The PRESIDENT—The ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I desire to know from the Chair at this time if he has a right to refer the said ordinance to that committee when the committee has not been appointed?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 14, that he believes he has the power to refer any matter to any committee before which he thinks it properly belongs; and as this is a matter affecting the ordinances of the city of Boston, he believes it is a matter that properly belongs to the Committee on Ordinances, and the Chair has therefore referred it to that committee, when appointed.

PARK, WD. 13.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Apportionment be and is hereby requested to include in their annual budget a sufficient sum to provide a small park in a central location in Wd. 13, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up.

CROSS WALKS, WD. 13.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a crosswalk from the foot of West Broadway to Broadway Extension, Wd. 13.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PRINTING OF MUNICIPAL REGISTER.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that they also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of

the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of all orders on the calendar, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, inasmuch as some of the orders on the calendar have already been acted upon so far as that motion is concerned, the Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 to divide his motion accordingly.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that motion has already been put, and that reconsideration has been refused.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of all business done by us up to this time, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state again that he will ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 to divide the question, inasmuch as a great many of the matters on the calendar have already been acted upon so far as reconsideration is concerned.

DRAWING OF SEATS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that we do now proceed to draw for seats.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that an order is before the Council for consideration in reference to the drawing of seats, and when all other matters are disposed of, the Chair will call that matter up. If there is no other business, the Clerk will read that order.

The Clerk read the order referred to which had been introduced by Mr. Brauer earlier in the meeting.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I move to amend that order by excepting Mr. Giblin of Wd. 13, giving him the third choice.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move to further amend the amendment by giving the fourth choice to the President of the Council in 1898, Mr. Connolly.

The question was put on the adoption of the amendments, and they were declared rejected. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was ordered, and the amendments were adopted, 43 members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative.

The order was passed, as amended.

Mr. Nangle chose seat No. 32, Mr. Hibbard seat No. 31, Mr. Giblin seat No. 12, and Mr. Connolly seat No. 33.

The President and City Messenger then proceeded with the drawing of the seats, with the following result:—

Seat No.—Armistead, 3; Atwood, 59; Badaracco, 41; Bagley, 66; Battis, 19; Bennett, 61; Bordman, 40; Bradley, 8; Brauer, 56; Brennan, 70; Broderick, 26; Carroll, 14; Casey, 23; Chamberlain, 51; Collins, 43; Cuddy, 16; Curley, 57; Doherty, 47; Donahoe, 2; Donovan, 74; Doyle, 30; Eddy, 10; Emery, 29; Fenton, 4; Flynn, 17; Gibbons, 33; Harvey, 58; Hickey, 64; Horrigan, 43; Howard, 35; Johnson, 63; Jordan, 11; Kasanof, 36; Kelley, 39; Kiernan, 47; Leftwich, 52; Leonard, 45; Linehan, 63; Logan, 29; Lorey, 5; Lydon, 71; MacDonald, 27; Madden, 21; Mansfield, 24; Martin, 60; McInerney, 15; MILDram, 46; Miller, 13; Moore, 1; Mulcahy, 50; Newhall, 62; O'Brien, 42; Peck, 9; Rice, 35; Roemer, 34; Rolland, 25; Sanderson, 54; Simpson, 73; Stevens, 72; Stockton, 23; Stone, 37; Sullivan, 41; Sweeney, 49; Tobin, 63; Turnbull, 22; Walker, 7; Watson, 6; Wells, 69; Winsloe, 18; Wood, 65.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Casey of Wd. 18, at 9:47 P.M., to meet on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:45 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 9, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last two meetings.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor, Mayor Quincy, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:-

- (1) John F. Donovan, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.
- (2) James H. Cleaves, an Inspector of Petroleum and Its Products for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. Colby presented the petition of Cotting & Welch, for leave to locate basement floor at grade 10 ft. 3 in., and boiler room floor at grade 2 of building on South, Essex and Tufts Sts.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to suspend all rules, and leave was granted to the petitioners, on the usual conditions.

Ald. Dixon presented two petitions that permits be granted to children under 15 years of age to appear at theatres, viz.:-  
 Monroe H. Rosenfeld, for permit for Fred Curran to appear at Grand Theatre for week beginning Jan. 9, 1899.

A. L. Griffin, manager, for permit for Charles Eggleston to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for the week beginning Jan. 9, 1899.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Dixon, to suspend all rules, and the permits were severally granted, on the usual conditions.

Ald. Doyle presented the petition of William Shitzki, for leave to project a clock sign at 36 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Doyle, to suspend the rules, and leave was granted to the petitioner, upon the usual conditions.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Aid.)

Peter Pastene, for leave to excavate the cellar bottom of building No. 69-71 Fulton St., Wd. 6, at grade 8 feet 9 inches.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Samuel H. Goldstein, two pawn-broker's signs, at 2020 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Lawrence W. Lunt, a sign, at 1177 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Thomas J. Shanny, an illuminated sign, at 1 Green St., Wd. 8.

John Violett's, a flag sign, at 1222 Washington St., Wd.

Bessie Hirshon, a sign, at 85 Joy St., Wd. 11.

John F. Ketterer & Co., illuminated sign, 168-170 Canal St.

William J. Logan & Co., illuminated sign, 40 Province St., Wd. 7.

Grove & Flynn, sign, 45 Bristol St., Wd. 9.

Claims.

Annie V. Connell, for payment to Dennis B. Connell of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Temple St., W. R.

John H. Proctor, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Elmira St.

County Accounts.

Proprietors of the Social Law Library, to be granted the sum of \$100 for the uses of said library.

Licenses.

Rev. J. N. Supple, for license for dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at St. Francis Parochial Hall, Bunker Hill St., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

Public Improvements.

Peter Pastene, for leave to construct area under the sidewalk at 69-71 Fulton St., Wd. 6.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 1 to 7, inclusive, and that the same be read by their titles, viz.:-

(1) Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to complete the extension of Brooks St., Wd. 25.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and are hereby requested to include in their annual budget a sufficient sum to provide a small park in a central location in Wd. 13, South Boston.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for a municipal building in Wd. 15.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of forty thousand (40,000) dollars for a gymnasium and an all-year bathing-house on the site of the present Cabot St. bath-house, Wd. 18.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of forty thousand (40,000) dollars for a new ward-room, Wd. 18.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in its first loan order a sum sufficient to establish a playground and open air gymnasium in Wd. 19.

7. Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan a sum sufficient for the erection of an engine-house on Norfolk St., near Dorchester station.

Severally referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

8. Ordered, that the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the joint special committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that they also prepare a pocket edition of the Rules and Orders, and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Referred to the Committee on Printing, when appointed, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

RELOCATION OF TRACKS, DEWEY SQUARE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 9, unfinished business, viz:

9. Ordered, That the West End Street Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to relocate their tracks on Dewey Sq., in such a manner as to eliminate the sharp curves now existing there; said curves being a great detriment and delay to public travel, both for passengers and vehicles.

Passed.

## ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

The following was received:—

Office of City Clerk, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 6, 1899.

To the Honorable City Council:—

I respectfully inform you that John T. Priest has been duly appointed and qualified as Assistant City Clerk for the current municipal year, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Attest: J. M. Galvin, City Clerk.  
Sent down.

## ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting the 159th, 160th and 161st locations granted to them by the Board of Aldermen, and approved by the Mayor, and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein. Severally placed on file.

## CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Horace Dennie, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received by the Board. Approved by the Board.

## AMUSEMENT REGULATION.

The Chairman submitted the following:—  
City of Boston, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. A regulation to amend Chapter Three of the Revised Regulations of 1898.

Be it ordered, etc.:—  
Chapter three of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended in section one by striking out of said section the word "August," and inserting the word "January" in place thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

## USE OF SAMMET HALL FOR WHIST PARTY.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to allow the use of Sammet Hall, Boylston Station, Wd. 22, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, for a whist party, on the evening of January 31, 1899; waiving the usual fee.

Passed. Sent down.

## WIDENING HANCOCK ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to submit, through His Honor the Mayor, an estimate of the cost of widening Hancock St., Dorchester, Wd. 20, from Columbia Road to Freeport St., to a width of eighty feet.

Passed.

## WIDENING OF DUDLEY ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan a sum sufficient for the widening of Dudley St., at Upham's Corner and Columbia Road.

Passed.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That Monday of each week, at three o'clock P. M., be the day and hour on which the regular meetings of this Board shall be held, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

## LIGHTS FOR NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a suitable number of electric lights on the area reserved for skating on Neponset Playground.

Passed.

## REMOVAL OF DEAD TREE, SARATOGA ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate No. 130 Saratoga St., East Boston, Wd. 1; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## METHODS OF COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

A communication was read from the Collecting Department, addressed to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, concerning the methods of conducting the business of the department.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## VACANCY IN 13TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

Notification was received from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of a vacancy in the 13th Representative District, caused by the death of Representative-elect James T. Mahony, Jr.

In connection with the above, Chairman Barry offered an order—That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of Wd. 13, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling places in said ward designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of February next, for the election of a Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said meeting will be opened at six o'clock A.M., and closed at four o'clock P. M.

Passed.

## PURCHASE OF PAINTING, "BOSTON MASSACRE."

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to purchase the oil painting "Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770" and have the same hung in Faneuil Hall, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is hereby requested to provide a sum sufficient for said purchase.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## BADGES FOR ALDERMEN.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the City Clerk be directed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Board of Aldermen; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

## FINANCE MATTERS REFERRED TO BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That all matters in the files of the Committee on Finance be referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed. Sent down.

## CLOCK POST, 40 WARREN ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John T. Kennedy to erect, maintain, and use a post with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of the estate No. 40 Warren St., Wd. 17, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Passed.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 3:27 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:34 P.M.

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.**

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:—

Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen—Ald. McDonald, Colby and Doyle.

Public Improvements—The whole Board, Ald. O'Toole as Chairman.

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**ABATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the City Collector be authorized to accept \$1 in full for assessment charges against the Home for Destitute Catholic Children in Boston, levied for street watering, said charges amounting to \$35 04.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

**CHARLES RIVER BRIDGE, RECREATION PIERS.**

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting on the expediency of retaining as much as possible of the Charles River Bridge, when abandoned, for the purpose of recreation piers.

Passed.

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**NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, CHARLESTOWN.**

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to provide a new public library building for the Charlestown District, including cost of land for same.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adjourned at 4:37 P.M., on motion of Ald. Presho, to meet on Monday, January 16, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, January 12, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the Chair.

## QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,  
City Messenger Department, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 9, 1899.  
Joseph O'Kane, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council, City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—Messrs. Thomas J. Collins and Samuel H. Mildram, members of the Common Council of this city for the year 1899, qualified before me on Thursday, January 5, 1899. Yours very respectfully,

Charles D. Murphy,  
Justice of the Peace,  
Office of the City Clerk, City of Boston,  
City Hall, January 9, 1899.

To the Honorable the Common Council:—

I respectfully inform you that Frank S. Atwood was duly qualified by me this day as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 16, for the current municipal year.

Attest: John T. Priest, Ass't City Clerk and Justice of the Peace.

In connection with the above, Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered the following order—That the Board of Aldermen be hereby notified that Thomas J. Collins and Samuel H. Mildram were qualified as members of the Common Council on January 5, 1899; also that Frank S. Atwood was qualified as a member of said council on January 9, 1899.

The communications were severally placed on file and the order passed. Sent up.

## COMMUNICATION FROM PAINTERS AND DECORATORS UNION.

A communication was received from Union No. 11, Painters and Decorators of America, in favor of the passage of an ordinance for the establishment of a city department to be known as the Building Construction Department, and that all repairs on public buildings be done by said department.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances when appointed.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Notice of the appointment and qualification of John T. Priest as Assistant City Clerk.

Placed on file.

2. Ordered, That all matters in the files of the Committee on Finance be referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be instructed to allow the use of Sammet Hall, Boylston Station, Wd. 22, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, for a whist party, on the evening of January 31, 1899, waiving the usual fee.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the City Collector be authorized to accept one dollar in full for assessment charges against the Home for Destitute Catholic Children in Boston, levied for street watering; said charges amounting to thirty-five dollars and four cents (\$35.04).

Passed in concurrence.

## ADOPTION OF RULES AND ORDERS.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an or-

der—That the rules and orders of the Common Council of 1898 be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Common Council, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

## EXPENSES OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. ARMISTEAD offered an order—That the office expenses of the clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

## PAYMENT TO VETERANS OF LATE WAR.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay all city employees who enlisted in the army or navy, during the late war with Spain, the amounts of compensation they would have received had they remained in the service of the city during the period of said war.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of privilege.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, in the Boston Traveler on Wednesday evening, there appeared an article written by one John Drohan, in which statements are made concerning me which are false—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to desist just a moment before beginning his remarks, and to kindly state to the floor his question of privilege.

Mr. WATSON—An attack upon me, Mr. President, by the Boston Traveler.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, an article appeared in the Boston Traveler written by one John Drohan, in which, statements are made concerning me that are absolutely false, and in which the official records of this body are deliberately misquoted.

This Drohan, who has run the gauntlet of Boston journalism, and who was, in the nick of time, taken under the protection of Josiah Quincy, is an official of the city, paid to do certain work for the city, and paid more than he ever earned before in his whole life, even when he was running a saloon in South Boston and attacking Democratic leaders, from Josiah Quincy, up.

Never before, since the Public Buildings Department of the city was established, was it in such a corrupt and inefficient condition as it is at the present time; and that is due to the fact that the nominal head of this department is busily engaged in writing slanderous attacks upon members of this government who are mentally, morally and politically his superiors.

I protest, as a member of the City Council, against permitting this notorious political turncoat and informer, paid to do certain work as well as his peculiar limitations will permit, to attack reputable members of this body, and I hope that the Mayor will take measures to see that said Drohan is, hereafter, compelled to confine his writing to observations upon his experiences in tenderloin bar-rooms after dark.

Mr. President, the Boston Traveler misquoted me in very large type. It says, "James A. Watson, of Wd. 18, rose in his place and said 'I have been offered everything from a house to a dog to vote for one or the other of the candidates.'" One-half of that quotation, Mr. President, is manufactured, is a deliberate lie. I did say I was offered everything from a house to a dog in this matter, and I want to say

to the Boston Traveler and to Mr. Drohan that it was not the friends of the President of this body of whom I spoke. The house was offered to me by Connolly and his friends, and the dog likewise, although it may sound like a joke. The article goes on to state, Mr. President, that I changed my mind from Saturday to Monday, that I was for Connolly on Saturday, if I was for Connolly on Saturday, why was it necessary for the Mayor of Boston to send for me early Monday morning and offer me all kinds of inducements, and to speak of my political future, which he never cared for? (Laughter and applause.) Mr. President, the Mayor of Boston asked me to go home sick, in order to dodge a vote that I had promised to give. I told him that I was obliged to vote for Mr. Kiley on Monday, because John B. Moran asked me to do so, and I am his friend. The man on whose account I voted for the President of this Council is my best friend on earth; and if an investigation ever comes—and I hope it will come—as to the methods of electing the President of this body, the Boston machine will be a dead body. (Applause and hisses.) I court an investigation of my vote. I said on inauguration day that my vote would be for ability, and my proof lies in the Chair of this year. The Chair of last year made a mess of it from start to finish, and, now that he has been fairly defeated, they cry like a lot of children. (Hisses in the galleries.)

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that if demonstrations such as have occurred are continued in the galleries, the galleries will be cleared. The gentleman will now state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, my point of order is simply this, that the gentleman in the First Division was given the floor for the purpose of answering a personal attack upon himself in the Boston Traveler, and he has now gone out of his way to make a personal attack, an onslaught, on the gentleman who was president of this body last year. I object to that.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as he believes that the gentlemen, speaking on an attack made on him in the Boston Traveler is justified, so far as the Chair can see, in using the language he has used so far. The gentleman from Wd. 18.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, the Traveler, I reiterate, wants to know why I changed my mind from Saturday to Monday. Perhaps for the same reason that Editor Wardner changed his mind in Dedham jail. (Laughter.) I have said about all I can say. I do want to say, however, that I court an investigation, and I know where the stone will hit.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I also rise to a question of personal privilege. My question of personal privilege is that my right as a member of this body has been infringed upon, and I also wish to reply to the statements made in last Monday's edition of the Boston Traveler in regard to my vote on inauguration day.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I desire to say that I did vote for Mr. Kiley on inauguration day, and I wish also to state that I am proud that I did vote for Mr. Kiley. I am proud that I had the courage of my convictions on inauguration day. I also wish to state that if the gentleman who wrote that article in the Boston Traveler does not retract it, I will attend to his case later on. Mr. President, I also wish to state, as the article in the Traveler says, that I gave my word of honor to the democratic leaders at a conference in the Parker House, Mr. President, that it is true that I went to the Parker House on Sunday night before inauguration day with

Councilman Bradley of Wd. 6 and a brother of Congressman Fitzgerald's, who came to my house at 11 o'clock at night on the Sunday previous to inauguration and took me away in a hack. Nobody knew where I was going. I did not know myself. I wish to state right here that I hope they will have an investigation of the methods used by the gentlemen who elected Mr. Kiley. I am sure that if such an investigation is had, the citizens of Boston will be surprised at some of the methods that the so-called democratic leaders of this city adopted to compel the members of this body to vote for Mr. Connolly. I am sure that in the Parker House I did not know what was to become of me. I remembered the time when, but a short while ago, the dearest friend that I ever had in the world went to attend one of those meetings—and you know the result! I refer to the recent leader in Wd. 3. I didn't know but what the same thing would happen to me. I never was in such a party of confidence men in my life as I was in that night in the Parker House. I never bought a gold brick until I went there. They offered me \$50 for my vote, if I would vote for Mr. Connolly for President. If they want an investigation, let them have it. We will show the methods that the Democratic leaders used to try to get votes for Mr. Connolly. I am proud, Mr. President, that I had the courage of my convictions, and that I voted for a man for President of this Council also this year who will be a credit to this Council, and not a disgrace, as the gentleman who presided over this body last year. (Uproar in the Council.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 3 to kindly refrain from personal allusions.

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I most sincerely hope that an investigation will be had, and that the people of Boston will have an opportunity to see the methods used by the democratic organization to get the votes of the democratic members of this body for Mr. Connolly.

#### WD. 17 WARDROOM, GRADING OF GROUNDS.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan the sum of \$3000 for the grading of the grounds around the wardroom in Wd. 17.

Passed. Sent up.

#### PAVING OF NORFOLK AVE.

Mr. BRENNAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan the sum of \$15,000 for the completion of the paving of Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17.

Passed. Sent up.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be hereby notified that the Common Council has organized by the choice of Daniel J. Kiley as President and Joseph O'Kane as Clerk.

Passed.

#### SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL.

Mr. LOGAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a monument to be dedicated to those citizens of Boston who died in the military and naval service of the United States during the late war.

Passed. Sent up.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to make no contracts for city work with other than citizens of Boston, and to

see that a provision is inserted in each contract that none but citizens of Boston shall be employed as laborers at a rate of compensation of not less than \$2.00 a day, at eight hours per day.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

STEPS, MEAD STREET.

Mr. TURNBULL of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of \$15,000 for steps on Mead St., Wd. 4.

Passed. Sent up.

LABORERS' UNIFORMS.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:—

Resolved: That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be hereby notified that it is the opinion of the Common Council that it is inexpedient and to the detriment of the Park Department to oblige the wearing of uniforms by the laborers employed in said department.

Referred to the Committee on Park Department, when appointed.

INFORMATION REGARDING SUB-FOREMEN.

Mr. WATSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council at his earliest convenience how many men are acting as sub-foremen in the various divisions of the Street Department at a rate of compensation of \$2.00 a day; also how many men are acting as sub-foremen who have not passed the civil service requirements.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS.

The President appointed the following persons to act permanently as tellers:—

In the First Division: Messrs. Giblin of Wd. 15 and Armistead of Wd. 11.

In the Second Division: Messrs. Logan of Wd. 14 and Howard of Wd. 20.

In the Third Division: Messrs. Nangle of Wd. 19 and Simpson of Wd. 1.

In the Fourth Division: Messrs. Cuddy of Wd. 8 and Battis of Wd. 1.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY TO COUNCILMAN CURLEY.

Mr. WATSON offered the following:—

Resolved, That the sympathy of the members of the Common Council be and the same hereby is extended to our associate, Councilman John J. Curley, on account of the great bereavement which has befallen him in the death of his respected mother.

Passed by a unanimous rising vote.

NEW BRIDGE, MEDWAY ST.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the construction of a new bridge across the Shawmut branch of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. on Medway St., Wd. 24.

Passed. Sent up.

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, my question of privilege is that I have been attacked personally on the floor of this body.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 arose to a question of personal privilege, and in that question of personal privilege he attacked me and my friends, stating that I had given an offer to him of a house. That statement is a deliberate lie, and he knows it.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will kindly refrain from personal allusions of the character which he has just made when speaking of another member of the council. The Chair remembers, if he remembers correctly, that the gentleman to whom he refers said the house was offered by another person, and not by the gentleman from Wd. 17. The gentleman from Wd. 17 will proceed.

Mr. CONNOLLY—The Chair misunderstood the gentleman from Wd. 18, if that is the case. I understand that the gentleman from Wd. 18 said that I offered him the house; but I state here that I have offered Mr. Watson neither a house, a dog, or even a committee of the Common Council, for his vote; but Mr. Watson did come to me and state that if it was necessary he would cast his vote for me—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will once more state to the gentleman from Wd. 17 that he must insist upon the rules of the Common Council being carried out. It is beneath the dignity of this body to violate parliamentary practice in the manner in which it is being done by the gentleman from Wd. 17. The Chair will once more call the gentleman's attention to the fact that the rules of the Common Council specifically state that personalities must not be indulged in.

Mr. CONNOLLY—The gentleman will bow to the rules of the parliamentary chair, but he believes that he has been assailed from the floor of this council by Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, and that being so, I have the right to answer Mr. Watson of Wd. 18.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed, without using names, if possible.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. Watson used my name, and the Chair did not correct Mr. Watson; therefore I demand the floor. (Applause in the galleries.)

The PRESIDENT—Once more I desire to remind those in the gallery that if demonstrations are continued, the gallery will be cleared.

Mr. CONNOLLY—And further, I did not make use of money or anything else in the movement to elect me to the presidency of the Common Council. I served as a democrat in the Common Council last year, and I was elected this year as a democrat. I am not a sorehead, and I have endeavored to keep out of this matter as much as possible. I did not say anything at the last meeting of the Council, and I did not intend to say anything tonight; but when such men as Mr. Watson and Mr. Horrigan get up in this Council and make the statements which they have, I throw back to them the words they have said against me and my character. I believe their constituents will look after them, and they know the kind of men they are. My character is such that I can go to my ward at any time and feel that the citizens of my district will stand behind me. I never look to such men as Watson and Horrigan to vouch for my character, and I never will. When I have to, I will resign from politics altogether. I thank you, gentlemen of the Council.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

Several members addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. Motions, orders and resolutions.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to request the Chair to ask the official stenographer to read my remarks, or such

of them as refer to the dog and the house; and, Mr. President, I further wish to say that Mr. Connolly did meet me in the corridor, and I said to him: "If my vote will be the turning vote, I will vote for you"—and it was a jolly I gave him. (Laughter). Mr. President, I ask that the stenographer read my remarks. I said Mr. Connolly's friends, and not the president himself, offered me those things. I ask that my remarks be read, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 17.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the stenographer who took down his remarks has since left the chamber, and he will ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 to kindly withdraw that request, as he believes there is no necessity for it at this time.

Mr. WATSON—I will, Mr. President.

#### CITY BINDERY.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to this body an estimate of the probable cost of the establishment of a bindery in connection with the present Municipal Printing Plant.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDERS AND RESOLVES.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Common Council, Rules and Orders, when appointed, be requested to devise such a change in the rules as will provide for a more systematic method than the one now in use for the introduction of orders and resolves by members of this body.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

Mr. BRODERICK of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in its first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of purchasing land and constructing fire engine house at Forest Hills, Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent up.

#### PLAN OF COUNCIL SEATS.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the City Messenger be requested to prepare a plan of the seats of the members of the Common Council for the year 1899, and to cause the usual number of copies to be printed, and that no change in the seats be allowed after Thursday, January 19, 1899; the expense of printing the same to be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund, Common Council, when made.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### LIGHTS UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGES.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate and maintain electric lights under the bridges of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, from Ruggles St. to Old Heath St., Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has just entertained an order from the gentleman from Wd. 19, and if the gentleman from Wd. 2 will refrain until the orders are read, he will then be allowed to rise to a question of personal privilege.

Mr. HICKEY—I will, Mr. President.

#### PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Ap-

portionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$100,000 for a playground for Wds. 18 and 19.

Passed. Sent up.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to improve the buildings now used for kindergarten purposes in Wd. 19; also to provide two additional kindergarten schools for the children of said ward.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses, when appointed.

#### WARD ROOM FOR GYMNASIUM PURPOSES.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish the Common Council with his opinion as to the feasibility of utilizing the ward room in Wd. 19 as a gymnasium when the same is not required for the usual ward purposes.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, PARKER HILL.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Council as to the advisability of providing a new engine house and apparatus in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Several members addressed the Chair, and Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13 was recognized, and sent an order to the Chair.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—Under the rules of the Council it is courtesy on the part of the Chair, as I understand it, to give recognition to a gentleman who seeks the floor at various times. Now, Mr. President, I have risen here three or four different times since you have been making the rounds of this body, myself and the gentleman behind me from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey), and the gentleman in front of me from Wd. 9 (Mr. Kasanof).

The PRESIDENT (rapping to order)—The Chair will ask the gentleman to state his point of order and no more. The Chair has entertained an order from the gentleman from Wd. 13.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege, and I demand being heard.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk will read the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 13.

The CLERK (reading)—Ordered, That—Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I have been sent here by the people of Wd. 2, and I was sent here for a purpose.

The Clerk (continuing reading)—"The School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor,"

A number of members addressed the Chair.

Mr. HICKEY—I demand, Mr. President, recognition from you on this floor.

The PRESIDENT—There is an order before the body, and the gentlemen of the Council will preserve order.

The CLERK (continuing reading)—"be requested to take"

A number of members addressed the Chair "Mr. President! Mr. President!"

The PRESIDENT (rapping to order)—The Council will preserve order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I demand some recognition for the 1300 people who voted for me at the caucus.

A number of members addressed the Chair "Mr. President!"

The PRESIDENT—There is an order before the body.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I demand recognition—

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will preserve order or the Chair will direct the City Messenger to remove him from the Chamber.

Mr. HICKEY—I defy you to do so, Mr. President. I demand recognition for the 2500 men who voted for me at the polls on election day. I demand the right of free speech in the Council Chamber of Boston.

The PRESIDENT (rapping to order)—If the gentleman does not preserve order he will be removed from the body by the City Messenger.

The Chair will ask the Clerk to read the order before the body.

The CLERK (reading)—“Ordered; That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor”—

A number of members addressed the Chair “Mr. President!”

Mr. HICKEY—Having been duly elected to this body, I defy you to remove me. (Uproar in the chamber.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The City Messenger will do his duty.

(The City Messenger approached Mr. Hickey.)

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, as a democrat, as a member of this body, I stand here and defy you to remove me. (Applause and hisses.)

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk will read the order.

The CLERK (continuing reading)—“be requested to take immediate steps to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather Schoolhouse in Wd. 13, South Boston.”

A number of members addressed the Chair—“Mr. President!”

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, Mr. President, I demand recognition on the floor of this body.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move that the City Messenger be instructed to remove the gentleman from the Chamber.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Watson moves that the City Messenger be directed to do his duty. Those in favor say “Aye” (a number of affirmative responses); those opposed “No” (a number of negative responses). It is a vote, and the City Messenger will do his duty.

Fifteen or sixteen members addressed the Chair “Mr. President! Mr. President!”

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I move that we adjourn. (Several voices: “Second the motion!”)

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I move that we adjourn.

A number of members addressed the Chair.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I ask for a rising vote on that.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I move that we adjourn.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I demand recognition on the floor of this body. The City Messenger will use force if he removes me from this Council Chamber. The City Messenger will use force if he removes me from this Council Chamber tonight. I am here to speak for the men whom I represent in Wd. 2.

Several members addressed the body “Mr. President!”

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, Mr. President.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move that we do now adjourn.

Several members—“Second the motion!”

The PRESIDENT—It is moved and seconded that the Council do now adjourn. All those in favor of the motion will say “Aye” (a number of affirmative responses); all opposed will say “no” (a number of negative responses), and the Council stands adjourned to next Thursday at 7:45 P.M.

Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Jan. 16, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, of the Acts of 1894, as follows:—

Nine Petit Jurors, U. S. District Court, December term, 1898:—

George Strong, Wd. 11; John B. Whelton, Wd. 19; Harry M. Hart, Wd. 14; Michael H. Howe, Wd. 15; William B. Morse, Wd. 24; Walter H. Brown, Wd. 24; Willard O. Dalton, Wd. 1; Thomas Horrigan, Wd. 25; Michael F. Boyle, Wd. 8.

One Hundred and Thirty-five Traverse Jurors, Superior Criminal Court, February sitting:—

Henry Peckerman, Wd. 22; James H. Carney, Wd. 21; Albert Sawyer, Wd. 5; John W. Magrath, Wd. 5; William G. Rose, Wd. 7; Walter J. Burns, Wd. 21; William W. Cunningham, Wd. 13; Harry M. Wright, Wd. 10; Elisha J. Wheaton, Wd. 10; Moses C. Plummer, Wd. 12; John J. O'Brien, Wd. 9; Adrien Rutishauser, Jr., Wd. 13; George H. Collyer, Wd. 20; Edward Williams, Wd. 17; Lewis P. Goss, Wd. 9; Timothy J. Dillon, Wd. 22; James O. Jordan, Wd. 20; Edwin S. Cabot, Wd. 8; David Connery, Wd. 21; John W. Kirkpatrick, Wd. 24; Jeremiah B. Seammon, Wd. 17; Albion Sanborn, Wd. 15; Charles O. Burrell, Wd. 17; John F. Greenleaf, Wd. 2; Henry H. McDonough, Wd. 1; John J. Crowley, Wd. 24; James J. Lee, Wd. 12; William H. Keller, Wd. 12; Dennis J. Lenehan, Wd. 16; Frank W. Stimson, Wd. 22; Frank H. Glover, Wd. 24; Clarence M. Reed, Wd. 12; William H. Simonds, Wd. 12; John E. Meehan, Wd. 13; David Strachan, Wd. 25; William H. Richardson, Wd. 2; George R. Crawford, Wd. 10; Frank Hill, Wd. 12; Dennis H. Quirk, Wd. 4; Joseph E. Frisbee, Wd. 9; Everett J. Timmins, Wd. 9; William L. Terhune, Wd. 20; Garode F. Joyce, Wd. 5; Thomas H. Cunningham, Wd. 1; Joseph B. Gould, Wd. 22; Walter R. Morse, Wd. 20; Elbridge F. Andrews, Wd. 9; George Bruns, Wd. 9; Newell P. Choate, Wd. 1; Burnett Lewis, Wd. 6; James R. Flanagan, Wd. 7; Thomas C. Newell, Wd. 20; William L. Smart, Wd. 20; Robert M. Higgins, Wd. 24; William E. Smith, Wd. 10; Francis J. Gerraughty, Wd. 9; James Connor, Wd. 10; William H. Stalker, Wd. 1; Maurice A. Galvin, Wd. 2; Cornelius J. Crowley, Wd. 17; Joseph E. Ryan, Wd. 9; Benjamin M. Lincoln, Wd. 18; William H. Quincy, Wd. 23; Edward B. Hoyt, Wd. 19; George E. Robinson, Wd. 12; Cortes H. Dwyer, Wd. 19; Daniel E. Bryan, Wd. 14; Charles A. Bates, Wd. 7; Edwin A. Reynolds, Wd. 19; Harris M. Stevenson, Wd. 22; Harry C. Grafton, Wd. 20; John T. Kimball, Wd. 20; John J. Norton, Wd. 14; James T. Roche, Wd. 5; James W. Longstreet, Wd. 19; Robert A. Coleman, Wd. 8; Edward J. McMulkin, Wd. 12; Alfred Johnson, Wd. 5; Thomas F. Meaney, Wd. 15; Robert D. Smith, Wd. 15; Frederick W. Bourne, Wd. 1; Frank H. Scannell, Wd. 18; Daniel C. Pierce, Wd. 23; John B. Walker, Wd. 16; Stephen Gale, Wd. 17; Francis A. Blackmer, Wd. 12; Emery H. White, Wd. 7; James T. Walte, Wd. 15; John E. Lander, Wd. 16; Timothy J. Healy, Wd. 1; James T.

Ball, Wd. 10; Albert F. Gue, Wd. 10; Henry Powers, Wd. 8; Dennis A. Doherty, Wd. 4; John B. Keeney, Wd. 7; Cornelius W. Reddy, Wd. 18; Henry S. Worrall, Wd. 21; John A. Armstrong, Wd. 8; Daniel E. Lynch, Wd. 16; Henry Hurd, Wd. 2; Wilbur Goodwin, Wd. 1; Henry A. Ackroff, Wd. 19; Seth S. Doane, Wd. 8; Israel F. Crafts, Wd. 4; Leonard M. Cummings, Wd. 24; George W. Briscoe, Wd. 18; Lyman C. Batchelder, Wd. 20; William A. Dresser, Wd. 10; James Scott, Wd. 12; James Edward Dingley, Wd. 21; Francis H. Sullens, Wd. 21; Charles H. Welch, Wd. 16; William A. Armstrong, Wd. 14; John H. Cullen, Wd. 15; Thomas P. E. Reilly, Wd. 3; Gustavus F. Alden, Wd. 17; Hollis L. Packard, Wd. 20; James W. Robertson, Wd. 14; Joseph D. Wood, Wd. 21; Ambruse E. Kelly, Wd. 17; Allen J. Proctor, Wd. 6; George W. Cashman, Wd. 1; Joseph Gladbach, Wd. 19; George H. Allen, Wd. 5; James L. Kingston, Wd. 21; Edward H. Gilday, Wd. 1; Theodore Leutz, Wd. 15; Charles H. Homan, Wd. 23; William H. Kitching, Wd. 21; Charles W. Trainer, Wd. 10; William H. Mahoney, Wd. 1; John D. Blen, Wd. 8; Benjamin F. Levy, Wd. 12; George H. Chapin, Wd. 9; Charles J. Doherty, Wd. 6.

## USE OF WARD ROOMS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 16, 1899.

To the City Council:—

In view of the growth of the practice of requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings to grant the use of various ward rooms without charge, and of the inability of the Public Buildings Department to meet such expenses out of its regular appropriation, I feel obliged to give formal notice to the City Council that it will be impossible to grant such requests in the future. The practice of granting the use of Faneuil Hall, waiving the fee, had been growing, but until the last few months it had never been the practice, I believe, to grant the use of ward rooms without expense. Every time a ward room is used it imposes a material expense on the department for lighting, heating and cleaning, and as the department has no funds for this purpose it becomes necessary to terminate this practice before it grows to larger dimensions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 16, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Henry L. Plummer a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1901, to take the place of Frederick W. Day, resigned.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## APPROPRIATION FOR WIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully transmit under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said Act. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, Jan. 12, 1899.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation to pay the expenses incurred in

carrying on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Jan. 12, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

Passed.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR WIRE DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 12, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I respectfully transmit under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under said Act.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 12, 1899.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the Wire Department to enable it to carry on the work devolved upon it by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Jan. 12, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be appropriated to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order this day passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said Act.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 11, 1899.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

I respectfully request the Board to prepare and pass an order making an appropriation for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Jan. 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

#### RELOCATION OF WATER PIPE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 16, 1899.

To the City Council:—

At the request of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, I hereby recommend the passage of the order transmitted herewith, together with explanatory plan, providing for the relocation of a water pipe in E St., South Boston. This action is made necessary through the desire of this Board to change a contemplated laying out of land belonging to the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whereby the city shall release the right to maintain its water pipes in E St., South Boston, as heretofore located, from Fargo St. to Summer St., and any other rights which it may have in said portion of E St., as heretofore located, in consideration that the said Commonwealth shall fill to the grade of sixteen feet above mean low water a proposed extension of said E St. from Fargo St. to Summer St., as shown on a plan of said proposed extension, dated December 28, 1898, signed by Frank W. Hodgdon, Engineer Harbor and Land Commissioners, and hereto attached; shall grant to the city the right to lay and maintain its water pipes in said proposed extension of E St., as shown on said plan, and shall pay to the city the reasonable cost of removing said water pipes from their present location and relaying them in the new location to be provided as aforesaid.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### VETO—ABATEMENT OF STREET WATERING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 16, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the City Collector to accept one dollar in full payment for the assessment for street watering levied against the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, for the reason that any such order passed by the City Council has, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, no legal effect.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

**LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.**

Ald. BERWIN presented the following petitions and moved that the rules be suspended and that leave be granted on the same, viz:

Lewis & Co., for permission to project cloth and wood signs on building 147 Washington St., 50 Brattle St., and 1-5 Cornhill.

E. E. Gray & Co., for permission to erect a permanent awning on buildings 132-6 Blackstone St. and 152-6 Hanover St. The rule was suspended and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

**ERECTION OF GUY POSTS.**

Under a suspension of the rule, Ald. Adams, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Bell & Co. to erect, maintain and use guy posts, two on Quincy St. and two on Phipps Ave., near the corner of Perth St., Ward 29. The work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, when appointed.

**Building Dep't. (Ald.)**

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

Fritz Franz, a sign, at 15 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

K. Sapirstein, a sign, at 62 Austin St., Wd. 5.

George W. Ray, a sign, at 1006 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Quong Shong, a sign, at 1068 Washington St., Wd. 9.

**Claims.**

Charles F. Cass, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Kilton St. (lot 39).

Guilford L. Stark, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mt. Vernon St., W. R. (lot 49).

George Gannon, to be paid for damage to his sleigh caused by one of the city ash carts.

N. Dunne, for compensation for damage to her clothing while she was travelling on the East Boston Ferry.

Mrs. F. W. Moran, to be paid for damage to her clothing sustained while she was in the waiting room of the East Boston Ferry.

Jane E. Newell, for payment for balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Devon St.

**Electric Wires.**

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Forest Hills St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect poles on Chester and Farrington Sts., Wd. 25.

For extension of time to February 28, 1899, in which to erect poles in Columbus Ave., (granted Feb. 1, 1897).

For extension of time to February 28, 1899, in which to erect poles in Columbus Ave., (granted Nov. 24, 1897).

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, that permission be granted to the first named company to attach its wires to poles of the second named company, on Eoston St.

**Railroads.**

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double tracks on Washington St., between Newcomb and Ball Sts.

**Public Improvements.**

L. Wingsky, for leave to box two trees in front of 51 Devon St., Roxbury.

**LICENSES GRANTED.**

The CHAIRMAN submitted the following petitions—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:-

C. F. Densmore, for a season license ending Aug. 1, 1899, for Arcanum Hall, corner Brighton Ave. and Allston St., for musical and dancing entertainments.

J. J. McAuliffe, for a license to exhibit an oil painting "Ecce Homo," at 170 Tremont St., for season ending Aug. 1, 1899.

The licenses were severally granted, on the usual conditions.

A. L. Griffen, manager, for a permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt to appear on stage of Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for week ending Jan. 21, 1899.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

**TRACK LOCATION IN SARATOGA ST.**

Ald. CODMAN presented the petition of the directors of an association for the formation of the Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company for a location of tracks on Saratoga St., East Boston, with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

In connection with the above an order of notice was passed—That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, February 6, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

The order of notice was passed.

**PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.**

1. Notice of the organization of the Common Council by the choice of Daniel J. Kiley as president, and Joseph O'Kane as clerk.

Placed on file.

2. Notice of the qualification of certain members of the Common Council, viz.:- Thomas J. Collins and Samuel H. Mildram, on January 5; and Frank S. Atwood, on January 9.

Placed on file.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to consider Nos. 3 to 10, inclusive, together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz.:-

3. Ordered, That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for a playground for Wds. 18 and 19.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for a monument to be dedicated to those citizens of Boston who died in the military and naval service of the United States during the late war.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan order the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for steps on Mead St., Wd. 4.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the construction of a new bridge across the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., on Medway St., Wd. 24.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in its first loan bill, the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars for the purpose of purchasing land and constructing a fire-engine house at Forest Hills, Wd. 23.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next

loan the sum of three thousand (3000) dollars for the grading of the grounds around the ward-room in Wd. 17.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for the completion of the paving of Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17.

Severally referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on motion of Ald. Colby.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to consider Nos. 11 and 12, unfinished business, together, viz.:-

Action on appointments of the Mayor, viz.:-

11. James H. Cleaves to be an Inspector of Petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

12. John P. Donovan, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Presho and Doyle. Whole number of ballots case 11, yes 11, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### RELOCATION OF TRACKS ON TREMONT ST.

Ald. COLBY called up past assignment, No. 13, viz.:-

13. Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads, when appointed, be requested to give a public hearing on the subject of relocation of the tracks on Tremont and Boylston Sts.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I ask that the order be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, in the matter of order No. 13, it strikes me that if we were the Selectmen of Revere or any of the other small surrounding towns or cities this would be a matter of importance, a matter which would excite public interest. I don't know how it strikes some of my brothers in the Board. It certainly has occurred to me that this is a matter which vitally interests every man who takes cognizance of the affairs and the business interests of the city of Boston. Whether it is a matter that we should put through or not is another question; whether it is a question on which we should be placed is somewhat in issue; but, as to the advisability of giving a public hearing I think there is no question. It has been suggested to me that I put this in the form of a resolve, but I am free to say that I am somewhat in doubt and would be somewhat controlled by public opinion on this question. I think the matter should be investigated by a committee, that reports should be sent into this branch, and that we might gather some useful information about the matter. I realize that we have no power in the matter, but I do think our reports, our discussion and a public hearing, would have a bearing on the question, and that we in our reports could give as concise and faithful information as members of the legislature coming from Chicopee or some other town in this Commonwealth. I therefore hope the Committee on Railroads—which will be appointed, as I understand, today—will give a public hearing upon this matter, and that we get the sentiment of the citizens of Boston, pro and con, upon the question, so that we may have information upon it and, if it is for the best interests of the city, that we may make a report to the Board that will perhaps influence the minds of the members of the legislature on the question. I therefore ask a vote on the order.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I assume that any man who has accepted an office such as this is at the hands of the voters of the city understands full well that he is interested in anything that concerns the welfare of the city and is in duty bound to do anything in his power to further the interests of the city; but it strikes me that when we go out of our province and at-

tempt to take part in matters over which, as the alderman himself admits, we have no jurisdiction, we are simply misleading the public. I cannot understand anybody coming down here to City Hall and attending a public hearing upon this question if he understands that the Board before whom the hearing is held has absolutely no power in the matter. He would naturally want to go before the legislature and express his views pro or con. I understand that the matter is very actively before the legislature. Have the people who are most in interest come before us to ask us to do anything in the matter? Not a bit of it. They have organized, have employed counsel, and are pressing the matter before the legislature, where it now stands. They have not turned their faces this way, but towards the State House, fully realizing that we have no power in the matter; and why should we simply inflict upon the city the expense of a public hearing, with a stenographic report, when absolutely nothing can be accomplished by it. If the alderman has any information of interest, he can go to the legislature and state it, and the fact that he is a member of the Board of Aldermen ought to lend some weight to his statement. If he is in search of information, I submit to him that that is the proper place for him to get it, and that there the State will pay for it, and not the city. Therefore, as we can do nothing, and as previous experience has shown that there are no adequate results to pay for the expense of such a hearing, I hope the order will be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I think it would not do a particle of harm, in view of what the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) has said, if the alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) would withdraw this order and then introduce it in the form of a resolve. I would then see no harm in the Board of Aldermen of Boston voting for such a resolve, showing to the Legislature in an emphatic manner that we agree that there should be a relocation of tracks on Tremont St. I myself agree with the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) that it means a large amount of superfluous work to have a public hearing before the Railroad Committee in the matter, for the simple reason that on several occasions mass meetings of people in Tremont Temple have advocated the relocation of the tracks on Tremont St. But it will not do a particle of harm to pass such a resolve as I have suggested. The State Legislature, which has no jurisdiction in matters before the National House of Congress, has passed resolutions concerning national matters time and time again, and I think it would do no harm at this time to pass a resolve such as I have suggested, if the gentleman will withdraw his order as it appears on the calendar and put it in the form of a resolve. I will be perfectly willing to vote for it.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I suggest that the gentleman withdraw the motion to indefinitely postpone, and I will then move to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. COLBY—I will accept, Mr. Chairman.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PETROLEUM LICENSE.

A certificate was received from the Fire Commissioner, approving the application of Mrs. Ella Abrams for a license to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 11 Savoy St.

The Board voted, on the said petition that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted. Leave granted on the usual conditions.

FRANKLIN FUND ACCOUNTS.

A request was received from Samuel F. McCleary, Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, that a committee of two members of the Board of Aldermen be appointed to examine his accounts as treasurer of said fund.

The request was referred to special committee consisting of Ald. Colby and Day.

RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Ald. McDONALD submitted the following:

The special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the board of aldermen for the current year report herewith the accompanying draft, which they recommend for adoption, being the same rules as were in force for the year 1898, with the exception that the number of members on committees is made five, and rules 6 and 27 are stricken out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick F. McDonald, Chairman.

RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Chairman.

Rule 1. The Chairman of the Board shall take the chair at the hour to which the Board shall have adjourned, and shall call the members to order, and, a quorum being present, shall cause the minutes of the preceding regular meeting to be read; and, in the absence of the Chairman, the senior member present shall preside as Chairman pro tempore.

Rule 2. The Chairman shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board; and no other business shall be in order until the question on appeal shall have been decided.

Rule 3. The Chairman shall propound all motions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motions shall be previous in its nature, except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

Rule 4. The Chairman shall, at the request of any member, make a division of a question when the sense will admit.

Rule 5. The Chairman shall, without debate, decide all questions relating to priority of business to be acted upon.

Rule 6. The Chairman shall declare all votes; but if any member doubts a vote, the Chairman shall cause a rising vote to be taken; and when any member so requests, shall cause the vote to be taken or verified by yeas and nays.

Rule 7. The Chairman shall appoint all committees, fill all vacancies therein, and designate the rank of the members thereof.

Rule 8. When the chairman of the board or the chairman pro tempore shall desire to vacate the chair, he may call any member to it; but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment.

Motions.

Rule 9. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the chairman shall so direct.

Rule 10. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost shall not preclude amendment, or a motion to strike out and insert.

Rule 11. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 12. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the city council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and

different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:—

1. To a standing committee of the board.
2. To a special committee of the board.
3. To a joint standing committee.
4. To a joint special committee.

Rule 13. After a motion has been put by the chairman, it shall not be withdrawn except by unanimous consent.

Rule 14. When a question is under debate the following motions only shall be entertained, and in the order in which they stand arranged.

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. To postpone to a day certain.
4. To commit.
5. To amend.
6. To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 15. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except on an immediate repetition, or pending a verification of a vote; and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, and the motion to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

Readings.

Rule 16. Every ordinance, order and resolution reported by a committee shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, both of which may take place at the same session, unless objection is made. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first reading, the document may be read by its title only. Orders from the board of street commissioners, changing the names of streets, and orders granting locations for poles or posts, shall, however, have one reading only at the same session.

Confirmations.

Rule 17. The question of confirming a nomination made by the mayor shall be decided by a ye and nay ballot.

Reconsideration.

Rule 18. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, or he may give notice to the clerk, within twenty-four hours of the adjournment, of his intention to move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting, in which case the clerk shall retain possession of the papers until the next regular meeting; and, when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered.

Conduct of Members.

Rule 19. Every member when about to speak shall rise, address the chair, and wait until he is recognized, and in speaking shall confine himself to the question, and avoid personalities.

Rule 20. No member speaking shall, without his consent, be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Rule 21. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

Rule 22. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the Board for special reasons shall excuse him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the Board is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons, and shall be decided without debate.

Standing Committees.

Rule 23. The following standing committees of the Board, to consist of five members each, except where otherwise herein provided, and the members of the joint standing committees on the part of this Board, named in the joint rules and orders of the City Council, and all other committees, unless otherwise provided for, or especially directed by the Board, shall be appointed by the Chair:—

Committee on Armories and Military Af-

fairs—County Accounts—Electric Wires—Faneuil Hall and County Buildings—Lamps—Licenses—Markets—Railroads—Public Improvements, to consist of all the members of the Board, and to be divided by the Chairman of the committee into the following sub-committees, namely, on Paving Division, Sewer Division, Bridge Division, Sanitary Division, Street-cleaning Division, and Ferry Division.

#### Order of Business.

Rule 24. At every regular meeting of the Board the order of business shall be as follows:—

- 1—Communications from His Honor the Mayor.
- 2—Hearings.
- 3—Presentation of petitions, memorials, and remonstrances.
- 4—Papers from the Common Council.
- 5—Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
- 6—Orders of notice of hearings.
- 7—Reports of city officers.
- 8—Reports of committees.
- 9—Motions, orders and resolutions.

#### Reports of Committees.

Rule 25. Committees of the Board, to whom any matter is especially referred, shall report within four weeks or ask for further time.

#### Spectators.

Rule 26. No person, except a member of the Board, shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the Board is in session.

Rule 27. No persons, excepting members of the City Council, heads of departments, and reporters, shall be allowed in the ante-room of the Aldermanic Chamber while the Board is in session. No person shall be allowed to enter the Aldermanic Chamber while the Board is in session, after the seats furnished for spectators are occupied. The City Messenger shall enforce this rule.

#### Licenses.

Rule 28. No licenses shall be granted for exhibition of wrestling.

Rule 29. No permission to erect a pole or post for the support of electric wires or for the construction of underground conduits shall be granted until a public hearing shall have been given by the Board of Aldermen on the application for such permission, after notice of such hearing duly advertised by the applicant in one or more newspapers.

Rule 30. Every license or permit hereafter granted for the location of a street-railway track, the erection of a pole or post, the construction of an underground conduit, the laying of a pipe or wire, or for the doing of any other work which may involve the disturbance of a surface of a street, shall specify the time within which the contemplated work shall be done, and shall not confer authority to do any such work after the expiration of such specified time.

#### Suspension of Rules.

Rule 31. Any rule may be suspended by vote of two-thirds of the members of the board present and voting, except rule 28, which shall be suspended only by a unanimous vote upon a roll-call.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### RESCISSION OF ASSESSMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered the following orders:—

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved December, 29, 1898, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$132 against the estate of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company on Commonwealth Ave., at the corner of Essex St., Wd. 25, be and the same is hereby rescinded on account of error in measurement.

The said land and corporation is hereby assessed for \$129.90.

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved March 6, 1898, as levied a sidewalk assessment of \$15.60 against estate of Catherine Tobin, No. 26 Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 16, be and the same is hereby rescinded, on account of a previous sidewalk in front of said estate.

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Dec. 29, 1898, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$15.12 against the estate of Hannah Prescott on Centre St., at the corner of a private way, Wd. 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The orders were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PORTION OF KILSYTH ROAD CLOSED.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That Kilsyth Road, between Coliston Road and Sutherland Road, Wd. 25, be closed to all public travel during necessary sewer construction by the Street Department.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PART OF HARVARD ST. CLOSED.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Roadway on Harvard St., between South and Utica Sts., be closed to public travel during necessary sewer construction on said street.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### USE OF CURTIS HALL.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of Feb. 7, 1899, by William Parkman Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Passed. Sent down.

#### ABOLITION OF PARK EMPLOYEES UNIFORMS.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to abolish the practice of compelling the employees of the park department to wear uniforms which are paid for out of their wages and bought from a firm selected by the said commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### UNRESTRICTED DISTRICT FOR PEDDLERS.

Ald. DIXON offered an order:—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take into consideration the advisability of setting apart a certain district of the city of Boston for the unrestricted use of peddlers during certain hours of the day or week.

Passed.

#### REPAVING HANOVER AND OTHER STREETS.

Ald. DIXON offered an order:—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to provide for the repaving with granite blocks on a concrete base of the following streets:

Hanover St., from Washington St. to Commercial St.

Blackstone St., from Clinton St. to Haymarket Sq.

Atlantic Ave., from Broad St. to Commercial St.

Commercial St., from Faneuil Hall Market to Hanover St.

Devonshire St., from Milk St. to State St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### LIGHTS FOR COVINGTON ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested

to light up that part of Covington St. that leads to Thomas Park, South Boston.  
Passed.

**BATH HOUSE AT SAVIN HILL BEACH.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the loan bill a sufficient sum to provide a bathing house at Savin Hill Beach, Wd. 20.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**PLEASANT ST.—PUTTING IN ORDER.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested, to have Pleasant St., from Savin Hill Ave. to Efreport St., Wd. 20, Dorchester, put in order.  
Passed.

**MORE MEETING HOUSE HILL CARS.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to have more cars run on the Meeting House Hill line to Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads, when appointed.

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 20.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place electric lights on Hancock St. and Cushing Ave., Wd. 20.

Passed.

**PAVING MASSACHUSETTS AVE.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the new loan a sufficient sum to pave Massachusetts Ave., from Albany St. to the Five Corners in Dorchester, Wd. 20.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**STATE AID AND PRISON INSPECTION COMMITTEES.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the special committees of this Board on State Aid and on Inspection of Prisons consist of five members each, instead of three members as heretofore ordered.

Passed.

**N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. FOOTBRIDGE.**

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the message of the Mayor transmitting an estimate from the Superintendent of Streets of the cost of constructing a footbridge across the tracks of the Shawmut branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, on the line of Rowena and Fuller St. extensions, be taken from the files and referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed.

**QUALIFICATION OF CITY CLERK.**

The Assistant City Clerk, John T. Priest, administered the oath of office to City Clerk Galvin.

**A RECESS TAKEN.**

The Board voted, at 4:10 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5:07 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of L. Wingersky (referred today) for leave to box

two trees in front of 51 Devon St., Roxbury—That leave be granted for protection purposes only.

Report accepted, leave granted as reported.

(2) Report on the Mayor's Message (referred today) relative to granting use of ward-rooms without charge—that the same be sent down.

Report accepted; message sent down.

(3) Report on the Mayor's Message (referred today) vetoing order for settlement of assessment for street watering against Home for Destitute Catholic Children—that the same be placed on file and that the veto be sustained.

The report was accepted. The question came on the passage of the order, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to pass the order, and sustained the Mayor, yeas 0, nays 12.

(4) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor (referred today) relative to the relocation of a water pipe in E St., South Boston—That the order accompanying the message be passed and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted, message ordered sent down. Order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on order (referred today) relative to a hearing on relaying tracks in Tremont and Boylston Sts.—That the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

Report accepted, order referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

(6) Report on the three orders (referred today) for the recision of (1) edgestone assessment against estate of B. & A. Railroad Co.; (2) sidewalk assessment against estate of Catherine Tobin; (3) edgestone assessment against the estate of Hannah Prescott—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed.

(7) Report on the order (referred today) to close temporarily Kilsyth Road between Colliston and Sutherland Roads—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(8) Report on the order (referred today) for the closing of the roadway on Harvard St., between South and Utica Sts., to public travel during necessary sewer construction—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(9) Report on the petition of Peter Pastene (referred Jan. 9) for leave to construct an area under the sidewalk at 69-71 Fulton St., Wd. 6—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Peter Pastene to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal-hole opening and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Numbers 69-71 Fulton St., Wd. 6, according to dimensions as shown on plan dated January 16, 1899, on file in the permit office of the street department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rules.

(10) Report on the report of the Special Committee on Rules of the Board of Aldermen (referred today)—recommending that said rules be adopted.

Report accepted; said rules adopted.

(11) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Mayor to instruct the Park Commissioners to abolish the practice of compelling the employees of the department to wear uniforms which are paid for out of their wages, etc.—that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that that matter be laid upon the table.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I hope that the matter will not be laid upon the table. At this particular time in the year, when the employees of the Park Depart-

ment are on three or four days shifts, I think it is asking the employees of that department an extraordinary amount to charge them four dollars for a particular uniform. That same thing was advocated in the Street Department of Boston last year by a certain deputy superintendent, and it finally simmered down to this point, that he was satisfied with a badge being worn by his employees. That was all that was deemed necessary to distinguish him from other workmen who work for contractors throughout the city. This four dollars comes out of the pockets of the workmen in the Park Department, who are now working on a three or four day basis, and it bears very hard upon them. Many of them are men of large families and this takes dollars out of their pockets that should be spent for coal and other necessities of life. The city of Boston pays four dollars, besides, as its part of the expense of the uniform. I think, also, that it is about time for us to know whether any department has the right to specify that one particular clothing house of Boston should furnish these uniforms, or that the Park Commissioners should have the power to say to its employees that they shall get their uniforms at a certain particular clothing house.

It seems to me, as I said in my opening statement, that it bears particularly hard on the workmen in the Park Department at this particular time of year to have to pay four dollars for a uniform. In the middle of summer, it would not be so hard. I think that a badge is all that is necessary, and I trust that the motion made by the alderman from Dorchester will not be carried.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, personally I have no interest in the disposition of this order. It makes no difference to me whether it is laid on the table or passed at this time, except that I thought it was the general wish of the members of the board that we should inquire of the Park Commissioners what object they may have had in issuing this order, or in wishing their employees to have a certain uniform and wearing it. I don't know that it makes any difference about laying it on the table, and possibly I may be wrong in wording the motion in that manner. If so, I am willing to withdraw the motion; but it seems to me that if there are members of the Board who desire this information, the matter should either be laid on the table or assigned to the next meeting. If that is done, those who wish further information in regard to the matter can see the Park Commissioners and get the information desired. Otherwise, I have no interest in laying the matter over.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope that this order will not be laid on the table at this time. I have a personal knowledge of this affair from the men who work in the Park Department. I had a committee wait upon me Saturday. They informed me that they had already bought all their winter clothing, and this clothing that the Park Commissioners propose to require them to purchase would be an altogether superfluous supply, and it is an expense that they don't care to meet,—particularly just at this time. As the alderman from Wd. 18 (Ald. O'Toole) has already said, the Park Department employees are now working on half time, and many of them have not made over eight dollars in the last two weeks; so I think it is very unfair for the Park Commissioners to expect the employees of that department to submit to a course which is not followed in any other department of the city and be compelled to buy this particular uniform. The winter is now very far advanced, and they have had to buy whatever winter clothing they need, so that this would be an entirely added expense, and one that it would be very hard for them to meet.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I was in favor of the motion to lay the matter on

the table for the reasons which were outlined by the alderman from Dorchester, (Ald. Codman.) I confess to not knowing any reason why these men should wear any uniform at all, and, as for myself, I was going to inquire from the Park Commissioners what they asked them to do it for. I dislike very much to vote upon anything until I know the grounds. As I said, I do not know any reason why they should wear any uniforms, but the Park Commissioners are intelligent persons, and I supposed that they had some reason or other for asking them to do it, and I thought I should like to know what that reason was, so that I might know both sides when I voted upon the order—both that presented here, and the other side. I confess that I haven't the faintest idea at this time as to why they should wear any uniform at all. I shall not vote to pass this order, however, until I have obtained such information as some of the other aldermen seem to have already obtained.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to say, in answer to the alderman from Wd. 12, (Ald. Colby), that this order is simply a request of the Mayor. If he wants other information in regard to this matter, undoubtedly he will call upon the Park Commissioners for it, and will have a hearing in regard to it. He can then send such information to the Board next Monday.

Ald. PRESNO—I think, Mr. Chairman, that there are two questions involved in this matter. One is whether the employees should be uniformed at all, or not; and the other as to whether they should pay for the uniforms. As to the first, I do not know what reason the Park Commissioners may have for desiring it; but I am very much against the men being obliged to pay for the uniforms. I am against requiring any men who are not employed permanently by the city to pay for any uniform, and, therefore, I shall vote against laying this matter on the table.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope this matter will be considered and settled at the present time. It is perhaps true that it is a matter which is out of our jurisdiction, but it is merely a request of the Mayor. Certain of us, at least, have in mind that this would be an expense to the men and one which it will be hard for them to meet at this time of the year. I think the order should be passed at this time, so that the Mayor can act upon it and the men get the benefit of the request. If it is put over a week or two weeks, the men may be obliged to buy the clothing in the meantime. I hope that the order will be passed today.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, and the order was passed. Sent down.

(12) Report on the Mayor's message (referred today) transmitting order for loan appropriation of one million dollars for construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of chapter 425 of the acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto—Recommending that the same be sent down, and that the accompanying order be passed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I should like to have that matter laid over to the next meeting of the Board, and for these reasons: I take it that every member of the Board is aware of the fact that the act under which it is proposed to make this appropriation authorizes the Street Commissioners and the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to expend the sum of one million dollars. No one disputes that fact; but there is nothing compulsory in the act—nothing which requires His Honor or the Street Commissioners to expend the entire amount—and my purpose in asking for a delay of a week is to get information either from His Honor the Mayor or the Street Commissioners, or from some

other source, so that I may vote intelligently upon the subject.

Ald. BERWIN's motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was declared lost.

Ald. BERWIN doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost—Yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Barry—7.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to know the result of the vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has announced the vote.

Ald. COLBY—I didn't hear it announced. The CHAIRMAN—Five in the affirmative and seven in the negative, and it is not a vote.

Ald. McDONALD moved that the matter be assigned to the next meeting; declared carried.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I rise for information. I would like to ask the Chairman if it is not a fact that the motion to assign this matter to the next meeting was not defeated, and if, under Ald. McDonald's motion; the question does not come on reconsideration?

The CHAIRMAN—If the Board will pardon the Chair, the Chair will say that he was in error from a parliamentary point of view in accepting that motion, but the object of the Chair was to carry out the intention of Ald. Berwin. It is of course a fact that the same motion cannot follow a motion which has already been lost.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, as I understand the matter, it stands assigned to the next meeting of the Board?

The CHAIRMAN—If the Board does not object, the Chair will rule that the matter is assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. DIXON moved to reconsider the last vote.

The CHAIRMAN—In order to bring the matter properly before the body, Ald. Dixon moves to reconsider the last vote.

The motion to reconsider was carried, and, on motion of Ald. McDonald, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

(13) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor (referred today), transmitting order for appropriation of \$10,000 for the Wire Department,—recommending that the same be sent down and that the accompanying order be passed.

The report was accepted and the order (providing the sum of \$10,000 to pay the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Wire Department other than the work authorized by chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, etc.) was assigned, on motion of Ald. Codman, to the next meeting of the Board.

(4) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor (referred today), transmitting order for loan of \$20,000 for the Wire Department,—that the same be sent down and that the order accompanying the same be passed.

Report accepted; message ordered sent down; order passed, yeas 12, nays 0. Sent down.

TABLE FOR REPORTERS.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish a round table for the use of the reporters in the Aldermanic Chamber and to separate the space occupied by said reporters from the rest of the chamber by a brass railing, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed under suspension of the rules. Sent down.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN THEATRES.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order.—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to in-

struct the Building Commissioner to have a thorough inspection made of the fire curtains and fire escapes in the various theatres in this city, and to report the result of said inspection to this Board.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, unless some good reason is offered as to why that order should pass, I shall oppose it. The Board of Aldermen has some rights in the matter, and there is no reason why, if there is to be an investigation, the Board of Aldermen should not make it, rather than this department.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am very glad to see that order offered at this time, although I would be perfectly willing to have the investigation made by the Board of Aldermen. At the same time, I think that perhaps the Building Commissioner is better able to attend to it than the Board of Aldermen. My experience has been that the Board of Aldermen, no matter how much they may be interested in that subject, if they apply at the theatres are more than liable to be refused admittance to the part of the house where the inspection would naturally occur—that is, in the back of the theatre—and sometimes the accommodations in the front are such as they should not be for members of the Board. Now, if that inspection is to be made by the Board of Aldermen, there ought to be some provision made so that the Aldermen could have the entire to all parts of the theatre at the proper time that may be set for the inspection. I trust that some action of this sort will be taken, and that it will be taken at once. I hope some such an order will pass, and I do not know as there could be any better form of the order than the present one. I think that the Building Department should make a report upon that subject as soon as possible to this board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I only want to say, in answer to the alderman from Wd. 6, (Ald. Berwin), that I am not offering this order from any silly standpoint. I ask that the Inspector of Buildings investigate the conditions existing in the different theatres, and that he report back to us. We can then take the report under consideration, and can act accordingly. I do not frequent the theatres very often, but recently on coming out of one of the theatres of Boston, I was struck by the immense number of people who attend the different theatres, and I want to find out if there is any carelessness in regard to the fire curtains or the fire escapes, or if they are in good condition. I think it is very important to the theatregoers that there should be an investigation of this sort. I didn't suppose that I was going to stir up a hornet's nest when I offered that order. I simply put it in innocently, desiring that he should investigate the subject and report back to this body.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, there is very little power left in the Board of Aldermen now, anyway, and there seems to be quite a tendency at the present time on the part of the members to get rid of even what they do have. It is possible that that is wise, in the interest of the city; but I do not altogether consider it so. The revised regulations of the city of Boston have certain provisions in reference to places of public amusement, and according to Chapter 3, this whole matter seems to be under the supervision of the Committee on Licenses, which provides that they shall have such devices for protection against fire as the Committee on Licenses require. Now, if we have a Committee on Licenses and the proper devices are not required by it, our own Committee is rather at fault; and it seems to me that we would be censuring our Committee if we should go outside and practically say that our Committee cannot perform this duty, and that we must let some paid official look the matter up. I think the whole

matter should be referred to the Committee on Licenses, and I so move.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, in this order I am simply asking for information. When we get the information from the Building Commissioner, then if any order is presented for passage by this body, I will be perfectly willing to have it go to the Committee on Licenses and have the matter further investigated by them. I dare say all the theatres in Boston are living up to the requirements of the law. I am simply asking the Building Commissioner to investigate the matter and report back to this committee the results of his investigation, and if he finds that there is anything the matter, it can then go before the Committee on Licenses. This order does not take anything away from the powers or jurisdiction of the Committee on Licenses.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to move to amend that order by adding at the end of it: "And also as to whether said theatres are provided with proper exits, as required by the Public Statutes."

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I hope this order will not be passed in its present form, or at least that it will not until the Board has exhausted its own resources. It strikes me that the position which the alderman is trying to force us into is one which not only stultifies ourselves, but also the Building Department. I do not know anything about what their duties are, but assuming that they have performed their duties fully, then the trouble does not exist that the alderman suggests. Now, that being the case, it seems to me that the only logical thing for us to do is to do our own investigating, and not confess that we are not able to do it and turn it over to somebody else to do.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, do I understand that the question before the Board is on the amendment offered by Ald. Codman?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, sir; that he also investigate as to whether the theatres are provided with proper exits, as required by the public statutes.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I move to further amend by inserting after the words "theatres in this city" the words "and the old Public Library Building."

At the request of Ald. O'Toole, the order was read, as it would stand if the amendments were adopted.

The amendments were adopted, and the question came on the passage of the order. On motion of Ald. Codman, the order, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, ETC., HEATH ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$36,900 for the establishment of an engine house and suitable apparatus on Heath St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted an order for the payment of allowances to soldiers and sailors and their families for the month of January, 1899.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The Chairman announced the appointment of the following committees:—

##### Standing Committees.

Armories and Military Affairs.—Berwin, Doyle, McDonald, Codman, Barry.

County Accounts.—Brick, Presno, O'Toole, Day, Colby.

Electric Wires.—Doyle, Codman, Brick, Berwin, Day.

Faneuil Hall, etc.—Codman, Dixon, Doyle, Adams, O'Toole.

Lamps.—O'Toole, Berwin, Codman, Dixon, Doyle.

Licenses.—Colby, Barry, Dixon, Presno, Day.

Markets.—Presno, Brick, Adams, McDonald, O'Toole.

Railroads.—Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Colby, McDonald.

Public Improvements.—The Whole Board, Ald. O'Toole, Chairman.

Paving Division.—Presno, McDonald, Doyle.

Sewer Division.—Berwin, Day, Doyle, Sanitary Division.—Adams, Dixon, Brick.

Ferry Division.—Day, Berwin, Doyle. Bridge Division.—Codman, Day, McDonald.

Street Cleaning Division.—Brick, McDonald, Colby.

Special Committees:—

Inspection of Prisons.—Day, Codman, Doyle, Presno, Brick.

Rules and Orders.—Aldermen McDonald, Colby, Doyle, Barry, Presno.

State Aid.—Aldermen Dixon, Berwin, McDonald, Codman, Day.

Adjourned on motion of Ald. Dixon, at 5:43 o'clock, P.M., to meet on Monday, Jan. 23, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, January, 19, 1898.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair, and a quorum present.

## A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President, after calling the Council to order, said:

The Chair will ask members to be seated. The Chair desires to make a statement in opening the proceedings of the Council here tonight, owing to what has taken place at former meetings. The Chair has a copy of the ordinances and the rules of the Common Council before him. The ordinances specifically state that the Council Chamber is under the control of the President—section 7, chapter 12 of the Revised Ordinances. Chapter 12, section 1, states that the City Messenger is under the direction of the Council and its President. Rule 4 of the Common Council says that the Chair shall make such rules as he deems proper to enforce order and maintain decorum.

In pursuance of the authority vested in the Chair according to that rule, he has ordered a rule printed here tonight and laid upon the desk of every member of the Council. That rule is as follows:

"Any member or members, other than the one recognized by the Chair, insisting in occupying the floor for any purpose, except to rise to a point of order, will upon request of the President take his seat, and upon refusal to comply with such request, the President may direct the City Messenger to cause said member or members to be removed from the Council Chamber, such removal to remain in effect during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered by the President."

The Chair does not wish to assume any arbitrary right, and, in order that this rule may be expressed as the wish of the Council, the Chair will, on the conclusion of his statement, put the rule before the Council, so that it may receive its sanction. Boston's representative men have always been recognized as capable, honest and dignified public servants. We shall—and particularly the Chair—endeavor to maintain the dignity which belongs to this deliberative body. The Chair will attempt to shut off no man from a fair representation and a fair hearing. The Chair, however, will insist that no orders containing any indecent or abusive attacks upon the personal character or reputation of any member of the Council or of the Chair shall be entertained by the Chair. If any member of the Council believes that the Chair has ruled improperly, there is a parliamentary remedy by appealing from the decision of the Chair. That the Chair will suggest, as the proper remedy, and not a violation of all rules of the Common Council by creating disorder and disturbance.

The Chair wishes to further state that he has had a conference with the Police Commissioners and with other authorities today, and that he proposes to maintain order and decorum here tonight, and to see that the city's hushiness is transacted according to law. The Chair will now conclude by asking the members of the Common Council whether or not they approve of the rule as placed on each member's desk, by a viva voce vote. Those in favor of adopting the rule—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, after the lengthy statement made by the Chair—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to make one statement. He will ask the officers in the gallery, upon the slightest show of approval or disapproval of any statement, to clear the gallery.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, after the statement already made by the Chair—a statement in which I heartily acquiesce—I wish merely to say a word in my own defence. I presume that it is apparent to the members—

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman from Wd. 2 will kindly refrain—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I will speak, if you will allow me, on the acceptance of the rule you have placed on the desk of the members here tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. HICKEY—Inasmuch as the Chair has made reference to an indecent and abusive attack made upon members of this body or other persons, I merely desire to say that the resolutions I offered one week ago were not in any sense indecent or abusive—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will kindly ask the gentleman to refrain from referring to the proceedings of a week ago, as the Chair did not make any special reference to them. The gentleman rises to speak on the rule as proposed for adoption tonight. If the gentleman will kindly confine himself to that rule, without reflecting upon the Chair, the Chair will thank the gentleman from Wd. 2.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, as the Chair has stated, I arose to speak on the question of the acceptance of a rule that the Chair has placed on the desks of the various members. But, in doing so, I expect to be allowed the same latitude as the Chair assumed when he took it upon himself to defend his position. Now, Mr. President, I am opposed to the passage of this rule for the simple reason that it goes beyond the scope and the latitude of the rules on the authority of which it is based.

Rule 4 of the Common Council, which gives the President power to make any rules he may see fit for the preservation of order does not, in my opinion, give him the power to go beyond that limit; and I maintain that the President, in placing this rule here on his own authority, has gone beyond the scope of the power which it was intended he should have under Rule 4. In speaking a day or two ago with two men who served on the committee a few years ago, which drafted Rule 4 of the Common Council Rules, I was assured that that rule could not give the President such unlimited power as I believe and maintain that the President has assumed in making this rule. I maintain, Mr. President, that the Chair has no right whatever to make a rule of the character which he has introduced here tonight, and which has been laid on the desk of each member here tonight, and I protest against its passage.

The rule has undoubtedly been brought forward as the result of resolutions introduced by me two weeks ago. Those resolutions called for nothing but an investigation of the methods by which the president of this body was elected. If it reflected upon anybody in the city of Boston, that is what added strength and vigor to the resolutions, and that is what should cause the members of this body tonight to vote for the investigation. I will offer that investigation order, Mr. President, later in the session, and I hope that it will be accorded more respectful treatment than it has had so far. If you are afraid, Mr. President, of that investigation, then you may rule it out—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to kindly refrain from personalities, and to confine himself to the question before the house.

Mr. HICKEY—But if you are not afraid of the investigation, then permit it to go

through this body; but I claim you are afraid to have the—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to kindly confine himself to the question.

Mr. HICKEY—I am through, Mr. President.

The question was put on the adoption of the rule and it was declared adopted. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the President ordered a division of the Council.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the motion was put before the members had a chance to speak upon it. I desire to speak upon this rule this evening.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. RICE—Yes, sir. My point of order is that you put the motion to the house, and asked the members to vote upon it, before giving the members of the body a chance to speak upon it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair rules the point of order not well taken. Mr. Mulcahy doubts the vote—

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—(Continuing.)—and asks for a rising vote—

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—(Continuing) Those in favor of the adoption of the rule will rise in their places and stand until counted.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman from Wd. 17 will state his point of order.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, my point of order is that I desire to speak upon the adoption of this rule.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is on solving the doubt on the vote which has been taken, and that no debate is in order upon that question.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Does the Chair declare my point of order not well taken?

The PRESIDENT—Those in favor of the adoption of the rule will rise in their places and stand until counted.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, Mr. President, does the Chair declare my point of order not well taken?

The PRESIDENT—The tellers will please report.

The result of the rising vote was ascertained, and the rule was declared adopted, 43 members voting in the affirmative, 20 in the negative.

(Slight disturbance in the gallery.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will once more remind those in the gallery that they must preserve order tonight. Forty-three members have voted in the affirmative, 21 in the negative, and the rule is adopted.

Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the rule was adopted—yeas 48, nays 22:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Beunett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Lueban, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—49.  
Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin—22.

Absent or not voting—Flynn, Gibbons, Martin, Miller—4.

The PRESIDENT—The rule is adopted and will be enforced by the Chair

#### REPORT OF TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The following was received:—

Boston Transit Commission,  
20 Beacon Street,  
Boston, January 19, 1899.

Daniel J. Kiley, Esq.,  
President, Common Council.

Dear Sir:—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of section 24, chapter 548, acts of 1894, the annual report of this commission.

By order of the commission,  
B. Leighton Beal, Secretary.  
(Annexed was a copy of the report referred to.)  
Sent up.

#### STREET SWEEPING.

The following was received:—  
It is urged that his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Order to be discontinued immediately, the use of horse power street-sweepers in the business and residential sections of the city, and substitute men sweepers, for the following reasons:

1. The prevalence of La Grippe, now amounting almost to an epidemic, is largely increased, aggravated in severity, and the danger of relapse intensified by the inhalation of all kinds of dust and dirt, which are loaded with every variety of germ capable of spreading contagious and infectious diseases.

2. The great clouds of dust and dirt which are disseminated through the air, from the streets to the house tops, by the present system of street-cleaning, is not only a menace to the public health, but a nuisance, and an insult to the intelligence of the traveling public, who are obliged to walk through blinding clouds of dust.

3. The pedestrian, if not himself infected, becomes a carrier of deadly germs to those susceptible of contagion.

To the merchants, hotel and house-keepers this dust is appalling. Moreover, the substitution of men for machines in street cleaning, would give employment to hundreds, who now see nothing but poverty staring them in the face for the rest of the winter.

The system of watering the streets in front of the sweeper is wholly inefficient, and even the work of machine sweepers is not superior to that of men.

I am confident that the medical profession will endorse my suggestions.

Geo. W. Galvin, M. D.,  
Surgeon in Chief.

Boston Emergency Hospital.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I move that that communication be assigned for one week and printed.

At the request of Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 the clerk read the communication again, for information.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will not be assigned. It seems to me to be a matter of interest to the public. It has been very well stated by the gentleman in his communication that it is a public menace to the health, and unless the gentleman can offer some reason why the communication should be assigned, I feel that the members of this body here who are in favor of the protection of the public health, in the interests of the citizens of this city, should vote to pass this order tonight. If the gentleman does not offer some reason why it should be assigned, I shall vote for the passage of this order tonight.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chair a question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the assignment for one week.

Mr. LYDON—I would like to ask the President if there is an order before the body?

The PRESIDENT—The paper before the body is a communication addressed to the President of this body, and a motion has been made by the gentleman from Wd. 1.

Mr. Bagley, that it be printed and assigned for one week.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I do not see what action we can take upon the communication, unless there is an order attached to it, unless somebody sees fit to introduce an order in connection with it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that, under the ordinary course of business, the communication would be referred to His Honor the Mayor; but the gentleman from Wd. 1 has asked to have it printed and assigned for one week. The question now comes on assignment.

The question was put on assignment, and, the Chair being in doubt, a rising vote was ordered, and the motion to assign was carried, 38 members voting in the affirmative, 25 in the negative.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of February 7, 1899, by William Parkman Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, it occurs to me that the allowing of the several ward rooms of the City of Boston and especially Curtis Hall, has been somewhat run into the ground. I do not understand why any private lodge should ask for the use of Curtis Hall or any other ward-room without paying the fee. They do not state that this is for charitable purposes. In fact, last year a number of times we had a request for the use of Curtis Hall, and there was nothing specified for what purpose it was to be used. I therefore, Mr. President, hope that this order will not pass. It strikes me that the time is now ripe when we should take some steps to stop the use of these wardrooms by private societies without any payment. There is a regular fee for the use of Curtis Hall, and why it should not be enforced by the Superintendent of Public Buildings I am at a loss to know. I hope that the order will not be given its second reading.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to say at this time that the gentleman from Wd. 20, Mr. Howard, states that private societies apply for this hall, and that it is proposed not to charge them. At this time, I must state, Mr. President, that everybody who belongs to the order, and every man who does not belong to the order, must understand thoroughly well that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a charitable institution, that it maintains charity as one of its principles, and that it does charity all around, not only to its own members, but all over the United States—and supports many hundreds of thousands of members and keeps them from the necessity of applying for charity to public institutions. I cannot see why this evening the gentleman from Wd. 20 rises and says that it does not state that it is not a charitable institution. I do not believe that any man who desires charity must come down upon his knees to this Council and tell them all the inside and outside affairs of his institution. I do not believe it would be charitable, and I do not believe it would be manly for us to rise at this time and to refuse an organization that is known all over the country, and even in Europe, at this present time, for its eminent charity. I hope, Mr. President, that each and every member who has got anywhere within him a manly heart will rise and vote tonight for the passage of this order. I know that if they would inquire or would take the time to investigate that institution, they would find out what I know from being a member of it, that it does more

charity without saying anything than those who advertise themselves as doing charity. I hope that this order will be passed tonight.

Mr. JORDAN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I sincerely hope this order will pass here tonight. I am a member of that order. One of the gentlemen says that the order does not state what it is for. I will state that this is for a charitable institution, an institution which relieves sickness and distress, and I hope the order will pass here tonight. I don't know any reason why it should not be passed by this body.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I sympathize with the gentleman on my right (Mr. Leftovith) and the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Jordan), but it seems to me useless to pass this order, in view of the fact that No. 4 on the calendar is a message from His Honor which distinctly states that it will be impossible in the future to grant requests for the use of wardrooms without charge. I think it would at least be proper to defer consideration of this matter until after that has been acted upon, so that we may know where we are. I move, therefore, that this be laid upon the table until after No. 4 has been acted upon.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise for information. I would like to know whether Curtis Hall is a wardroom or not.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state that he is not informed as to whether Curtis Hall is or is not a ward room.

Mr. NEWJALL of Wd. 23—Mr. President, Curtis Hall is not a ward room. It is not used as a ward room at present.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I simply wish to state to the Council that I promised His Honor the Mayor last fall, after he signed a similar order for me that I would not vote for any more orders of the kind. In order to keep my word to him, I wish to state to Mr. Jordan and to other members that I am against this order.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to abolish the practice of compelling the employees of the Park Department to wear uniforms, which are paid for out of their wages, and bought from a firm selected by the said commissioners.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, that the City Messenger be authorized to furnish a round table for the use of the reporters in the Aldermanic Chamber, and to separate the space occupied by said reporters from the rest of the chamber by a brass railing; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Mayor's message notifying the City Council that it will be impossible in the future to grant requests for the use of the various ward-rooms in this city without charge.

Placed on file.

5. Mayor's message recommending the passage of the following order, on the request of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, viz:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whereby the city shall release the right to maintain its water pipes in E St., South Boston, as heretofore located, from Fargo St., to Summer St., and any other rights which it may have in said portion of E St., as heretofore located in consideration that the said Commonwealth shall fill to the grade of sixteen feet above mean low water a proposed extension of said E St., from Fargo

St., to Summer St., as shown on a plan of said proposed extension, dated December 28, 1898, signed by Frank W. Hodgdon, Engineer Harbor and Land Commissioners, and hereto attached; shall grant to the city the right to lay and maintain its water pipes in said proposed extension of E St., as shown on said plan, and shall pay to the city the reasonable cost of removing said water pipes from their present location, and relaying them in the new location to be provided as aforesaid.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, as this work is to be done in Wd. 13, after consulting with both my colleagues from Wd. 1, we have come to the conclusion that we know nothing whatever as to what this is for or what they intend to do. I therefore move you, sir, that the matter be assigned for one week.

Mr. STOCKTON of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope this order will not be assigned for one week. Mr. Emery of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, came to me today and pointed out the fact that this is merely the substitution of one street for that portion of E St. in which these pipes are now located. That portion of E St has been given up, and this new piece has been substituted, and E St., which has never been actually laid out, is entirely blotted out of the map of the city of Boston as a street. It is to the advantage both of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the City of Boston that this order should be passed, and I hope it will be passed tonight.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope this order will be assigned for one week. I have not seen Mr. Emery or any of the Harbor and Land Commission, and, coming from Wd. 13, wherein that street is located, I think it is nothing but right that I should know something about the contemplated relocation of pipe. I would therefore like to ask the courtesy of the Council to look into the matter for a week. I hope the order will be assigned for a week.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

6. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the order be assigned for one week.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 11—Mr. President, inasmuch as the Board of Apportionment has discussed this matter and granted the Wire Commissioner \$20,000 to be appropriated for the expenditures of that department, and the gentleman asks that the matter be assigned, and offers no reason, I would simply say that it seems to be a great hobby of this Council to have matters assigned without advancing any reason why it should be done. Inasmuch as the gentlemen of the Council can see that the Wire Department is a necessity, something that the city of Boston should have, and it cannot be run without money, and as the appropriations are about to be granted to all the various departments, it would seem to be courtesy on the part of the members of the Council to allow this matter to proceed tonight. I therefore hope the order will be placed upon its passage, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—In connection with this order, the Chair deems it his duty to make a statement to the Council, as a representative of the Council on the Board of Apportionment. This is an appropriation for a loan authorized according to the Acts and Resolves, chap. 454 of the Acts of 1894, the Act creating the Wire Department. The matter was considered by the Board of Apportionment, and it was considered absolutely necessary, according to the provisions of the act, to appropriate this sum of money at this time. The Chair simply makes that statement, feeling that it is his duty to make the members of the Council familiar with what has been done on the Board of Apportionment, as their representative in that body. The question is on the assignment of the order.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Mulcahy) seems to be perfectly willing to take the opinion of the Board of Estimates and Apportionment as his own. Now, Mr. President, it has always been customary in this body, so long as I have been a member of it, to assign almost any order contemplating an appropriation of money for one week, so that the members of the Council can become familiar with the order at issue. Now, Mr. President, I probably shall be in favor of this order after I have had a chance to look it up. I have not yet had a chance to do so, and I myself, personally, wish to have time to investigate any order, whether it comes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, from His Honor the Mayor, or from the head of any department of this city. I think, as it has been customary in the past, it is certainly a matter of courtesy to allow an order of this kind to be assigned for the benefit of those Councilmen who are not in thorough accord with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, this is a matter which I consider ought not to be acted upon hastily. I therefore favor an assignment. It has been well said by the gentleman in the Third Division (Mr. Mulcahy) that the Board of Apportionment has recommended the passage of this order; but I am very much like the other gentleman in the Third Division (Mr. Chamberlain), who desires more information. As he well stated, it has always been customary whenever there was an order calling for large sums of money to be appropriated, in this body, to have it assigned or referred. There can be no serious injury done by the delay, and, with such information as we may be able to obtain, the members of this body will be better prepared to vote upon this matter intelligently at the next meeting. I therefore trust that assignment will prevail.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, it would seem to me as though the Chair has stated this question and placed it before the Council as it came before the Board of Apportionment, and that it should be understood by this body. What information the gentlemen desire I don't know. They know that this is necessary, and the Legislature provides for a wire department, and to run that department a certain amount of money must be had. If the gentleman in the First Division (Mr. Armistead) will ask some questions in regard to this matter, I will be glad to answer them. I hope the matter will be acted upon tonight and passed.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared carried. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and called for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was assigned to the next meeting, 40 members voting in the affirmative, 20 in the negative.

**SANITARY CONDITION, MATHER SCHOOL.**

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, unfinished business, viz:—

7. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather School-house in Wd. 13, South Boston.

Passed. Sent up.

**CROSSWALKS, WARD 22.**

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a crosswalk at Clive and Boylston Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct additional crosswalks at Boylston St., and Chestnut Ave., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**BRANCH LIBRARY, NORTH END.**

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment of a branch of the public library at the North End.

Passed. Sent up.

**SANITARY STATION, ROXBURY CROSSING.**

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct and maintain a public convenience station in the vicinity of Roxbury Crossing; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Bath Department.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I desire to say in regard to that order that I offered a similar order in the late fall of 1897. At that time this matter came under the Board of Health. The Board of Health took some action in the matter and were about to place a convenience station in that vicinity, but they delayed for some time until the Mayor in his inaugural address advised a Department of Baths, which has been organized, and that has changed the department having charge of these matters. It has taken some time, of course, for that department to get under way, and I did not feel authorized in offering this order before now. I believe now that this is a proper time to offer the order. Many of my constituents desire to have such an order passed. It is the place for such a station, and I think the passage of the order at this time would have a good effect.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**A QUESTION OF INFORMATION.**

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, while up I would like to ask the President a question for information—whether under the rules of the Council it is the intention of the President tonight to appoint a committee on playgrounds for Wds. 18 and 19?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. Nangle), that the Council has already authorized the Chair to appoint such committee, and the committee has been announced by the Clerk.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, if the President and members of the Council will give me the privilege of the floor for a moment I will state why I asked that question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman now if he is speaking upon the order as offered by him?

Mr. NANGLE—Yes.  
Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, it was my intention at the time the order was offered to make it easier for the President and more satisfactory to the members coming from that district, to have six on that committee. I thought by having six that good results of the work desired to be done would be more assured. My attention was not called to the fact that six were not provided for until after the order was passed. So I trust that the President will put six members from the district on that committee. Seeing now that there are only five on the committee, I would, if it is in order, ask the President to place the members from Wd. 18 and two from Wd. 19—Messrs. McInerney and Doyle on the committee. I assure the President that I will do all in my power to assist them in their work. I think that such action will make it easier to get the playground desired. I thank the President and members of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state, for the information of the Council and also of the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. Nangle) that he believes no extra member can be appointed on that committee at this time, unless the order is rescinded or a motion is made by some member of the Council to add one member to the Committee, which motion the Chair is ready to entertain.

**HALF DAY FOR LABORERS.**

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to allow payment for half a day to each laborer reporting for work in the several divisions of the Street Department, in inclement weather.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**REWARD FOR FIREMEN.**

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to increase the pay of any member of the Fire Department who distinguishes himself by conspicuous bravery, to the amount of twenty-five dollars per annum.

Passed. Sent up.

**PAYMENT TO FAMILY OF EDWARD MELIA.**

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the family of Edward Melia, late a police officer of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to be such police officer until the close of the present fiscal year.

Passed. Sent up.

**IMPROVEMENT OF E. SECOND ST.**

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for the grading and macadamizing of East Second St., from K to Q St., South Boston, Wd. 14.

Passed. Sent up.

**SEWERAGE FOR BATES SCHOOL.**

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to provide proper sewerage for the Phineas Bates School on Beech St., Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent up.

**ASSIGNMENT OF SALARIES.**

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the City Treasurer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council the names of the heads of departments or divisions whose salaries are assigned at the present time;

also the length of such assignment.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I ask to have the order read again for information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order, so that communications read by the Clerk can be heard distinctly by the members of the Council.

(The Clerk read the order again, for information.)

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I move that that order be assigned for one week.

Mr. BENNETT—Mr. President, I would like to have the gentleman from Wd. 17 state his reasons for desiring assignment. This is simply a request to His Honor the Mayor and the City Treasurer to give the Council certain information about the salaries of heads of departments, as to whether or not those salaries have been paid to the heads of departments themselves, and also to inform us, in case they have been assigned, the length of time that they have been assigned, and the reason for such assignment.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I simply desire to have the matter assigned, to look into it, on the same idea and with the same right that Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 desired the order which came to us from the Board of Apportionment, No. 6 on the calendar, I believe, assigned for one week. I desire to look into the matter myself, in order to be able to vote upon it intelligently next Thursday. I do not believe a delay of one week will injure the matter one way or the other. I desire to look into it before I vote one way or the other upon it.

Mr. BENNETT—Mr. President, the gentleman has stated that he would like to have the order assigned for the same reason that the gentleman from Wd. 12 asked for the assignment of the other order. That other, which was assigned at the request of the gentleman from Wd. 12 was an order appropriating a large sum of money. This simply requests His Honor the Mayor and the City Treasurer to give certain information to the Council, and if it is laid over a week, it does not matter. If it is passed tonight it is the same thing.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was lost, 19 members voting in the affirmative, 30 in the negative.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SANITARY STATION, WARD 6.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6 offered an order—that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for an underground lavatory and public convenience station at the junction of Endicott and Blackstone Sts., Wd. 6.

Passed. Sent up.

#### INVESTIGATION ORDER.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6 offered the following:—

Whereas, a member of this body, Councilman Horrigan, stated at the last meeting, upon the floor, as reported in the official minutes, that he was offered the sum of fifty dollars for his vote for president of this body, and

Whereas, This body cannot afford to pass over a specific and formal charge of corruption made upon the floor by one of its own members,

Resolved, That a committee of seven members of this body be appointed to make a full and impartial investigation into such charges, and into all charges

which may be made touching the use, or attempted use, of money or other corrupt consideration or improper agencies to influence the action of any members of this body, in the election of its president, and that such committee be authorized to proceed with the investigation, to give hearings, to employ a stenographer, and send for papers and to report their finding in print, if they deem necessary; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I deem it my duty at this time to say a few words in regard to that order. On the floor of this chamber last Thursday evening I was accused by Councilman Horrigan of Wd. 3 of taking him from his residence and placing him in a hack, and he stated here that he did not know where he was going. He also stated that he received an offer of the sum of \$50 for the purchase of his vote. Now I, as a representative of my ward, am not aware that he received an offer of \$50—

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman pardon the Chair? The Chair desires to bring to the attention of every member of the Council a rule which has been frequently broken heretofore, and that is that each member of the Council shall refrain as much as possible from using the name of other members. He can respectfully designate the member without using his name. The Chair simply desires to call that rule to the attention of the Council, because that is one of the rules already adopted by the Council, and the Chair will ask the gentleman to refer to anybody to whom he desires to refer without referring to him by name.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, while I heartily agree with my presiding officer, last Thursday evening Councilman Horrigan designated me in this chamber as Councilman Bradley, and I don't know as it was any less against the rules than it is now.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that the rule has been broken frequently heretofore, but the Chair desires to have that rule enforced hereafter.

Mr. BRADLEY—A few prefatory remarks I would like to make in regard to that order. This body has been held up to the public gaze as a party of buffoons. Every Thursday evening we have the public gaze centred upon us. Friday morning the press is eagerly scanned to see what the Common Council did the preceding night. Now, gentlemen of the Common Council, I would like to ask you if there has been corruption and fraud employed in the election of our presiding officer, why we should not know that? If there has been corruption et us know it. Investigations are always good. They purify. They cleanse and purify the body in a manner that is sometimes necessary. Gentlemen of the Council, I ask for this order this evening, that it may take its second reading and be passed tonight for the investigation.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the indefinite postponement of the order.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise for information. Will the Chair state whether the question on indefinite postponement is debatable.

The PRESIDENT—The question is debatable.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I would ordinarily be surprised at the action of the gentleman from Wd. 8, but having seen him in consultation with the Chair a few moments ago, getting supplied with his information, it is indeed no surprise that he has asked for the indefinite postponement of this order. Mr. President and gentlemen, I hope that this motion will be voted down, and I ask that the members of the Council satisfy the public at large as to whether

or not there were fraudulent methods used pertaining to the election of the President. Now, gentlemen, you know as well as I do that this matter has been discussed from one end of the city to the other. Last Thursday the gentleman in the third division, Mr. Watson, the gentleman in the second division, Mr. Horrigan, stated on the floor—

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman, according to the rules of the Council, has no right to refer to the members of the Council by name; and I believe you ruled that way already this evening.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is a rule of the Council preventing the use of the name during the deliberations of the body. The Chair has already called that rule to the attention of one member of the Council, and will call it to the attention of the gentleman from Wd. 4, and will most respectfully request him to try to confine himself to the rules of the Council.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, inasmuch as I am aware of such a rule, I am also aware that the Chair did not assume the responsibility last Thursday night of calling it to the attention of the gentleman who was speaking on the same issue. The gentleman stood on the floor of this chamber and mentioned names without any interruption on the part of the Chair. Inasmuch as the Chair was broad enough to allow him to mention names as he did, I feel justified in naming certain gentlemen who preferred the charges last Thursday evening.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he intends to be fair to every member of this Council. He has stated already at this meeting that the rule has been broken frequently by all members of the Council, or by a great many of the members, heretofore; and the Chair intends to enforce it and every rule of this Council hereafter, and will ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 to confine himself within the bounds of parliamentary decency and propriety.

Mr. MULCAHY—The gentleman will endeavor to do that, but feels justified in asking the Chair to be courteous and show that there is no partiality on his part to any member of this body. It would seem so sometimes from the action of the Chair. Now, Mr. President, this matter of indefinite postponement, as I said, of this order is a thing which we should not favor. Let it go through and let us pass this investigation and satisfy the people at large, as well as the members of this body. Everybody wants to know the result, and is waiting for it. If the Chair did not fear an investigation of this kind, the gentleman from Wd. 8 would never have risen to move the indefinite postponement of this matter. The Chair will remember that when he asked for a committee on investigation.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that it is a specific rule of the Common Council that discourteous reflections upon the Chair must not be carried on during the deliberations of this body. The Chair will ask the gentleman once more to confine himself within the rules of parliamentary decency. (Laughter.)

Mr. MULCAHY—The gentleman will endeavor to do that, if the Chair will do the same. Mr. President, I do not desire to say any more about the order, but I would like to see the Chair a little more courteous than he has been in the past and allow the members of this body the right and privilege which they maintain, and let them represent the people they should represent upon the floor of this chamber.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will be indefinitely postponed. It seems to me that the only ones that are clamoring for an investigation are those who were in the minority on inauguration day. I do not

believe there is anybody else in the city of Boston clamoring for an investigation. I do not know as there is any great hindrance on the part of the people and the public in general, but there seems to be two or three gentlemen that are very officious, and they want an investigation. They want to know why every man did this and that.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—We will find out on election day all right.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, as far as I am concerned, I am entirely responsible to my constituents. As far as I am concerned, the gentleman back here—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—My point of order is that the question before the house is on indefinite postponement; and the gentleman is wandering from that question and endeavoring to explain why he neglected to vote on inauguration day.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13 has the floor. (Light laughter and applause in the gallery.) The Chair will also ask the people in the galleries to refrain from demonstrations of any kind.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I was only incensed to make the remarks by some mumbling and whispering by some defeated parties in back here, but I wish to say that there is nobody clamoring for an investigation except those who were in the minority on inauguration day, and they have been making more fuss and holler than has been made here for years. I believe that it is time that we got down to business and did not longer disgrace ourselves. This body has always been dignified, and I do not believe we are at all an inferior body to those who have preceded us here. Calling for investigation and investigation! (Who is asking for investigation? There is nobody here but a few, and those gentlemen are acting as the mouth pieces of the administration—and I believe it is the administration's idea and intention to have this council abolished, and that it hopes by setting up such little stories and games as these to bring about the abolition of the common council. I believe it is a duty that we owe to our constituents to act here manfully, and to stop these petty actions which we have been indulging in. An order of this kind cannot amount to anything, and those who introduce it know that at the start. I hope the order will be indefinitely postponed.)

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I attempted to sit the evening out without saying anything, but the insane remarks of the member from Wd. 14 have been such, and his knowledge of parliamentary rules is so little—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I again rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, my point of order this time is somewhat similar to what it was a moment ago, that the question before this body is the question of indefinite postponement, and that the gentleman in the First Division is wandering off the track and attempting to attack the gentleman from Wd. 14. I presume it will be ruled not well taken.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman had not proceeded far enough in his remarks to permit the Chair to know whether he was speaking to the question or not, and therefore the Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, it was my purpose to speak in favor of the indefinite postponement of this order. I will say frankly that the first part of this evening my purpose was to vote all along the line for investigation; but after the ac-

tions of the member from Wd. 14, I am satisfied that the order is purely put in here for the purpose of bringing about the abolishment of the Common Council, and I am going to vote for the indefinite postponement of the order for that reason. I presume that I can reply to the remarks that were made by the gentleman from Wd. 14, I believe—

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I think the gentleman—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. TOBIN—Yes, sir; the question before the house is on indefinite postponement. The gentleman is speaking on another question altogether.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. WATSON—Now, Mr. President, I am thoroughly satisfied that this investigation will not be a fair one, no matter what members are appointed upon it, and that is why I want the indefinite postponement of this order. There is not a member of this council but what is interested on one side or the other, and but what would be prejudiced if he sits on that committee. It will be just a political bluff—that is all it will be. It will amount to nothing. I am satisfied, as I said before, that the order was put in for the purpose of bringing about the abolition of the Common Council, and the brags of many members of this Council in the minority are being made practically that effect. Now, to show that we have gained some friends, I want to point to that vote of 48 against 22. They haven't got but 22 votes now. I trust that the order will be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this resolution will not be indefinitely postponed. I rise to speak in favor of the passage of this resolution tonight—and before I begin to speak in detail, I desire to state right here that I came to this body in order to be fair and honest and respectable and if anything has occurred in this body since I have been a member of it I want each and every member of this body to rise up and find out what has been the matter. The first day I came to this chamber there was trouble. I represent no machine. I came here in order to do what is right and proper for my constituents, and to be a credit to the Common Council of the city of Boston. I say that on inauguration day I was ashamed of the conduct of some of my colleagues. The next meeting was a disgrace, and the last meeting was the same. I have listened to men get up here and confess that they have been offered bribes—

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I think the gentleman has been given considerable latitude, and that at present he is not speaking to the question at all. The question before the house is on the indefinite postponement of the order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, and in doing so will ask the gentleman to kindly confine himself to the question before the house, which is the indefinite postponement of the order. The Chair desires to allow every member of the Council all the latitude possible within the rules of the Council, but he will remind the gentleman to kindly confine himself to the question before the Council.

Mr. RICE—Mr. President, I want to ask each and every member of this Council tonight to vote against the indefinite postponement. Our characters are at stake. The papers throughout the length and breadth of this country have been talking about the common councilmen of the city of Boston. A fellow Democrat of mine got up on this floor at the last meeting and stated that he was offered \$50 by a man in the Parker House. That member said he was in favor of an investigation, and

he will vote for it—I know he will—and he will vindicate himself before his constituents if he shows that certain men in the city of Boston should be behind the bars.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that he is now talking on the merits of the original order, while the question before the house is on indefinite postponement. The Chair will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question.

Mr. RICE—So, gentlemen, I state that if this resolution is indefinitely postponed, the same accusation against this body will continue. You will be continually accosted by men in the street. You will be insulted, as I have been many and many a time, by being accused of belonging to a body of savages. (Laughter.) I sincerely trust that every man in this chamber has the same pride that I have to be a member of this body, for I feel that it is an august assembly. I believe it is the duty of each and every member, regardless of his political faith, to vote against indefinite postponement. We can then bring out the facts and find out who is at fault, and who is not.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, as I think this whole matter is introduced here in order to place the Republican members on record as voting against the investigation, as it is hoped that they will, in order perhaps to try to elect a Democratic Mayor next fall, I move the previous question.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I most sincerely hope the main question will not be put. I desire to speak a few words in regard to the matter introduced by the member from Wd. 6 (Mr. Bradley), and I most sincerely hope the previous question will not be put.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I certainly hope that the main question will not be put, for the following reasons. As a member of this body last year I thought it was a great honor to be a member of the body, and therefore I was a candidate for re-election, and have come back this year. It seems that at the last two meetings gentlemen have got up here and have cast reflections on members of this body as men who have offered or accepted certain bribes. They have placed themselves on record here as being in favor of an investigation—

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not speaking to the question before the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I believe the gentleman from Wd. 3 (Mr. HERRIGAN) has personally stated here—

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question before the house is whether the main question shall now be put or not. The gentleman is speaking about a gentleman in Wd. 3—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair must rule the point of order not well taken, and in doing so will remind the gentleman from Wd. 9 (Mr. KASANOF) that he has already called his attention to the question before the body.

Mr. KASANOF—Mr. President, I am referring to the gentleman—

The PRESIDENT—That he has already called the attention of the Council to the rule which forbids the using of personal names in this chamber.

Mr. KASANOF—Mr. President, I have not used any personal names.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9.

Mr. KASANOF—Mr. President, I have simply referred to the member of Wd. 3 (Mr. HERRIGAN) saying that he himself stated personally here at the last meeting that he is in favor of an investigation. Now, Mr. President, we should act for the dignity of this body tonight. I trust that the order will not be indefinitely postponed and that the main question will not be put.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President,

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that three minutes remain for debate on the question of ordering the previous question.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I am pleased even at this late moment to be permitted to say a few words in regard to the investigation. The order introduced by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Bradley) is not perhaps quite so strong as the order I have tried to introduce into this body, but it is at least just as specific.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is, "Shall the main question be now put" and that debate on the main question is not now in order. The Chair will insist on enforcing the rules of the Council.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the question will not be put at this time. I could, if permitted to speak on the merits of the question, asperse the motive of the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Cuddy) when he moved indefinite postponement, and I could perhaps show good reasons why the gentleman from Wd. 1 (Mr. Bagley) should move that the main question be now put. The amalgamation of the Wd. 8 Democrats and Republicans in this body is something that those who were driven into it should be ashamed of—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that the question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be put.

The PRESIDENT—The time for debate has expired. The question is, shall the main question be now put?

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and called for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the main question was ordered, 39 members voting in the affirmative, 19 in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move that when the vote is taken on the second reading of the order, it be taken by yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair was in error. The question is on the passage of the order. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 asks for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were declared ordered, and the Clerk proceeded to call the roll. When Mr. Casey's name was reached, he said:—

Mr. President, what is the question?

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order. As there seems to be an error on the part of some of the members in regard to the question before the Council, the Chair will state that the question is on the passage of the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 6. The Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll, and the order was rejected, yeas 24, nays 43:—

Yeas—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doyle, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Roemer, Tobin—24.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Batis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Doherty, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Klemm, Leftvith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—43.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Collins, Donahoe, Flynn, Gibbons, Kiley, Miller, Sullivan—8.

Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT, MALCOLM STREET.**

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an

order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate and station either a gas or an electric light on Malcolm St., between Mt. Vernon and Chestnut Sts., Wd. 11.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 11.**

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$20,000 for resurfacing and putting in complete order Grove, Phillips, Garden and Irving Sts., in Wd. 11.

Passed. Sent up.

**OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION MANAGERS**

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Clerk of the Common Council be authorized to deposit one ballot, as the choice of this Council, for the following persons as managers of the Old South Association in Boston.

From the Board of Aldermen, David F. Barry.

From the Common Council, Daniel J. Kiley.

The order was passed, and the clerk attended to the duty assigned him, and David F. Barry and Daniel J. Kiley were declared the choice of the body for said managers.

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS, ADAMS ST.**

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish electric lights on Adams St., between Codman St. and Pierce Sq., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**STREET CLEANING, DORCHESTER.**

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to establish the street cleaning service in all parts of Dorchester district not now covered by said service.

Passed. Sent up.

**POWERS OF COMMON COUNCIL.**

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the President of the Common Council be requested to petition the General Court at its present session for the passage of legislation giving to the Common Council authority to compel the attendance by summons of any head of a department or employee of the city before the Council or any committee thereof, also providing that any order or request for information of any head of department made by the Council shall not require the approval of the Mayor.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, as I was out of the chamber when the order was read, I desire to ask the Clerk, through the Chair, to read it again.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order, and members will be seated. The Chair desires to state that if the members will kindly maintain order it will not be necessary for the Clerk to repeat so often the reading of orders. The Clerk will read the order again for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 14.

The order was read again by the Clerk, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair whether or not the Legislature can delegate its powers to summon witnesses to any other body than itself?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the gentleman that

he believes the Legislature has power to make any laws not in violation of the constitution of the Commonwealth. The Chair, however, does not assume to give a legal opinion upon that order.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. I desire to look into the matter. I don't believe the Legislature can delegate its power to summon witnesses to any body outside of itself.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I also join with the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) in asking that the matter be assigned. This seems to be rather a technical question, and as the Chair seems in doubt and Mr. Connolly and myself are in doubt, I move that the matter be assigned.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I hope the matter will not be assigned. As far as I know and have found out, I think that we have the power to petition the Legislature to enact any law concerning the city government of Boston. That is the reason why I offered this order. The reasons for offering it are very simple. We have a committee organized here to investigate the discharge of certain employees of the city of Boston—

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I understand the question to be on assignment.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, the gentleman is not talking about assignment. He is talking about the discharge of employees.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that the gentleman's point of order is not well taken. Mr. Donovan of Wd. 7.

Mr. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I desire to say that I hope the order will not be assigned for these reasons. We asked the Mayor about the right the city government had to call upon heads of departments and he said that the acts of the Legislature did not allow it. So I offer this order and I hope it will pass this evening.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I will state that I have, as an attorney, made no special investigation as to the constitutionality of this order. I have not been aware of the order until this moment, but I am aware of a statute upon the books of the Commonwealth which does give the power to legislative bodies or to the selectment of any municipality or township to summon witnesses to testify before them upon any subject which is within their jurisdiction at any investigation of such a subject. It is also within the power of the legislature, as I understand it, to assign or to concede powers to this body, as one of the legislative bodies of the city of Boston, and it seems to me it is perfectly within its powers to give jurisdiction over the heads of departments of the city of Boston to this extent at least. We all know that we have little enough power, and it seems to me this is giving us no more than is our right, the authority to summon before us the heads of departments of the city of Boston, of which city we are a legislative body. I regret to say that we are not at the present time as honored a body as I believe we deserve to be, whosever the fault is. I believe that, as representing the great and honored city of Boston, we are entitled to recognition and honor, that the same honor given to the city should be given to us as representing the city; and, as I believe that under this order we will be given no more power than it is the right of the legislature to grant to us, I hope the order will pass tonight, without assignment.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, the Common Council of 1899 promises to be an investigating body. As

a member of the committee on the investigation of discharged city employees, I was able to behold the edifying spectacle of the mayor and heads of departments standing by on the other side and laughing at the committee trying to investigate.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. Chairman, I desire to rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to address the Chair in a respectful manner.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, pardon me for making a mistake. I have arisen here to address the Chair two or three times.

The PRESIDENT—With what purpose does the gentleman address the Chair?

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I raise the point of order that the question before this body is not the investigation of the discharge of laborers.

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that the gentleman's remarks are not germane to the question before the house, which is, as I understand it, on assignment, and not upon any investigation of the discharge of employees of the city of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is not well taken.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I expected that.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I hope the gentleman from Wd. 14 feels better. As, in all probability, there will be many future investigations held, I consider it very important that this Council should have the power to summon such heads of departments to any investigation as it may see fit. For that reason, I most sincerely trust that the order will not be assigned, but will go on its passage tonight and will be passed unanimously.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, it seems to me it would be a good practice for this body, when we have doubtful cases like this one, as to whether the Legislature has power to invest us with the authority to summon witnesses here, to seek the advice of the Corporation Council. I think it would be a good idea to assign the order for one week, and in the meantime we can find out whether the Legislature can delegate to us that power. I have no doubt that we will have a great many investigations this year. I am very sorry tonight to see one investigation voted down. Consistency, gentlemen, is a good thing. You started out this year by voting for one investigation, and I voted with you. I favored another investigation, and you voted against me. Gentlemen, let us in the future vote honestly, vote with our consciences.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, it seems to me that the Legislature has the power to delegate to the Common Council the authority to summon heads of departments to any investigation. I think the easiest and best manner to find out the facts, however, would be to have a committee go to the Legislature, and if the Legislature did not have the power it would certainly not give it to us. I don't think that is any reason why the matter should be assigned. It seems to me that there is an antagonism to anything that will give the Council more power. As I said early in the evening, it is the ambition of certain parties, as everybody knows, to abolish the Common Council, and it is naturally to be supposed that they will not assist in anything which will give the Council more power. There is certainly no question about the fact, as has been seen in the last few meetings of 1898 and in this body, that this Council has not power enough; and no member should retard anything which is in the line of giving the Council more power. I hope the order will be passed.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment. As there seems to be some

difference of opinion as to the order, the Chair will direct the Clerk to read the order once more.

The Clerk read the order again.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I ask for assignment. In doing so, I believe I am right in stating that the Legislature cannot delegate its powers to summon witnesses. I agree with the gentlemen who have stated that the Council should have more power, but I hope and trust that the opportunity will be given me to come here next Thursday evening and show the legal lights of the Common Council—and I think I can do it—that it is on the statute books, and has also been decided by the Supreme Court, that the Legislature cannot delegate its power in this matter. I hope and trust that the assignment will prevail.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the order will be assigned. I rise to speak in favor of assignment, not, perhaps, on account of any demerit in the order which has been presented, but particularly because it has been the practice during the past year to allow postponement of orders of this kind for one week to members who wished it in order to obtain further information. That course has also been followed this evening on two or three important matters, and I sincerely hope that in this case postponement will prevail.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, I will ask the pardon of the President and members for speaking once more on this question. In the first place, as we all know, there is a limit to the time within which measures may be introduced at the Legislature. This must be introduced, if at all, before the last of this month. That is an argument against delay. I would like to ask the gentleman who has made the argument that the Legislature cannot delegate its power to summon witnesses how it is he can claim that the Legislature monopolizes that power, when—as is the fact—we have upon the statute books at the present time a law which gives the power to selectmen and to legislative bodies conducting an investigation to summon witnesses before them? The power is one which they can create. They make the charters of cities in this Commonwealth, and it is they who give this power to summon witnesses in investigations in various cities and townships of the Commonwealth. Here is simply another instance of the exercise of that power to summon witnesses, and I think it is very plain that the Legislature exercises no monopoly in the matter.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost. The order was passed. Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider, lost.

STATIONERY FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—that the City Messenger provide each member of the Common Council with a half ream of octavo note paper, in quality equal to No. 1 Baronial, white laid, plate finish, Old Berkshire, with suitable engraving at head; also with one box, quarter thousand, of envelopes to match; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

BULLETIN OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21 offered an order—that His Honor the Mayor authorize the clerk of committees to have posted in his room, also in the City Messenger's room, a list of all bills pertaining to the city of Boston which are before the General Court for the year 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 15.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—

That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the corner of West Sixth and F Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPEAL OF APPORTIONMENT ACT.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered the following:—

Whereas, At the request of the Legislature of Massachusetts, the voters of the city of Boston, by a decisive vote, at the municipal election of 1897, expressed their wish that the Common Council continue to be a fundamental branch of their municipal government, and

Whereas, The voters of the city of Boston have invariably voted to preserve their present form of government when the matter has been referred to them, and

Whereas, In spite of the expressed will of the citizens, the Mayor has secured the passage of an act by the Legislature creating a Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which practically destroys all but the negative powers of the Common Council, and

Whereas, The Mayor has thus in an indirect way attained the object which the people refused to grant him, and

Whereas, The Mayor has, in his annual address, boasted of his success and contemptuously referred to this honorable body as a "palpable absurdity" and a "municipal debating club," now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Boston, in regular meeting assembled, hereby appeal to the great and general court of the Commonwealth to repeal the Apportionment act; to restore to them their former powers; to grant no further increase of power to the Mayor, and to attach the referendum to all future acts amending the charter of the city of Boston, and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee, when appointed, be directed to appear before the committees of the Legislature to further these objects and oppose all legislation not in accord with these resolutions.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, in speaking to the resolutions which have just been read, I wish to preface my remarks by reading a few extracts—the first from the city charter granted in 1854; the second from the act amending that charter, passed in 1885; and the third an extract from the last address of the Mayor. They are as follows: Sect. 35, Ch. 448, Acts of 1854, p. 82: "All other powers heretofore by law vested in the town of Boston, or in the inhabitants thereof, as a municipal corporation, or in the City Council of the city of Boston, shall be and hereby are continued to be vested in the mayor, aldermen, and Common Council of the said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board as hereby constituted having a negative upon the proceedings of the other, and the Mayor having a veto power as hereinafter provided."

The 2d: Sec. 1, Ch. 266, Acts 1885:—

"The Mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, all officers and boards now elected by the City Council or Board of Aldermen, or appointed by him subject to confirmation, and all whose offices may hereafter be established by the City Council or Board of Aldermen; and he may remove any of said officers or members of such boards for such cause as he shall deem sufficient, and shall assign in his order for removal."

The 3d, from the Mayor's Address: "The maintenance of a lower chamber of seventy-five members, now having scarcely a vestige of financial power—only that of rejecting items passed by the Board of Apportionment—and with no control over street franchises, seems such a palpable absurdity, and such a costly method of maintaining a municipal debating club, if that be considered a desirable object, that

it seems to me scarcely possible that it can much longer be allowed to exist."

Mr. President, from those extracts we can trace the course of municipal development in the last 45 years. In the days of its prime, when His Excellency Gov. Roger Wolcott, Hon. J. Q. A. Brackett, Alex. H. Rice, J. Putnam Bradley and others of our representative men were members of the Common Council, the city government was a true type of the balanced system which is the only safe foundation for a democratic form of representative government.

Our national government is the most striking illustration of its success, and a study of that will show that the House of Representatives, the Senate and Executive each have an almost complete check on the action of the others in financial and legislative matters, and unless all are in accord, no measures can become law. As the three branches vary in their sensitiveness to the individual wishes of their constituents, the proper degree of conservatism is coupled with the radical tendencies of the House of Representatives, and as no measure can become a law unless it has been thoroughly considered and, as is usually the case, compromised, a proper degree of safety is assured.

This, Mr. President, was the form of government Boston had under the charter of 1854, as shown by the extract I have read. In those days the Common Council was an important body and our ablest men were among its members. Thirty years later, however, a change was made, and the appointing power was taken from the City Council and given to the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the aldermen. This was the entering wedge, though it but placed our city government more nearly on the plan of that at Washington, and left all legislative powers in the hands of the aldermen and Common Council. It was sufficient, however, to destroy the balance of power, and placed in the hands of the Mayor a powerful instrument, through the distribution of patronage, with which to make further attacks upon the other branches.

It remained for the present incumbent, Mayor Quincy, to be crafty enough to take full advantage of this and under him we have seen such a centralization of power that we no longer have a system balanced, between three branches, but a despotic one-man power, which tolerates one of the other branches, and sarcastically ridicules the existence of the third.

Mr. President, it may be that this is the modern tendency of government. It may be that our citizens desire to pattern after the imperialistic government of continental cities, rather than the representative system of democracy, but when we realize how rapidly the people of our country are concentrating in the great centres of population, and that the day is not far distant when only an insignificant portion of our population will not be dwellers within the limits of some city, I say the matter is one of supreme importance. Our fathers loved liberty because they were bred to it in the town meeting, and had a voice in public affairs. The town meeting is a thing of the past, and now an attack is made upon the representative system which is at the bottom of our national government. The form of our community governments will in time become the form for our country, and history will only be repeating itself if our republic ends in despotism.

Mr. President, in spite of the decided verdict by which the voters of our city favored the preservation of the Common Council two years ago, we find ourselves deprived through the intrigues of the present Mayor of all semblance of real power. He, in his fancied security, gloats over his selfish success. But a day of reckoning will come. The Roman aediles were able for a time to amuse the people with spectacles and games, with municipal concerts

and fountains, while they centralized the power and prepared the way for their Caesar. It is for us to profit by their example. There is a marked tendency nowadays to make what is everybody's business nobody's business, and to place faith in the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln's maxim—that you can fool part of the people all the time, and all the people part of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time. One of the ablest of our city press recently said in its editorial columns, "It may be better to wait until a reaction sets in." But, Mr. President, to this we should say No! Let us start the reaction now. We want no modern Rome in our midst; we must not wait till a corrupt boss uses the centralized power Mayor Quincy has placed in his hands to wreck the future of our fair city. Let us begin a movement to decentralize the power now; let us seek to restore equality to the three branches of our government; let us return to that balanced system of representation which was the pride and the safeguard of our fathers!

Mr. President, I move that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs, when appointed.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs, when appointed.

Later in the session Mr. Bordman said:—

Mr. President, I desire to ask if it would be in order for me to ask the courtesy of the Council to have a yea and nay vote taken on the reference of the resolutions which I introduced to the Committee on Legislative Affairs. I would say, in explanation, that I think a yea and nay vote from this Council would have more effect upon the Legislature, believing as I do that the members, without regard to political affiliation, are in favor of the resolutions.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that if the gentleman desires to make a motion to the effect that he desires to verify the reference of his order by a yea and nay vote, the Chair will entertain that motion.

Mr. BORDMAN—Mr. President, I move you, sir, to that effect.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I don't see why this should require that we should verify that reference by a yea and nay vote. The question on its reference has been put and declared carried. Nobody doubted the vote at all, and I do not see why the matter should come up again at this time.

The yeas and nays were ordered on the motion to refer, and the resolutions were referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs, when appointed—yeas 69, nays none:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carrol, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horri-gan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, Macdonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Milgram, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—69.

Nays—None.  
Absent or not voting—Bradley, Casey, Connolly, Flynn, Gibbons, Miller—6.

#### SKATING, WD. 15.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to flood a suitable lot of ground under their jurisdiction in Wd. 15 for skating purposes. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**SHELTER AT NORTH FERRY.**

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend the shelter at the East Boston side of the North Ferry, so that it may connect with the head house at said ferry. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**IMPROVEMENT OF COWPER ST.**

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place Cowper St., between Moore and Short Sts., in proper condition. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**POLO PLAYING, WOOD ISLAND PARK.**

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow polo playing at Wood Island Park, between the hours of two o'clock P. M. and five o'clock P. M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the skating season. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**USE OF EAST BOSTON GYMNASIUM.**

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Bath Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the number, if any, of non-residents who have lockers in the East Boston Gymnasium, and also if proper steps are taken to give residents of Boston the preference in obtaining admission to the hand-ball court, etc. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**BRANCH LIBRARY, EAST BOSTON.**

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their first loan bill an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars for a branch of the public library in East Boston. Passed. Sent up.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 19.**

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate an electric light at the corner of Smith and Phillips Sts., Wd. 19. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**CONDITION OF TICKNOR SCHOOL.**

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, and to make such changes and repairs as may be necessary to put the same in proper condition. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**BINDERS FOR DOCUMENTS.**

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to procure improved Keystone Binders for members of the Common Council; the expense of same to be charged to the Common Council contingent fund when made. Passed.

**FILES FOR RECORDS.**

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to procure files for the use of members of the Common Council the same to be used for the purpose of properly preserving the regular issue of the City Record; the expense to be charged to the Common Council, Contingent Fund. Passed.

**INVESTIGATION OF WATER TAX.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That a special committee of five members of the Common Council be appointed to investigate the method by means of which an extra water tax is levied upon each room in a house that is let for boarding or lodging purposes; said committee to report the result of its investigation, together with such suggestions or changes as seem proper, as soon as possible. Passed.

**PAYMENT OF LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd 12 offered the following:—

City of Boston,

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

An ordinance to amend chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter twenty-three of the revised ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section two by striking out the words "incidental expenses of the City Council" in the twenty-first line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words "mayor,—office."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

**PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the President be requested to give a sitting for a portrait of himself to be hung in the President's room, according to the usual custom; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses. Passed unanimously.

**ALARM BOX, WARD 19.**

Mr. DOYLE, of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a fire alarm signal box on Hillside St., near Wait St., Wd. 19. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**INCREASE OF PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE.**

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the President of the Common Council increase the number of committee on playgrounds for Wds. 18 and 19 to six members from the aforesaid wards.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair wishes to state, in connection with that order, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 19, that he has already appointed a member from Wd. 17 on that committee, and he sees no way now to get over the difficulty unless the gentleman from Wd. 19 is ready to suggest some way.

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, I understand that one of the members of that committee has suggested that he will be glad to resign from the committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that if any resignation is handed in, which has not been the case up to the present date, the Chair will then be prepared to fill the vacancy, as the order provides, but until such time the Chair cannot entertain such an order.

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, I would very much like to have the order considered by the President, in view of the fact that there are six members from those two wards. I cannot see why the Chair should appoint a gentleman from Wd. 17 on a playground for Wds. 18 and 19. As I understand, the original order provided that five members from the district should be appointed.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he has appointed five members on the committee now, and if two members are

added that will make seven. There has been no provision made in any order up to the present time for the appointment of seven members. The Chair is therefore unable to make such an appointment on the committee.

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, I make a motion that two more members be added to that committee.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I simply rise to ask whether or not the appointment of that committee has been announced yet?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the appointment of the committee has been announced, but it is still within the power of the Council to add as many members as it sees fit.

Mr. NANGLE—It has been announced?

The PRESIDENT—The appointment of the committee has been announced through the Clerk.

Mr. NANGLE—Well, I haven't got any notification to the effect that I have been appointed or not. I understand that I am charged with being the member of the committee who is about to resign from the committee. I can assure the gentleman that I do not intend to resign. I shall be glad to perform the duty which has been assigned me for the benefit of my constituents.

The motion to increase the membership of the committee by two was carried.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light on Liverpool St., between Maverick and Sumner Sts., East Boston.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLACE TO BE CALLED "HAYES" SQ.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to cause the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., Charlestown, to be named "Hayes Sq.," as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator James E. Hayes, an honored resident of that section of the city and for many years identified with all that appertained to its welfare.

The question came on the passage of the order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 3 that the Street Commissioners, and they alone, have the power to do that which he has requested in his order. He will suggest that the gentleman from Wd. 3 amend his order to read that the Street Commissioners be requested to so name the square.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I move that the order be amended to read, "that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to cause the public ground," etc.

The order was passed as amended. Sent up.

#### STATUE OF HON. JAMES E. HAYES.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to procure a statue of the late Senator James E. Hayes to be located in the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., Charlestown; said statue to be in position and unveiled on the 17th of June of the present year, if possible.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

#### LAMP IN CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His

Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a gas lamp at the corner of Edgeworth and Tremont Sts., Wd. 3.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GYMNASIUM, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$25,000 for an open air gymnasium on the playground in Wd. 3.

Passed. Sent up.

#### FLOODING OF COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13, offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause Commonwealth Park, South Boston, to be flooded for skating purposes.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ORDINANCE REGARDING ENGINE SMOKE.

Mr. LINEHAN offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report to the City Council an ordinance to prevent the menace to the health and convenience of the citizens of Boston arising from smoke from locomotives passing or standing under the various railroad bridges of this city.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

#### OFFICE FOR COUNCILMEN.

Mr. LINEHAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish one of the anterooms of the Common Council Chamber so as to adapt it for use as a private office for members of the Common Council; the work of furnishing to be under the direction of the President of the Common Council and the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I think the necessity of this body having some room where they can go and sit and talk and write is evident to every member, and I hope it will be seen to that that room is fitted up in a comfortable, good manner, for the members of this body.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Lamps to erect on Kingston St., opposite Kingston Ct., an electric light in place of the present gas light; and the expense of same to be paid by the Lamp Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ASPHALTING OF HARRISON AVE.

Mr. SWEENEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to allow in their next loan bill a sum sufficient to defray the expense of asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Kneeland and Bennett Sts.

Passed. Sent up.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 moved that the Council adjourn.

The motion was declared lost by the President.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners,

through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide an electric light at Charles-town Playground, Wd. 4, for the safety and convenience of the large number of people frequenting said playground for the purpose of skating.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PAVING OF BLUE HILL AVE.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$50,000 for the paving of Blue Hill Ave. from Dalmatia St. to Grove Hall.

Passed. Sent up.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, DORCHESTER.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate an electric light at the corner of Grampian Way and Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

ASPHALTING OF MILTON ST.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in their first loan order a sum sufficient for laying an asphalt pavement on Milton St., Wd. 8.

Passed. Sent up.

FLOODING OF LAND FOR SKATING.

Mr. ATWOOD, of Wd. 16, offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to flood for skating the vacant lot bounded by Kemp St., Washington Ave., Hyde St. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., provided that the owner of said lot shall consent to the same being done.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

POLICE STATION, GROVE HALL.

Mr. WOOD, of Wd. 20, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their first loan order the sum of \$30,000, to provide a police station at or near Grove Hall, Wd. 20.

Passed. Sent up.

PAVING OF PARK ENTRANCE.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pave the space between the curbstone and the railroad tracks at the northerly corner of the park

entrance of Blue Hill Ave., opposite Glen-at or near Grove Hall, in Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

VESTIBULES ON STREET CARS.

Mr. HARVEY, of Wd. 24, offered the following:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council of Boston such legislation should be enacted by the General Court as will require all street railway companies in this city to equip their cars with vestibules for the protection both of motormen and passengers.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters, when appointed, on motion of Mr. Harvey.

EXTENSION OF TEMPLE STREET.

Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill an amount sufficient to lay out and construct Temple St. from its present termination to Centre St., Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent up.

PAYMENT FOR THEATRE LICENSES.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18, offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend the Revised Regulations of 1898, so that section 2 of chapter 3 of said regulations shall read as follows: "Every licensee, before he receives any license for a theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement, or other performance or exhibition of any description to which admission is obtained by payment of money or the delivery of any valuable thing, or by any ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valuable thing, shall pay to the city clerk for such license covering performances or exhibitions, for one day, \$1, for a time exceeding one day and not exceeding six days, \$5; for a term exceeding six and not exceeding twelve days, \$25; provided, however, that for a license for any athletic entertainment the licensee shall pay \$10, and for a license for a theatrical season or for any circus he shall pay \$300 and shall cause facilities for entering and inspecting his place of amusement and viewing the exhibitions or performances therein to be furnished at all times to any member of the City Council applying therefor.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Casey.

Adjourned at 10:13 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13, to meet on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Jan. 23, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, under the provisions of Chap. 514, of the Acts of 1894, viz.: Charles F. Remington, Wd. 24; William J. Gross, Wd. 16; Orlando C. Allen, Wd. 25; David Fisher, Wd. 17; Martin O'Hara, Jr., Wd. 25; Thomas H. Roberts, Wd. 6; Peter P. Redican, Wd. 4; Edward E. Gardner, Wd. 14; H. Norman Cox, Wd. 9; Andrew S. Wheeler, Wd. 20; John H. G. Munro, Wd. 1; Frank S. Price, Wd. 7; Edward Callahan, Wd. 23; George B. Watson, Wd. 20; Ambrose L. Murphy, Wd. 13; James B. Reynolds, Wd. 11; Henry E. Sumpter, Wd. 3; Patrick J. Curtis, Wd. 13; Francis Lally, Wd. 1; Albert D. Rogers, Wd. 25; John J. Connelley, Wd. 23; Henry O'Gorman, Wd. 23; William H. Cuddy, Wd. 8; Franklin H. Raymond, Wd. 15; Timothy J. Driscoll, Wd. 4; William J. Callahan, Wd. 13; Allen C. Humphrey, Wd. 20; Charles H. G. Ferguson, Wd. 15; Arthur F. Clark, Wd. 14; Edward H. Goodale, Wd. 24; Josiah Villard, Wd. 5; James B. Finnegan, Wd. 20; James Farrell, Wd. 15; Charles E. Dunham, Wd. 16.

DESTRUCTION OF OLD SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

Last year the buildings and grounds on Canterbury St., known as the Old Small-Pox Hospital, for which the Board of Health had no further use, were placed in the charge of the Insane Hospital Trustees. The Insane Hospital Trustees now request permission to destroy the old buildings, as the Board of Health is of the opinion that it would be unsafe to make use of them, on account of the possibilities of infection, and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Insane Hospital Trustees,  
Boston, Mass., Jan. 10, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

Dear sir: The Insane Hospital Trustees request permission to destroy the old buildings of the small-pox hospital transferred to them, as the Board of Health have stated that it was unsafe to make use of those buildings on account of the possibilities of infection.

Very truly yours,  
Philip Coombs Knapp, Secretary.

City of Boston. In Board of Aldermen,  
January 23, 1899.

Ordered, That the Insane Hospital Trustees be and hereby are authorized to destroy the old Small-pox Hospital buildings, the Board of Health being of the opinion that it would be unsafe to use them, on account of the possibilities of infection.

Passed. Sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:

Buildings Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

- Beacon Lunch Co., an illuminated sign, at 7 Charles St., Wd. 11.
- Geo. J. Steven, a sign, at 17 Main St., Wd. 5.
- Dr. M. M. Dewey, an illuminated sign, at 460 Tremont St., Wd. 9.
- M. P. Sadler, a sign, cor. Washington and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20.
- Picard & Keough, an illuminated sign, at 79 North St., Wd. 6.
- A. J. Wiley, a sign, at 1 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.
- E. F. Larrabee, a sign, at 55 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.
- Ryder & Brooks, an illuminated sign, at 12 Essex St., Wd. 7.
- John V. Rieger, V-shaped sign, 36 Pleasant St.
- Julius Johnson, sign, corner Washington and Indiana Sts., Wd. 7.

Claims.

- Bertha Rosenfeld, for payment to Willard T. Perrin of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mountain Ave.
- Geo. A. Donahoe, for compensation for damage to his team caused by collision with a team of the Fire Department.
- Thomas W. Powers, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by its being run into by a team of the city.
- William Franklin Hall et al., trustees for compensation for damages to Haymarket Block, Charlestown St., caused by the action of the Sewer Department.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles, as follows:—

- 1. On Monadnock St., Wd. 16; and Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20.
- 2. On Hewlett and Hastings Sts., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Mrs. Sarah Wise, for leave to maintain a fruit stand in front of the Old Court House, on Court St.

Licenses.

- Hazel Club, for license for an athletic exhibition, including wrestling, at Music Hall, on the evening of Feb. 28, 1899.
- Cyrus H. Stowell, for a license for polo playing (roller skates) in the Wd. 17 Ward Room on Tuesday and Friday evenings during January, February and March.
- A. L. Griffin, manager, permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt to appear at Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for one week, beginning Jan. 23, 1899.

Public Improvements.

- William H. Devine, for compensation for damage to estates 234-236 Quincy St., caused by the change of grade of said street.
- M. Frankel, for leave to construct a coal hole opening in sidewalk at 82 Windsor St., Wd. 18.
- C. S. Roberts, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 15 Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Charles E. Stratton et als, trustees, for leave to construct a coal hole opening in sidewalk at 4 Post Office Sq., Wd. 6.

William Minot et al., trustees, for leave to maintain and use for storage of coal the space under sidewalk at 19-21-23 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

McNell Bros., for leave to erect three gey posts, etc., on Beacon St., between Somerset and Park Sts.

Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, for leave to close a portion of Boston St., Wd. 16, temporarily.

Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, for leave to erect gey posts in Dorchester Ave., Blake and Boston Sts., Wd. 16.

Stephen Brennan, for leave to erect gey posts in Merchants Row, North St., and Creek Sq., Wd. 6.

J. J. & T. F. Mack, for leave to stretch two gey ropes across Pluckney St., opposite No. 15.

John Soley, for leave to move a wooden building from corner of Brandon and Birch Sts. to the south side of South St., Wd. 23.

John Cavanagh & Son B. M. Co., for leave to move a wooden building from 14 Ashford St. to 7 Wadsworth St., Wd. 25.

Louis Corensky, to maintain a stand for the sale of small wares in City Hall Ave.

John F. Ketterer & Co., for illuminated sign, 168-170 Canal St.

Thomas J. Shanny, for illuminated sign, 1 Green St.

William J. Logan & Co., for illuminated sign, 40 Province St.

#### Railroads.

West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Ry. Co., for a location of tracks from South St. at Ashland St., through Ashland and Oakland Sts. and Blue Hill Ave. to the line of Milton; also on Washington St., southerly, to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St.; with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

John W. Wheelwright, that the Board estimate the damages to his estate caused by the change of grade of Washington and Motte Sts., on account of the extension of the B. & P. R.R.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITION.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of J. W. Williams & Co. for leave to project a sign at 71 Warren Ave., Wd. 10.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to suspend all rules, and leave was granted to the petitioner on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Communication from the Boston Transit Commission transmitting their annual report, as required by section 24, of chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894.  
Placed on file.

2. Notice of the election on the part of the Common Council of David F. Barry from the Board of Aldermen, and Daniel J. Kiley, from the Common Council, as managers of the Old South Association in Boston.

On motion of Ald. Codman the Board voted to cast one ballot for the election of David F. Barry and Daniel J. Kiley as managers of the Old South Association, and they were unanimously elected.

3. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the family of Edward Melia, late a police officer of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to be such police officer until the close of the present fiscal year.  
Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to increase the pay of any member of the Fire Department who distinguishes himself by conspicuous bravery, to the amount of twenty-five (25) dollars per annum.  
Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to cause the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., Charlestown, to be named "Hayes Square," as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator James E. Hayes, an honored resident of that section of the city and for many years identified with all that appertained to its welfare.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 6 to 19 inclusive, together, and that the same be read by their titles and referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, viz:

6. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide

an appropriation of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for the paving of Blue Hill Ave., from Dalmatia St. to Grove Hall.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars for an open-air gymnasium on the playground in Wd. 3.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for resurfacing and putting in complete order Grove, Phillips, Garden and Irving Sts., in Wd. 11.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for the grading and macadamizing of East Second St., from K to Q St., South Boston, Wd. 14.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to provide proper sewerage for the Phineas Bates School on Beech St., Wd. 23.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill an amount sufficient to lay out and construct Temple St., from its present termination to Centre St., Wd. 23.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their first loan order the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars to provide a police station at or near Grove Hall, in Wd. 20.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in their first loan order a sum sufficient for laying an asphalt pavement on Milton St., Wd. 8.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to allow in their next loan bill a sum sufficient to defray the expense of asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Kneeland and Bennett Sts.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their first loan bill an appropriation of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for a branch of the Public Library in East Boston.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to establish street cleaning service in all parts of Dorchester District not now covered by said service.

17. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for an underground lavatory and public convenience station at the junction of Endicott and Blackstone Sts., Wd. 6.

18. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment of a branch of the Public Library at the North End.

19. The following order came up for its reference in concurrence to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to procure a statue of the late Senator James E. Hayes, to be located in the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., Charlestown; said statue to be in position and unveiled on the 17th of June of the present year, if possible.

Severally referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

20. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather Schoolhouse in Wd. 13, South Boston.  
Passed in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 21, unfinished business, viz:

21. Action on the appointment of Henry L. Plummer, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, for the term end-

ing April 30, 1901, vice Frederick W. Day, resigned.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Presho and Brick. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

**ORDERS FOR MONEY APPROPRIATIONS.**

Ald. DIXON called up special assignment, No. 22, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, to consider special assignment, No. 22, with No. 22, viz:

22. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That the sum of one million (1,000,000) dollars be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

23. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

**BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On the petition of Crescent Associates for leave to project two bay windows from building, corner of Savin Hill Ave. and Spring St., Wd. 20—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 6, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**CLERK HIRE.**

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 435, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office, commencing with Dec. 15, 1898, and that the work had been performed to the amount of \$2039 96.

Approved by the Board.

**FRANKLIN FUND.**

Ald. COLBY, for the committee appointed to examine the accounts of Samuel G. McCleary, Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, submitted a report—That they have attended to that duty, and have examined the accounts for the years 1896, 1897 and 1898, comprising the period in which the composition of the Board of Managers was in litigation. The committee found that said accounts had been correctly kept and that all vouchers for the securities were in proper condition. Said accounts and the character of the Fund at this date are contained in the exhibit hereto annexed. The present amount of the fund, which is to accumulate without expense until its final division between the city and the state in 1901, is \$124,631.36.

With the presentation of this report the committee submit, at his request, the resignation of Mr. McCleary as treasurer of this fund, and recommend that it be referred to the Board of Managers.

(Appended was a schedule of receipts and investments for the years referred to, and the resignation of Mr. McCleary as treasurer, under date of January 23, 1899.)

On motion of Ald. Colby, it was voted that the report be accepted and the resignation referred to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, that the report as presented be printed as a public document.

**WIDENING OF CHELSEA BRIDGE DRAW.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the communication of His Honor the Mayor of Nov. 14, 1898, submitting an estimate of the City Engineer of the cost of widening Chelsea bridge draw opening at North Draw, from its present width of 45 feet to 75 feet, be taken from the files and referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and that said Board be requested to provide in the next loan the sum of \$70,000 as a special appropriation for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

**SOUTH BOSTON EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the loan bill a sufficient amount of money for an emergency hospital in South Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**PRECAUTIONS AT FREEMAN ST. CROSSING.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a flag-man or an electric gong at the Freeman St. crossing in Wd. 20, to prevent a repetition of the many accidents which have occurred at that crossing during the past two or three years.

Passed.

**BICYCLE PATH ADJOINING COMMON.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct a bicycle path of asphalt on Tremont, Boylston and Charles Sts., adjoining Boston Common, for the use of the bicycle riding public; and that said Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to grant a hearing to representatives of those interested in this matter.

Passed.

**CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of \$30,000 to be used in accordance with the plans and estimates of the Park Department for the construction and improvement of the Christopher Gibson playground, Dorchester.

Passed.

**ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to erect electric lamps on Medford St., and at the corner of Hanover Ave. and North St., North End; and at the corner of Cowper and Wordsworth Sts., East Boston.

Passed.

**CLOSING OF CURTIS ST.**

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Curtis St., between Chelsea and Pope Sts., East Boston, during the time necessary for sewer construction on said street.

Passed, under suspension of the rule.

## ENGINE HOUSE, FOREST HILLS.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for an engine house and site, to be located at Forest Hills, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## FIXING UP STREETS IN WD. 9.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to pave or asphalt the following streets—Seneca, Onelda, Oswego, Genesee, Rochester, Troy.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## WIDENING OF CHELSEA ST.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money in the first loan bill to enable the Board of Street Commissioners to widen Chelsea St., Charlestown, from Prospect St., north.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:32 P.M., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, and the members retired.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:42 P.M.

## ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (severally referred today), for leave to erect poles in certain streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Jan. 30, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Poles on Monadnock St., Wd. 16, and on Moultrie St., Wd. 20.

Poles on Hewlett and Hastings Sts., Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

## LICENSES.

Ald. PRESHO, in the absence of Ald. Colby, submitted for the Committee on Licenses reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions (referred today):—

A. L. Griffin, Manager, for a permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week, beginning January 23, 1899.

Cyrus H. Stowell, for a license for polo playing, roller skates, in the Wo. 17 ward room, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, January, February and March.

Hazel Club, for a license for an athletic exhibition, including wrestling, at Music Hall, on the evening of February 25, 1899.

Reports accepted; licenses severally granted, the latter by a yea and nay vote of 10 in the affirmative and none in the negative.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, (referred today), for leave to close a portion of Boston St., Wd. 16, temporarily—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Holbrook, Cabot & Daly to close the road-

way on Boston St., from Blake St., for about 300 feet, northerly, during the time necessary for building the Boston St. abutments for the City of Boston.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the order, (recommitted today), appropriating \$10,000 for the Wire Department—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order approved by the Board. Sent down.

(3) Reports on petitions, referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

William Minot and another, trustees, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault, 40 ft. by 6 ft., with one coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 19, 21, 23 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Stephen Brennan, to erect, maintain and use four guy posts with the necessary ropes attached in the following locations in Wd. 6, viz:—

One at or near the corner of Merchants Row and North St.; 1 at or near 23 North St.; 2 in Creek Sq.; same to be placed in locations to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets.

Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached in the following locations, viz:—

One in Dorchester Ave., 275 ft. from Blake St.; 1 in Blake St., 200 ft. from Boston St.; 1 in Boston St., 400 ft. from Blake St.; for use in constructing the Boston St. abutments for city of Boston.

M. Frankel, to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening 14 inches in diameter, with an iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of estate 82 Windsor St., Wd. 18.

Charles E. Stratton and others, trustees, to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 4 Post Office Sq.

McNeil Brothers, to erect, maintain and use three guy posts with ropes attached thereto, on the easterly side of Beacon St., between Somerset and Park Sts., Wd. 11.

J. J. and T. F. Mack, to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Pinckney St., at or near No. 15, Wd. 11.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of C. S. Roberts (referred today)—recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the petitioner to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening, 18 inches in diameter, with iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of estate 15 Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move a wooden building, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

The John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Co., 1 Mansard roof, 38 ft. in length, by 27 ft. in width, by 32 ft. in height, from 14 Ashford St., along Ashford, Pratt and Wadsworth Sts., to 7 Wadsworth St., Wd. 25.

John Soley, 1, pitch roof, 30 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 16 ft. in height, from the corner of Brandon and Birch Sts., through and across Brandon St. to South St., south side, to lot next to the railroad bridge, Wd. 23.

Reports accepted: orders passed.

(6) Report on the order (referred today) that the communication of His Honor the Mayor of November 14, 1898, submitting an estimate of the City Engineer of the cost of widening Chelsea Bridge, draw-

opening at north draw be taken from the files and referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, etc.—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(7) Report on the order (referred today) requesting the Street Commissioners that the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts. be named and hereafter known as "Hayes Square," etc.—Recommending the passage of the same in the accompanying new draft:—

Ordered, That the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., be named and hereafter known as "Hayes Square."

Report accepted, order in new draft passed. Sent down.

(8) Reports on petitions (referred today) for illuminated signs—recommending that leave be granted to the following petitioners:—

William J. Logan & Co., 40 Province St.

Thomas J. Shanney, 1 Green St.

John F. Ketterer & Co., 168 and 170 Canal St.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(9) Report on the petition of Louis Corensky (referred today) for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of small wares in City Hall Ave.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

**DAMAGES TO WHEELWRIGHT ESTATE.**

The Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners, on the petition of John W. Wheelwright (referred today) that the Board estimate the damages to his estate caused by the change of grade of Washington and Motte Sts., on account of the extension of the Boston & Providence Railroad—recommending the passage of an order of notice that John W. Wheelwright, the petitioner, with the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation be notified to appear before this Board on Monday, February 6, at 3 P.M., at which time the Board will proceed to estimate the damages, as prayed for by said petitioner, and will also take such other measures in the premises as are, by the laws of this Commonwealth provided in such cases.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

**RAILROADS.**

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition

of the West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Ry. Co. (referred today), for a location of tracks from South St., at Ashland St., through Ashland and Oakland Sts. and Blue Hill Ave. to the line of Milton; also on Washington St., southerly, to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order of notice a second reading.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that order of notice assigned for one week. It asks for locations in a section which I have the honor to represent, if I am correct. My reason for desiring to have the order of notice laid over is that I think the location has already been asked for last year by another company, and possibly it would be more advisable, for various reasons, to grant the location to that company. The Company will doubtless come in again to the new Board for the location; and I ask that this be laid over so that the other company may be given a chance to be heard first, if the matter has come over from last year's committee. By the next meeting I will be able to better inform the Board about it.

The order of notice was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the Board refused a general reconsideration on all votes taken today.

**UNIFORMING OF PARK DEPARTMENT MEN.**

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Chairman of the Park Commissioners and the Superintendent of the Park Department to appear before the Board of Aldermen on Monday next, January 30, 1899, at four o'clock P.M., to confer relative to uniforming the men, and that no further steps be taken by the Commissioners in regard to uniforming the men until after this conference.

Passed.

**COMMITTEE ON RULES, ETC.**

The Chairman announced, as the Aldermanic representation on the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders, Ald. O'Toole, Co. by, McDonald, Barry and Presho.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 6 P.M., to meet on Monday, Jan. 30, at 3 P.M.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author details the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary research techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews with key stakeholders. Secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The analysis phase involved identifying trends and patterns within the data. Statistical tools were used to quantify the findings, and the results were compared against industry benchmarks. This process revealed several key insights that will be discussed in the following sections.

The findings indicate that there is a significant correlation between the variables studied. This suggests that the factors being analyzed are closely related and can be used to predict outcomes. The data also shows a clear trend over time, which is consistent with the theoretical framework.

Based on these findings, several recommendations are proposed. These include implementing new procedures to improve data collection and analysis. It is also suggested that further research be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends.

In conclusion, this study has provided valuable insights into the relationship between the variables. The findings are supported by a robust set of data and analysis. The recommendations offer practical ways to address the issues identified.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1899.  
Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M. President Kiley presiding and a quorum present.

## RECONSTRUCTION OF FANEULL HALL.

The following was received:  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 26, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said Act, on January 24th.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

January 24, 1899.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

I request the passage of the accompanying loan order appropriating twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000) for finishing the reconstruction of Faneull Hall.

Respectfully yours,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
City of Boston,  
Jan. 24, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneull Hall, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In connection with the above the following were sent to the City Council for its information:

Mayor's Office,  
City of Boston,  
Jan. 24, 1899.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

I herewith submit communications received from the Chiefs of the Electrical Construction and Architect Divisions requesting loan appropriations of eight thousand dollars (\$8000) for electric lighting work on Faneull Hall, five thousand dollars (\$5000) for heating purposes, three thousand dollars (\$3000) for plumbing work and seven thousand dollars (\$7000) for painting and plastering.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Electrical Construction Division,  
No. 11 Warcham St., Boston,

Jan. 24, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir—I desire to call attention to the fact that there is no provision for re-wiring Faneull Hall in connection with the work of reconstruction now in progress, and I am informed that the builders have reached a point in their work where it is desirable to have the work of wiring proceeded with. I therefore desire to ask

whether a loan cannot be appropriated at once for this purpose.

Yours respectfully, H. F. Cottle,  
Chief of the Electrical Construction Division.

City of Boston, Engineering Department,  
Architectural Division,

Jan. 25, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir—As regards the reconstruction work now in progress at Faneull Hall, I would say that an additional appropriation of \$15,000, divided as follows, will be needed to properly complete the building:—

Heating apparatus.....	\$5,000
Plumbing .....	3,000
Painting, plastering, etc.....	7,000

\$15,000

The original appropriation was but \$80,000. When the advertised bids were opened Woodbury & Leighton were found to be the lowest and the contract was awarded to them for the sum of \$78,500. This contract does not include the heating apparatus or plumbing work.

In order to allow us to go ahead with the work and to give us a leeway on the appropriation, the sum for painting, plastering, etc., on the building, which would be the last work done, was temporarily deducted from their contract. This amounted to \$7000. Respectfully,

F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect.  
Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Notice of appointment of Aldermen O'Toole, Colby, McDonald, Barry and Presho, on Committee on Joint Rules and orders.

Placed on file.

2. The following order comes down passed as a substitute for the one on the same subject passed by this Council on January 19:

Ordered, That the public ground bounded by Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton Sts., be named and hereafter known as "Hayes Square."

Substitute order passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars, to be used in accordance with the plans and estimates of the Park Department, for the construction and improvement of the Christopher Gibson playground, Dorchester.

Passed in concurrence.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation, to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct a bicycle path of asphalt on Tremont, Boylston and Charles streets, adjoining Boston Common, for the use of the bicycle-riding public; and that said Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to grant a hearing to representatives of those interested in this matter.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned for one week.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I hope the order will not be assigned, unless the gentleman gives some reason for it.

Mr. WATSON.—Mr. President, my purpose in asking to have it assigned is because I wish to ascertain whether or not the same will affect my district in any way. Some of my constituents ride bicycles, and I want to see whether they are in favor of the order or not I have not ascertained as yet. I ask for a delay of one week only.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, both as a wheelman and as an ex-official of an organization which is supposed to favor such measures, I trust that no difficulties will be put in the way of the passage of this measure. Such of you as attended the hearing held in this council chamber last

year will recollect that the wheelmen agitated something in this line very strongly. At first Mayor Quincy offered a suggestion that a bicycle path be put across the Common, and that was supported by the wheelmen. But, owing to the patriotic sentiment which existed, that legislation was lost. This proposition partakes of the nature of a substitute for that. I will say, having listened to a great many of the arguments advanced here last year, and having a personal acquaintance with the parties making them, that I know this plan will be greatly appreciated by the wheelmen throughout the city and the suburbs. The time has arrived now when the bicycle has passed beyond the stage of a luxury, and is used in conjunction with business in many ways, and a great many employees of prominent mercantile houses, living in the suburbs, have adopted the bicycle as their means of conveyance to and from their places of business. It very frequently happens that Beacon Hill is in such a dangerous and slippery condition that those who are not skilled wheelmen find difficulty in ascending it and hesitate to come into the city in that way; whereas Tremont St., if dry, of course, is very acceptable; but very frequently it is covered with a sort of slimy mud, which makes it a dangerous undertaking for a bicyclist to attempt to ride upon its surface. I hope the measure will be heartily favored and carried through to a successful issue.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I hope to be allowed to withdraw my motion.

The PRESIDENT—No objection being made, the motion will be considered withdrawn. The question is on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21—Mr. President, this order does not go far enough, in my estimation, but it will do as an entering wedge in directing attention to the fact that there are thousands of people in the city using wheels and that their rights and their reasonable needs should at last be recognized in the management of the streets. The proposition to asphalt a portion of the street does not appeal particularly to me. Far better would it be to have those streets mentioned put in good condition for wheeling and to make it a point to have them kept in that condition. The asphalt part of the street would in all probability be occupied by teams just as much as the rest of the street, and, by reason of the extent of street watering in summer, it might prove to be very treacherous ground to wheel upon. If anything is done for the wheelmen, I think this question of excessive street watering should be first considered. The views of his Honor the Mayor on physical exercise and development and the part the city should take in its aid and encouragement, are sufficiently known, and in a speech at a recent dinner of the League of American Wheelmen he took occasion to emphasize the friendly interest he felt in the organization and its aims and purposes. But I am not aware that anything has ever been done in the streets for the accommodation of the wheelmen. I gave the Superintendent of Streets an opportunity last year, when I introduced an order recommending a more careful sprinkling of the streets in the interest of the wheelmen, but I have seen no evidence that any notice whatever was taken of it. To cite an example: Massachusetts Ave., in the heart of the city, known to be one of the favorite thoroughfares for the use of wheelmen, is invaded at an early hour in the morning by the watering carts, converting it from curb to curb, one side, the asphalted portion, into a glassy surface, the other side, into a mudbed; and the unlucky bicyclist, unless he wants to walk, is left to choose between these two evils. Now, a progressive administration, will recognize that, since the advent of the wheel a new element has come into the streets, and the conditions now are

far different from what they used to be. We ought to adapt ourselves to the conditions. I think that a great many other cities are far ahead of us in this respect. In Providence I believe the watering of the street, down to the very size of the perforations in the sprinkler, is exactly regulated by law, just for the benefit of the wheeling public. I think we might well imitate this and make a start, by keeping the streets in good condition. I again recommend this to the attention of the Superintendent of Streets as a matter which has too long been neglected.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

5. Mayor's message relative to destroying buildings of the old Small Pox Hospital, and recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Insane Hospital Trustees be and hereby are authorized to destroy the old Small Pox Hospital buildings, the Board of Health being of the opinion that it would be unsafe to use them, on account of the possibilities of infection.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I wish to state that I believe this building has been destroyed. I don't see any use of passing this order here. I saw that building burned yesterday, saw the fire, and there is no question that it is burned down.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the building is already burned to the ground, I move the indefinite postponement of the order.

The order was indefinitely postponed. Notice sent up.

6. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 12, the same coming down without any alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to pay the expenses incurred in carrying on the work of the Wire Department, other than the work authorized by chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the same to be met out of the income and taxes received by the city during the financial year 1899-1900.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the order be assigned for one week.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, it rather surprises me to see the gentleman on my right rise once more to move the assignment of this order. At the last meeting, a week ago tonight, he did the same thing. He desired some information in reference to the order at that time. He has had a week to receive it. The information he desires now is another assignment.

Mr. President, I hope the members of this body will take the matter into consideration, and that they will also consider that the Boston papers tonight have stated that ten or eleven hundred men are now out of work for want of money. If it is a question for each individual department of the city of Boston to be put on the same basis, then this Council is responsible for such action if it assigns it tonight. This matter has been on the calendar for three weeks. It is a matter which refers to a department established some time ago, which has been a benefit to the city of Boston, and been beneficial to the citizens of Boston. It is merely asking for a small amount of money to carry on this work—\$10,000—and I see no reason why the members of this body should not pass it tonight. I hope that the members of this body will consider this matter tonight and that they will not have it assigned.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I

will have to call the attention of my friend from Wd. 14 to the fact that it was not No. 6 that I asked for an assignment on, but to No. 9. The two orders are entirely different. This, to my knowledge, is the first time this order has appeared on this calendar, and following out the rule, which I think I was very explicit to state at the last meeting, I shall move to assign any order which has for its object the appropriation of money. Following out that rule I now ask for the assignment of this order for one week.

The PRESIDENT—If the Council will pardon me a moment, I desire to make a statement, as the representative of the Common Council on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. This is an order for \$10,000 for the wire department, in advance of the annual appropriation order making provision for the current expenses of that department. The annual estimates have been submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and as the Wire Commissioner came before the board and said that this department was urgently in need of this money, and that if it were not granted the employees would have to wait for their salaries, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment voted to give him \$10,000 in anticipation of the regular tax levy, that amount to be deducted from his future appropriation. The Chair desires to make that statement, as he feels he is in duty bound to do so, as the representative of the Common Council upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The question now is on assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, we have got some information from the President being a member of the Board of Apportionment. As I can see here this evening that this will affect the laboring man, I do not care who will not vote for it, I am one who will never block the progress of the laboring man. I shall never stand up in this hall, after being elected from a section of the city where almost every man is a laboring man, and vote against his interests.

I say that it would be a shame for me this evening to vote against this order. We may all say that we have enough to eat and drink, but when you discharge a laboring man who is only getting \$12 a week, and who, when you come to average his pay throughout the year, don't get more than \$8 a week, because there are days that he cannot work, and sometimes they fall short in their appropriations and he is laid off for three months—that, I say, is something we should not do. I want to know where there is any man here who, with a good conscience, can come forward and say he will not vote for the passage of this order this evening. I know that some men are successful in business and that they might feel disposed to oppose it; but I feel that I have to work pretty hard for a living, and I know that it comes hard for my neighbors, and I feel that we ought to vote for this order this evening. I say that it would be a wrong and unjust for any member of this Council this evening to vote this order down, because we will be coming forward at the next election, and if we did such a thing we would probably either lie or crawl over the fence and tell them that we didn't understand the question. We would tell them that we didn't know what it meant, and we would tell them all such stories. We would hire hails and explain it and try to carry the crowd. But I tell you that the time will come when the laboring man will get educated, and when he will come forward and run for office, and he will leave you at home, and that time will come very soon. I think, therefore, that we should pass this order this evening, and give the laboring men a chance to keep at work. We come here every night and are always ready to vote for improvements for bicyclists, to raise salaries of high officials, and to do everything, but we are never

ready to assist the laboring man in any measure that will enable him to make a living, I hope, therefore, that each and every member will vote for the passage of this order.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, after listening to the able argument of the gentleman from Wd. 8, I think it satisfies all the members that this is an order that ought to pass. I won't enter into any lengthy argument, but I desire simply to move the previous question, without any desire at all to shut off any necessary debate.

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I simply desire to say that I was in error in the argument that I offered. I do not desire to take up any of the time of the Council, but I wish to state that I had reference to No. 9, but I would state that I offer the same argument upon the present order which is under consideration. I think that if the gentleman who moved the previous question had waited two or three minutes, our genial friend on my right would have settled the difficulty here tonight.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, inasmuch as the president has explained the order to my personal satisfaction, I will ask permission to withdraw the motion to assign.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion for the previous question cuts off the motion to assign.

The motion for the previous question was put, the main question was ordered, the order was read a second time, and was passed in concurrence.

#### DISCONTINUANCE OF HORSE STREET SWEEPERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz:

7. Communication from George W. Galvin, M.D., Surgeon-in-chief, Boston Emergency Hospital, relative to discontinuance of use of horse-power street-sweepers in business and residential sections of city and substitution of men-sweepers therefor. (City Doc. 47.)

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RELEASE OF WATER PIPE RIGHTS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz:

8. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whereby the city shall release the right to maintain its water pipes in E St., South Boston, as heretofore located, from Fargo St., to Summer St., and any other rights which it may have in said portion of the E St., as heretofore located, in consideration that the said Commonwealth shall fill to the grade of sixteen feet above mean low water a proposed extension of said E St., from Fargo St., to Summer St., as shown on a plan of said proposed extension, dated December 28, 1898, signed by Frank W. Hodgdon, Engineer Harbor and Land Commissioners, and hereto attached; shall grant to the city the right to lay and maintain its water pipes in said proposed extension of E St., as shown on said plan, and shall pay to the city the reasonable cost of removing said water pipes from their present location, and relaying them in the new location to be provided as aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Lydon, of Wd. 13, the reading of the order was dispensed with.

Passed in concurrence.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR WIRE DEPT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz:—

9. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Wire Department in carrying out the provisions of chapter 451 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment

or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—If the Council will pardon the Chair a moment, the Chair desires to make a statement in connection with this order. There are two characters of work performed, as the Chair understands from the statement of the Wire Commissioner to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, by the wire department, namely, what is known as the outside work, consisting chiefly of the burying of wires, or work which it is compelled to do by the statute which created the Wire Commissioner's office—the statute of 1894. This appropriation is intended to cover that outside work. The other \$10,000 which was passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and which also appeared on our calendar, and which has been passed tonight, provides for inside work, or interior wire inspection, which is considered a current expense. That is the distinction drawn between the two orders, and the Chair offers that as an explanation of the two orders. Both will be charged up to the future appropriation for the Wire Department for the coming financial year.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, since the last meeting I have become convinced that the order is a just one, and that it is to provide money for a permanent improvement. I think it is all right and that it should be passed. I wish, at the same time, however, to make myself perfectly clear in this respect, that from this time on I shall be personally opposed to any order involving the appropriation of money, whether it comes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, from His Honor the Mayor, or from the office of the head of any department, which does not in some general way outline when, how and where the money shall be spent. I do not mean that I consider it necessary to go into minute details and say how many feet of wire are to be laid, or anything of that kind; but I do wish to know what the money is to be spent for, how it is to be spent, and where it is to be spent, and I think the Council ought to know the details of an order appropriating money when it is presented.

The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment.

#### THEATRE LICENSES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz.:-

10. That the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend the Revised Regulations of 1898, so that section 2 of chapter 3 of said regulations shall read as follows: "Every licensee, before he receives any license for a theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement, or other performance or exhibition of any description to which admission is obtained by payment of money or the delivery of any valuable thing, shall pay to the City Clerk for such license covering performances or exhibitions, for one day, one (1) dollar; for a time exceeding one day and not exceeding six, five (5) dollars; for a term exceeding six and not exceeding twelve days, twenty-five (25) dollars; provided, however, that for a license for any athletic entertainment the licensee shall pay ten (10) dollars, and for a license for a theatrical season, or for any circus, he shall pay three hundred (300) dollars, and shall cause facilities for entering and inspecting his place of amusement and viewing the exhibition or performances therein to be furnished at all times to any member of the City Council applying therefor.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. HARVEY, Wd. 24—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the gentleman who introduced this order is not present tonight, I would move the reading of the order be dispensed with, and that it be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Clerk, by direction of the President, called the roll to ascertain the number of members present, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Gibling, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—68.

Absent—Bennett, Bradley, Casey, Eddy, Leonard, O'Brien, Sullivan—7.

#### DISCHARGED AND SUSPENDED EMPLOYEES.

The PRESIDENT submitted the following:—

Jan. 26, 1899.

The committee of the Common Council appointed to inquire into the causes of the discharge and suspension of city employees during the four months ending Jan. 31, 1899, submits that pursuant to the order and authority of this body, it has summoned before your committee numerous discharged and suspended employees as well as heads of departments and divisions under whose immediate direction and supervision they were engaged. To such summons many discharged employees responded but no department or division heads, as these latter had been ordered by His Honor the Mayor to disregard the summons of your committee, presumably upon the ground that their testimony might involve their superior and tend to degrade and incriminate themselves.

Two public hearings were held and much testimony given—a verbatim copy of which is hereto annexed. The evidence, as a whole, leads your committee to believe that a gross and cowardly interference with the constitutional and statutory rights of many respectable citizens hitherto competent servants of the city has been attempted and that many ex-employees heard by your committee were discharged from the city employ because they sought to exercise political liberty and declined to submit to political coercion;—and that these discharges and suspensions were made in violation of law.

We recommend that a copy of this Report and evidence be forwarded to the District-Attorney for Suffolk County and that he be requested to lay the matter before the Grand Jury sitting for this County;—and further,

We recommend the adoption of the accompanying order. For the Committee.

Daniel J. Kiley, Chairman.

Mr. Connolly of the Committee. Dissents.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate the causes for the discharge and suspension of city employees be directed to present a copy of this Report and evidence to the District Attorney for Suffolk County and that he be requested to lay the same before the Grand Jury for said County at its next sitting.

Mr. CONNOLLY, of Wd. 17, offered the following and moved that it be substituted for the majority report.

Boston, Jan. 26, 1899.

The undersigned, a member of the special committee of the Common Council, appointed to investigate the causes of the discharge or suspension of city employees during the months of October, November and December, 1898, and January, 1899, hereby dissents from the findings of the majority of the said committee, and submits the following minority report:—

The Common Council had no powers conferred upon it by the charter of the city of Boston, or by the statutes of the commonwealth, to make an investigation of these discharges or suspensions, inasmuch as under the charter all officers and boards are appointed by the Mayor of the city, and they have the power to remove their subordinates for such cause as they may deem sufficient. The power to discharge a subordinate is an executive one, and under the said charter all executive powers are vested in the Mayor of the city, to be exercised through the several officers and boards of the city in their respective departments, under his general supervision, and they are responsible only to him. The Common Council has no power whatever over the employees of the city of Boston, and it is expressly prohibited by law from taking part directly or indirectly in the employment of labor. This hearing before your committee was an ex parte one, as only employees who were discharged, and the son of one of them, who is a member of the Common Council, testified. The heads of departments who caused discharges or suspensions did not testify, for the evident reason that your committee had no right to investigate any discharges or suspensions made by them. I have no desire to enter into the motives of the committee in thus attempting to perform services beyond their powers other than to say that the attempt to make political capital out of the investigation is apparent to all who followed the hearings, nor have I any desire to comment upon the character or the testimony of the witnesses who lost their places, other than to say that if the last witness, John McLaughlin, the former superintendent of pedlers is a fair sample of the discharged employees, then I believe that the city did not get rid of them any too soon. I here quote from the sworn testimony of Mr. McLaughlin, as given before your committee:

The Chairman—Is Mr. McLaughlin present?

(Mr. McLaughlin stepped forward.)

Q. (By the Chairman, Daniel J. Kiley). Mr. McLaughlin, you have been sworn, haven't you?

- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Your full name?
- A. John McLaughlin.
- Q. Where do you reside, Mr. McLaughlin?
- A. No. 31 Trenton Street.
- Q. What ward is that in?
- A. That is in Ward one.
- Q. Ward one, East Boston?
- A. Ward one, East Boston; yes, sir.
- Q. Do you vote in East Boston?
- A. I do not; I vote in Ward six.
- Q. How long have you voted in Ward six?
- A. I have voted in Ward six since I have been a voter—seventeen years.
- Q. Formerly resided in Ward six?
- A. Always lived in Ward six.
- Q. How many years have you lived in Ward six?
- A. Since I was born.
- Q. Born in Ward six?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. How long have you lived in East Boston?
- A. I have lived in East Boston close on to two years.
- Q. Are you married, Mr. McLaughlin?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What does your family consist of?
- A. My wife and seven children.
- But I will quote no further. A married man with a wife and seven children who

has lived in East Boston for two years, and who causes himself to be assessed and registered, and then casts his ballot in another section of the city is daring enough to give the testimony required of him by his Wd. 8 political mentors. In conclusion I would say that, from what I have been able to learn of the discharges or suspensions, that an investigation by any tribunal, having power to act, will show that the removals were made for the good, and, I believe, for the purity of the public service.

Timothy L. Connolly, Wd. 17.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the substitution of the minority report for that of the majority.

MR. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I hope the minority report will be accepted. In the first place, we have no authority to go into such an investigation as has taken place under the direction of this body. I will submit for information a reference to chapter 266 of the Acts of the year 1885, entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Boston." Sections 5 and 6 show the executive power of the Mayor and various heads of departments, showing that the Common Council has no right and no power to enter into such an investigation. Section 12 of that chapter directly prohibits the City Council from taking part in the employment, directly or indirectly, of employees of the city. Now, gentlemen, that shows that we have no right to go into such an investigation. If we desire to go into such an investigation we should go to the Legislature and get the right to do so. Further than that, you make a recommendation that we go to the grand jury, with the evidence submitted by the committee. If we should go to the grand jury, and go there as honorable men, what would you think of a witness before the grand jury who has lived in East Boston for two years, has a wife and seven children, and has himself assessed in Wd. 6? Gentlemen, it seems to me that man has clearly violated the laws of the Commonwealth. Does that man, a man who has violated the statutes of this Commonwealth, ask you to go to the grand jury and ask you that the heads of departments be indicted for discharging him, as he claims for political reasons?—which I question. I believe that if we do go before the grand jury it will be shown clearly why these men were discharged. We have heard one side of the evidence, but we did not hear the other side. We heard the gentleman who were discharged. I ask the committee why they did not go all through the city, throughout the entire year, and summon all men who were discharged from the city employ as witnesses? Why not do that, instead of going down to Wds. 6 and 8 and examining nine or ten men from that section of the city?

If we go into this matter, let us go before the Legislature and ask that all men employed by the city of Boston and discharged through the entire year be summoned before such a committee—not taking one or two wards into consideration for a few months in the year. It shows clearly the political feeling, the party feeling, that there is in Wds. 6 and 8 in regard to this matter. It is clearly not for the good of the city of Boston that this investigation should go on, but if you accept the majority report, and it does go on, I believe the grand jury will act, and I believe there is a clear case there for the grand jury to act upon the case of a man who has lived in East Boston for two years, and who is assessed in another ward, according to his own statement. Here is his testimony:—

Q. Your full name?—A. John McLaughlin—

And Mr. Kiley, the President of this Council, asks this gentleman these questions. They were not asked by me. The President asked them himself, and had the full right to ask them. You might

think it was some trick of mine, if I had asked the man these questions. But the questions were asked by Mr. Kiley, and you must understand that Mr. McLaughlin has been a prosecutor in his position of superintendent of pedlars of the city of Boston, that he has prosecuted 415 cases, as he stated at the hearing, and he understands testimony. He would not make a slip of the tongue; he would not be apt to make a mistake of that kind. If the man was not used to appearing before an investigating committee or a court, he might possibly make an error. But I cannot see the possibility of a mistake in this case. The questions asked were clear, and the answers were very clear:—

Q. Your full name?

A. John McLaughlin.

Q. Where do you reside, Mr. McLaughlin?

A. No. 31 Trenton St.

Q. What ward is that in?

A. That is in Wd. 1.

Q. Wd. 1, East Boston?

A. Wd. 1, East Boston, yes, sir.

Q. Do you vote in East Boston?

A. I do not; I vote in Wd. 6.

Q. How long have you voted in Wd. 6.

A. I have voted in Wd. 6 since I have been a voter—17 years.

Q. Formerly resided in Wd. 6?

A. Always lived in Wd. 6.

Q. How many years have you lived in Wd. 6?

A. Since I was born.

Q. Born in Wd. 6?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How long have you lived in East Boston?

A. I have lived in East Boston close on to two years.

Q. Are you married, Mr. McLaughlin?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What does your family consist of?

A. My wife and seven children.

Now, gentlemen, if you desire to accept the report of the majority of the committee and wish to go to the grand jury, go there on facts, substantiated by witnesses who do not contradict themselves, and then you may be able to make out a case. But if you go to the grand jury with the evidence of witnesses who contradict themselves, you make fools of yourselves. I believe we should act as sensible men and not go to the grand jury, and make fools of ourselves in connection with a matter with which we have properly nothing to do under the statutes. I hope such action will not be taken.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the substitute order will not prevail, but will be voted down here tonight. The substitute order, in the first place, is the first word we have heard from His Honor relative to this investigation. (Laughter)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to maintain order.

Mr. WATSON—The Mayor and his subordinates refuse absolutely—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I will rise to a point of order when I am recognized.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 will state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, my point of order is that the gentleman started off by attacking the Mayor, and I certainly feel that he should be reprimanded by the Chair instead of the Chair calling the Council to order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as he believes the gentleman has not attacked anybody so far.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey) I wish to say that, in order to speak against substitution, I have to speak against His Honor. I feel in my heart, although I have not proof, that

that substitute order came direct from the Mayor's office, and I will not hesitate one moment in saying so. In the first place, the Councilman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) says we are making fools of ourselves, that we haven't any right in the premises, that the law is against us, and all that stuff. Why has he gone as far as he has, sitting on that committee and asking the idiotic question, "Do you know what the Burrage Ordinance is?" That was his stereotyped question—"Do you know what the Burrage Ordinance is?" That is all the attention he paid to the investigation. He probably knows what the Burrage Ordinance is now. If he had known it before, he never would have asked those questions. I think, as long as we have gone as far as we have in appointing this committee and delegating to them our powers, whatever they may be, that we ought to go further. I am thoroughly satisfied that the evidence obtained by that committee in this chamber is sufficient to indict anybody responsible for the position of affairs brought forth, under the civil service laws; and I assure you, members of the Council, that I know as much about the law as the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly), however little that is.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) a question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, under the rules of the Council, I have the floor until I am through, and I refuse to answer any questions.

Mr. CONNOLLY—All I want to know, Mr. President, is if he is giving facts or giving the Council a "jolly?"

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 17 has attempted to be humorous, but he cannot make me laugh. I want to say, in all sincerity, as long as this committee has come in and made a report, that it should be adopted and no substitute should be considered, just because one member thinks it should be. Mr. President, the whole thing is politics from start to finish. I say, as long as we have started out to investigate, let us go the limit. We have more power than we imagine we have. I sincerely hope the substitute order will not prevail.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 in the chair.

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, when I reported the findings of the special committee appointed on the authority of this Council, and when I submitted the report of that committee here tonight, I did not think that any member of the Council would have the temerity or the audacity to say that we had no right to investigate or inquire into the conduct of any municipal department of the city of Boston. We are not only inquiring into the conduct of certain departments of the city of Boston, but we are inquiring further, Mr. President, to determine whether or not those official heads under the supervision of and appointed by his Honor the Mayor have committed criminal acts, contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If they have, the matter should properly be brought to the attention of the grand jury by the district attorney.

The committee appointed by this body, through its President, gave fair and ample opportunity to His Honor the Mayor and to the heads of the several departments appointed by him to be heard in evidence before the committee, in public hearings. They did not come forward. The men who have been discharged came forward and offered their testimony, and upon the evidence submitted to that committee we made our findings, and also our report to this body. Now, in opening the remarks that I have to make to the Council tonight, I desire to quote the law bearing upon this question, and in so doing I will first read from the Massachusetts Civil Service Law, which must insure to all employees of the city of Boston the protec-

tion which should be justly afforded to those working under the provisions of the law. Section 10 of the civil service law is as follows:—

"No person in the service of the State, or any city thereof, shall use his official authority or influence either to coerce the political action of any person or body, or to interfere with any election."

I also ask you to listen to me while I refer to section 24 of the same act:—

"Whoever, after a rule has been duly established and published according to the provisions of this act, makes an appointment to office or selects a person for employment contrary to the provisions of such rule, or wilfully refuses or neglects otherwise to comply with or conform to the provisions of this act, or violates any of such provisions, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars or not more than one thousand dollars for each offence."

Now, let me read to you section 410 of chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898, which is as follows:—

"Whoever, by threatening to discharge a person from his employment or to reduce his wages, or by promising to give him employment at higher wages, attempts to influence a voter to give or to withhold his vote at an election, or whoever, because of the giving or withholding of a vote at an election, discharges a person from his employment or reduces his wages, shall be punished by imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year."

There is the law. Fellow members of the Council, as one of the legislative branches of this city government, have we not the right to inquire whether or not department heads have violated not only the laws of the civil service but the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? If they have done so have they a right under existing laws to hold office? Have we not a right to call the attention of the grand jury of this county to such violations, if there are such? I maintain that the statements contained in the substitute report of the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) are not only foolish, but ridiculous in the extreme. He challenges the right of the Common Council to investigate into this, which we maintain is a proper subject for investigation, a subject which not only affects the constitutional and statutory rights of every individual in the Commonwealth, but more particularly those who are in the public service. These are acts which we maintain threaten the political liberty and the constitutional right of the citizen of this Commonwealth, that greatest of all privileges of any citizen of this free country, to exercise the right of franchise without any coercion from political bosses or department heads. The gentleman bases his entire minority report upon the statement of an honest gentleman who appeared before that committee as a witness, and I ask any member of the committee if they ever heard a more honest or more intelligent witness in their lives? He says that that witness has violated the laws of the Commonwealth by living in East Boston and voting in Wd. 6. Let me ask him where the Congressman from the Ninth Congressional District is assessed from and where he resides (laughter)—that man who procured the discharge of an honest workman in the city of Boston, who has seven children to support? And this member has the temerity to come in here tonight and question the right of that witness to vote in Wd. 6, and at the same time defends the action of another man who is responsible for his discharge.

Fellow members of the Council, I think you will agree with me when I say that the minority report is a ridiculous report and should receive the treatment that it deserves at the hands of this body. I hope that every member of this Council will stamp with his disapproval the acts of the heads of these departments, sponsored by the Chief Executive, in coercing employees

of this city and taking away their political rights and political liberties.

President Kiley in the Chair.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I hope that the minority report will be substituted for that of the majority. Inasmuch as the President, as the Chair in this body, appointed his own committee—appointing himself as chairman of that committee—and inasmuch as Wd. 8 was well represented on that committee, I think the other members of this body should have a chance to satisfy themselves in regard to this matter before acting upon it. If the President of this body was fair, he would have given the administration fair treatment on the committee. The Chair stated in his argument that the heads of departments have performed a criminal act. I dare say at this time that may be his opinion. I doubt, Mr. President, whether the heads of the departments who discharged these men have performed any criminal act. I doubt, Mr. President, if we have a right to present this matter to the grand jury. The heads of the departments of the city of Boston are appointed by the Mayor, the chief executive of this city, and it is a question, in your opinion, Mr. President, according to your argument, whether or not those heads of departments have the right to discharge a man. I say they unquestionably have that right, provided the man has violated any rule of any head of a department. The testimony of Mr. McLaughlin of East Boston, was that he lived in East Boston and votes in Wd. 6. I say, Mr. President, that such men as he should be discharged. Men who dare to offer such evidence as that in an investigation should be discharged, or any other man who will get up and state anything like that at any committee hearing.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the substitution of the minority report for that of the majority.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, when the report of the majority of the committee was presented here this evening and when the minority report was presented by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Connolly), I was at that time strongly in favor of making a motion that both reports go over for one week, inasmuch as one report makes reference to a verbatim report of the testimony taken at the hearing. I was desirous of having the matter assigned to the next meeting of the Council so that I might read the evidence and see whether or not there were such glaring inaccuracies in other portions of it as appear in the testimony of Mr. McLaughlin. It is entirely apparent that the President, who has taken the floor here tonight, has a decided advantage over other members of this Council by reason of the part that he has taken in the investigation as presiding officer of this body and as a member of the committee, which committee he has with him. The man who took the chair and called the committee to order and heard every bit of the testimony that was offered before the committee, must be very conversant with everything that was said and done; whereas I, as an ordinary member of this body, have not heard anything except the two reports, and am not in a position at this time to enter into a detailed argument. But when the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Kiley) stands on the floor and says that the gentleman representing the 9th congressional district resides in Concord or somewhere else, and votes in Boston, I want to point out to him the fact that the man whose representative he is in this body is also guilty of misdemeanors which should be investigated; and if the gentlemen from Wd. 8 want a thorough, whole-souled investigation, Mr. President, why did they not vote for an investigation of the methods whereby you were elected president of this body?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will call the gentleman to order, and will insist, if he continues in his remarks, that the

floor be confiscated from him for the evening. The Chair will remind the gentleman that he must confine himself within the bounds of parliamentary propriety and that his remarks must be upon the question, which is upon the substitution of the minority report for that of the majority.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, after the lengthy speech made by the presiding officer, in which he frequently indulged in references to matters outside the body, I will attempt to adhere strictly to the question before the body. But I wish to assure you, Mr. President, that, as long as you went out of your way to mention the congressman from the 9th district you might also allow me to go a little outside of the strict rules of the body and mention the leader of the Hendricks Club on this floor. The majority report starts out with what, in my opinion, is a glaring misstatement, saying that "the committee of the Common Council appointed to inquire into the causes of the discharge and suspension of city employees during the four months ending January 31, 1899, submit that, pursuant to the order and authority of this body," etc. I am in entire accord with the suggestion in the minority report, that the body had no right to summon the heads of departments. In fact, the specific statement to that effect by the Mayor of Boston has as yet gone unchallenged by any member of the committee. As we have received two lengthy reports, from the majority and minority of the committee, I wish to move at this time that both reports be assigned to the next meeting of the Council, in order to give the members of the body who were not members of the committee an opportunity to investigate the subject and to read the verbatim report of the evidence submitted before the committee.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman make that as a motion?

Mr. HICKEY—I make a motion that the matter be printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to assign to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were declared not ordered. Mr. Connolly further doubted the vote, and called a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and more than one-fifth voting in the affirmative, the yeas and nays were declared ordered. The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost, yeas 24, nays 44.

Yeas—Badaracco, Brennan, Frederick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Naugle, Newhall, Rice, Tobin—24.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Roland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winslow, Wood—44.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bradley, Eddy, Flynn, Leonard, O'Brien, Sullivan—7.

The question came on the substitution of the minority report.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to answer a statement which Mr. Watson has made. He has made several of them before this council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will again remind the member of the Council that there is a specific rule which provides against the use of the name of any member of the council in parliamentary debate. The Chair will ask the gentleman to kindly confine himself as much as possible to the rules of the Common Council.

Mr. CONNOLLY—The gentleman from Wd. 18 states—

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. HERRIGAN—The question before the house is on the adoption of the minority report.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, in speaking upon the adoption of the report, I desire to answer the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson). In a statement which he made he said the Mayor of Boston was speaking in my report. I desire to answer to him and say that when I wish to say anything here on this floor I do not have to go to any lawyer, or I do not have to go to any man who says that he controls my vote, for I control my own vote, and no man can tell me what to say. I believe I have enough intelligence to express my opinion on whatever comes before this body, and I do not need to go either to the Mayor of Boston or to any member of the bar in Boston, whether or not it be certain gentlemen that he may have named, or that he suspects may have instructed me to do certain things on this floor. I will say to him that I have not seen the Mayor of Boston for ten days, that I have not spoken to him for two weeks, because I had no business in the office, and have not been able to go down there. Having had no business in the office, of course I have not been before His Honor. Now, I desire to correct that statement, and hope that the members of this council will at least bear me out that this is my report. I have the notes here which I have made since I entered this council chamber,—and those are facts.

The question came on the substitution of the minority report.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I trust that the chair will give me the same latitude which he gave to the gentleman from Wd. 17, in my attempt to reply to him. I am satisfied that he will do it. Mr. President, I want to say that I said I could not prove it—I say again I cannot prove it, but there is quite a suspicion lurking around the chamber—

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I trust the gentleman will give me an opportunity.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—The gentleman, it seems to me, is not talking germane to the question before the house.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will rule the point of order not well taken. (Laughter.) The chair will ask the Council and the spectators to maintain order. This is no laughing matter. This is serious business.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 14—

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, whether or not it is accepted by the chair, which is immaterial to me. I wish the Council—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that he must state his point of order, and nothing else.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, it seems to me that the chair should remind the gentleman from Wd. 18 of the specific rule which provides against the casting of reflections by any member of the Council upon any other member of the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 18 simply said "The gentleman from Wd. 14," which is a perfectly proper statement to make. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 has the floor.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, the last gentleman who interrupted me with his point of order imagines that everybody is in the same condition that he is—out of order all the time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the

question before the house, which is on the subject of the minority report.

Mr. WATSON—Well, Mr. President, there has perhaps been enough said about the gentleman from Wd. 14. I will go back to the gentleman from Wd. 17. The gentleman from Wd. 17 gets up and denies the fact that that report comes from the Mayor's office. I will accept his apology, or his statement, if it can be called one, and will say that I will try hard to believe that he introduced it himself—but it is very hard, Mr. President, to believe that, when I go to work and see that four or five different copies of that substitute report are here in the Council chamber, all on the Mayor's own typewriter paper, and tied up as all the papers that come from that office are. Now, while I am not going to say that the Mayor came up here and gave it to him, I will say that I think the Mayor must have handed it to Mr. Connolly down stairs.

The motion to substitute the minority report for that of the majority was declared lost. Mr. Connolly doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were declared ordered.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—I doubt that vote, and ask for a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the members to address the Chair respectfully, and not to speak upon the floor until the Chair has recognized them.

Mr. MULCAHY—It is the only way they will ever get the floor.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will again request the gentleman from Wd. 14 to confine himself to parliamentary decency and propriety. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 doubted the vote on the substitution of the report, and asked for the yeas and nays, and they were declared ordered. Mr. Mulcahy now doubts that vote. Those in favor of ordering the yeas and nays will rise and remain standing until counted. (A large number arose.) It being evident that over one-fifth of the members have voted in the affirmative, the Chair will request the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll was called, and the motion to substitute the minority report for that of the majority was lost—Yeas 21, nays 45.

Yeas—Badaracco, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Tobin—21.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—45.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bradley, Collins, Eddy, Flynn, Jordan, Leonard, Logan, O'Brien, Sullivan—10.

The question came on the acceptance of the majority report.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask, for information, if there was any evidence submitted to your committee that would warrant your censuring the Mayor of Boston in your report?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to leave that to the members of the Council to infer for themselves. The evidence has been presented in the newspapers. The Chair, as Chairman of the committee, has ordered the superintendent of printing to have the evidence here tonight. It is no fault of the Chair that it is not here. The committee, by a vote of 6 to 1, have voted to submit this report, and it is for the members of the Council to determine whether or not the majority report is a proper one. The question now is on accepting the majority report.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to make myself clear on this matter. Personally, I feel that the laboring men who have been discharged in Wd. 8 have a very well founded grievance;

but to say to the Democratic members of this Council that they shall vote to give the Democratic Mayor a slap in the face, I do not think is right or consistent. I do not feel inclined to vote that way. I feel inclined to vote to censure any heads of departments who may be at fault, or to favor a vote of sympathy for the men who have been thrown out of work. I feel that they have a just grievance, but I do not desire to vote for the report as it is now, and I move an amendment, that all references to the Mayor of Boston be eliminated from the report of the committee. If you will accept that amendment, I will vote for the report of the committee.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the acceptance of the majority report. In connection with that, does the gentleman from Wd. 13 desire to make a motion?

Mr. COLLINS—Mr. President, I understood that the majority report was disposed of.

The PRESIDENT—Yes, sir; the question is on accepting the majority report. Does the gentleman desire to make a motion?

Mr. COLLINS—I move to amend, Mr. President, that all references to the Mayor of Boston eliminated from that report.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the Mayor's name is not mentioned in the report.

Mr. COLLINS—Well, then, I beg pardon, I withdraw my amendment.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I do not see how I can vote intelligently upon this question tonight, or I do not see how any member of this Council can vote intelligently upon this question tonight. The report of the majority of that committee is a very long one. There are various things in that report which are very important, and it is almost impossible for any member of this Council to remember exactly how the report read. Now, there is something in that report about submitting testimony before the grand jury. I do not think that this Council should go on record as countenancing anything of that sort. If this testimony is to be submitted to the grand jury, I believe it should be submitted by individuals, and that we should not have this Council go on record as saying that this matter should be investigated by it. If there should be anything of that sort, let the witnesses who appeared before the committee go before the grand jury, and let them submit their testimony, and have the grand jury act upon their testimony, instead of having this body go on record as saying that we intend to bring these men to justice. Now, I sincerely trust that this matter will be laid over for one week. As I understand, a motion was made earlier in the evening to lay both reports over for one week. I make the motion now that the majority report be laid over for one week, so that each and every member here may have a copy of that, and that they may see the testimony and read it over. If we vote upon this here tonight we are saying, or those who vote in favor of this majority report are saying, that we accept the judgment of those six members of that committee, that we believe they are telling the truth, and that we believe that one member of that committee is not telling the truth. Now, I think the members of the Council have a right to see if that committee did its work properly, and in an unprejudiced manner; and I sincerely trust that the matter may be laid over for one week. The gentleman from Wd. 12 has said that it was the custom during the past year to assign things for one week. He started some two weeks ago by assigning almost every matter that came up. I ask the members to assign this, and not to vote 45 to 21 on everything. Let us treat each other fairly and assign this matter to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the motion to assign is not in order at this time, the Council having already

refused by a yea and nay vote to grant that request.

Mr. RICE—Mr. President, I would like to ask the stenographer, through the Chair, to read that motion which was made. I think it was this way, that both reports be laid over for one week.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair accepts the interpretation of the gentleman from Wd. 2, and will state that the Chair thinks he is right in his statement; and the Chair also desires to say that the Chair believes he is right in ruling that, the vote having been taken upon that motion, that precludes the motion to assign being made again at this time. The question is on the adoption of the majority report.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, it seems to me that the gentlemen of the Council tonight are particularly apt at misinterpreting my remarks. The gentleman from Wd. 14 got things twisted a while ago, and now the gentleman from Wd. 2 follows suit. I think I said that any order involving the expenditure of money should be assigned. I do not see how the expenditure of money is involved in this question at issue. Inasmuch, Mr. President, moreover, as the mourners have been pretty well heard from, I move you, sir, the previous question.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be put; and, while I am on my feet, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 13, if the Chair will permit me, I desire to read the part of the report of the majority which refers to His Honor the Mayor. The President made the statement a few moments ago that the name of the Mayor was not mentioned. I agree with him that the name was not mentioned, but the following words were used:

"To such summons many discharged employes responded, but no department or division heads, as these latter had been ordered by His Honor the Mayor to disregard the summons of your committee, presumably upon the ground that their testimony might involve their superior and tend to degrade and incriminate themselves."

That clause seems to refer to His Honor the Mayor, and it seems to me that it is quite explicit. I make that explanation, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 13, who was on his feet a moment ago.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that that section of the report of the committee was written on account of an article which appeared in every newspaper of Boston over the signature of His Honor the Mayor, with reference to the investigating committee appointed by this body. The question now is on ordering the main question.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I hope that the members will not let this go now. It seems to me, Mr. President, that when a committee is appointed, we should not allow six members of that committee to control a majority of the members of this body. A committee has been appointed to investigate into certain matters. Six members of that committee appear to control of the votes of this body, telling everybody how to vote—

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question is on ordering the main question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken; and the Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 to confine himself as closely as possible to the question, which is "Shall the main question be put?"

Mr. MULCAHY—Now, Mr. President, as I said, when six members come in with a report of the committee, it is not right that a large majority of the 75 members of the body should accept that report here, without any evidence from the committee, and without hearing any of them. I myself know nothing about this. I did not know that the committee was to report to-

night, until I saw this resolve from the committee. I would like to see the members take a little more active part in this matter, and would like to see it a little more deeply considered by them. I hope they will allow it to go over, and then they will not go on record tonight on a matter of this importance.

The main question was ordered, the question coming on the acceptance of the majority report, and it was declared accepted. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the majority report was accepted—yeas 44, nays 22:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Emwery, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—4.

Nays—Badaracco, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kananof, Kelley, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Tobin—22.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bradley, Eady, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Leonard, O'Brien, Sullivan—9.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I move the assignment of the motion to reconsider to the next meeting. In regard to that I would like to make a few remarks. I believe the gentleman has just stated that he expected to have a printed report before the Council on each member's desk. Now, I think it would be more satisfactory to himself if he would have reconsideration assigned for one week, and then have the printed report on each member's desk, and also the evidence submitted by the witnesses before the committee. I do not doubt but what the majority report will pass; but I do not see how it will injure the President or the members who seems to be willing to follow him to assign this matter for one week. I think such a course would be more satisfactory and pleasing to all, and for that reason, I move that the motion to reconsider be assigned for one week.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to speak on the assignment. Now, fellow members, I trust you will vote for the assignment. You will adopt the report next Thursday evening, as you have adopted it tonight, but I want to feel sure that this thing is all right. I voted for the investigation, but I am not going to take the report of this majority on faith. It might be all right, but I want to satisfy myself that it is all right. How can you men vote intelligently upon this thing? You don't know what the testimony before that committee was. You are taking these gentlemen's word for it. I do not think you have any right to do so, but that you should satisfy yourselves. You should look over the testimony and say, "Yes, I will vote with the majority, and I will vote that way honestly and intelligently." I ask you to vote for assignment. Don't vote it down 44 to 21 again. Give us a show. (Laughter.) I hope you will be fair in this matter. I am here, as I said, to be fair, independent and square. I dislike to see the entire Republican members sticking together with a certain few. Now, at the next meeting you can vote this thing down, the same as you did tonight, but vote in favor of the assignment, and then get a copy of the report of the testimony and vote intelligently at the next meeting.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, in speaking in regard to this matter of assignment, I feel called upon to answer the imputations which have been cast

upon the Republican members of this Council. They have been accused of sticking together in support of a few. As a Republican member of this Council, I wish to resent any such imputation as that, on the part of the gentleman from Wd. 2. I wish to say that my vote—I know nothing of the other Republican members—on this matter was moved by considerations which I think are for the public welfare. I feel that this committee was appointed and authorized to investigate this matter by the Common Council. Through the act of a certain official of this city, the defence—we might say—or the other side of the argument was not presented. That is no fault of the committee of this Council. They sat there to do their duty. They did not get the information which might have changed the minds of certain gentlemen who signed the majority report. I can see no reason why the matter of reconsideration should be assigned for another week. The majority expected the printed report would be submitted tonight. I think the same reason which has hindered the copies of it being here tonight, and which prevented the heads of departments from testifying, will operate to delay the printed report beyond next week. I cannot see that we shall gain anything by assignment.

The PRESIDENT—In connection with this matter, the Chair desires to make a statement, in order that the committee's acts in the direction of the printing may be fully justified. The Chair tried in all possible manner to have the printed reports upon the table for each member of the Council tonight, but he believed that the printing department, like all other departments, is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the chief executive. The committee itself was obliged to take proof sheets of the evidence, in order to expedite their own business. The Chair makes that explanation of the position of the committee which this body has appointed.

The question came on the assignment of the motion to reconsider to the next meeting.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I wish to state that I believe that each member of that committee which brought in this report, or each member who favored the bringing in of it, felt conscientiously that he was doing his duty in so doing. I want to say that the committee, could not cover all the employees of the city, yet it did go far enough to convince the members who signed the majority report that the evidence was ample for presentation to the district attorney. Even the gentleman who has made the minority report of this committee, stated that if the thing goes before the Grand Jury, the Mayor will no doubt show us the reasons for discharging these men, which he claims were other than political reasons. Now, I claim, if that is the case, the sooner we know the reasons the better. So, I am opposed to any further postponement.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. McInerney moves the previous question which cuts off the motion to assign.

The main question was ordered, and the motion to reconsider was lost.

The question came on the adoption of the order submitted in connection with the majority report. The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage, on which question Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed—Yeas 42, nays 23:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftwith, Lincohan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens,

Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—42.

Nays—Badaracco, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Tobin—23.  
Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bradley, Donahoe, Eddy, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Leonard, O'Brien, Sweeney—10.

Mr. CUDDY moved to reconsider; lost.

MACADAMIZING OF RUGGLES ST.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next budget a sum sufficient to macadamize Ruggles St., between Shawmut Ave. and Cabot St., Wd. 18.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

PAYMENT TO FAMILY OF M. F. McDONALD.

Mr. WATSON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the present General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the city of Boston to pay to the family of the late Martin F. McDonald, engineer of Engine 13, Boston Fire Department, who was killed Jan. 23, 1899, while performing his duty as said engineer, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold said position until the close of the fiscal year 1900.

Passed. Sent up.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees:—

Common Council Rules—Messrs. Bordman, Lydon, Eddy, Rice, Stone.  
Joint Rules—Messrs. Logan, Kiley, Stockton, O'Brien, Sanderson, Martin, Klemm.

Badges—Messrs. Hibbard, McInerney, Bagley.

Playground, Wds. 18 and 19—Messrs. McInerney, Nangle, Watson, Curley, Flynn, Casey, Doyle.

Water Tax in Boarding and Lodging Houses—Messrs. Chamberlain, Moore, Turnbull, Armistead, O'Brien.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire at this time to resign from the committee on which I have been appointed.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will accept the resignation.

POSITION OF CARRIAGES AT FUNERALS.

Mr. CURLEY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to provide that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. CURLEY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to so amend the regulations of the Police Department as to permit two days' leave of absence a month to each member of said department, without loss of pay.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPAIR OF HILLSIDE STREET.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum of money sufficient to put Hillside St., Wd. 19, in thorough repair from Parker St. to Parker Hill Ave.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, ST. BOTOLPH ST.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to substitute for the gas lamps in use at present on St. Botolph St., Wd. 10, a suitable number of electric lights.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MARINE PARK BATHING BEACH.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put the bathing beach at the Head House, Marine Park, in the same condition as the bathing beach at the foot of L St. and known as the L St. bathing beach.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### PURCHASE OF ESTATE.

Mr. SANDERSON, of Wd. 25, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Massachusetts Legislature at its present session for authority to purchase, by the city of Boston, the estate on Chestnut Hill Ave. in Wd. 25, near the Reservoir; said estate containing 120,000 square feet more or less, being wholly surrounded by land of the city of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

#### REPAIR OF PRINCETON STREET.

Mr. SIMPSON, of Wd. 1, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for putting Princeton St., Wd. 1, in proper condition for safe travel.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### CONCERT IN WARD 11.

Mr. ARMISTEAD, of Wd. 11, offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a concert by the Municipal String Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, Wd. 11.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATION.

Mr. ARMISTEAD offered an order—That all applications for money for memorial purposes under the provisions of Chap. 76 of the Acts of 1886, be submitted to the City Council on or before the first day of April, 1899, and that a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider said applications and report to the City Council an apportionment of the money that may be appropriated for said memorial purposes.

Passed. Sent up.

#### REPAIR OF LA GRANGE ST.

Mr. BRODERICK of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put in complete order La Grange St., Wd. 23, from Washington St. to the Newton line.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### USE OF CURTIS HALL.

Mr. BRODERICK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of Feb. 18, 1899, to Daniel Hersey Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the purpose of having its annual char-

itable dance in aid of the worthy poor in Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent up.

#### PLAYGROUND, ROSLINDALE.

Mr. BRODERICK offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order an appropriation of \$31,000 for a suitable site and the establishment of a playground in Roslindale, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### STREET CLEANING, WD. 23.

Mr. BRODERICK offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum sufficient to establish a street cleaning service in all parts of Wd. 23 not now covered by such service.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### READING ROOM, ROXBURY.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested and authorized, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a public reading room in the building formerly the pumping station, and now used for ward-room purposes, on Elmwood St., Roxbury.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I hope His Honor the Mayor and the Trustees of the Public Library will take favorable action on this order. I should not venture such a proposition if I thought the carrying it out would entail a large expenditure, but I believe the expense will be inconsiderable, and that it will be greatly outweighed by the resulting benefits. The Mayor, in a recent message on free lectures, pointed out that a much more extensive use could well be made of certain public buildings, referring then more particularly to school-houses, in the interest of the public. Now, this is a case in point, where a building which is used only occasionally for political purposes can be made of daily use. The district around Elmwood St. is a thickly populated one and the residents in great part are people whose means, and whose time, will not allow them to frequent public entertainments and amusements. For them and for others, such a reading room would be a welcome refuge, where they could spend a leisure hour in recreation and profitable enjoyment. I believe that my friends from Wds. 18 and 19, who are nearer the spot than I am, will cheerfully endorse my suggestion.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, ROXBURY.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$20,000 as an appropriation for a chemical engine house and apparatus to be located at the corner of Hillside and Calumet Sts., Wd. 19.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, a short time ago one of the Councilmen from Wd. 19 introduced an order requesting the Mayor to consider the advisability of establishing some fire apparatus in that district. Now, nobody knows any better than the people of that district themselves what they need in the way of fire apparatus. It is not for the Mayor to consider the advisability of it, as the present apparatus is so far away that it takes eight minutes for it to get anywhere part way up the hill where we need the apparatus now—and in stormy weather they cannot get there at all. There was some difficulty a short time ago when they had a fire on top of the hill. It was in stormy weather, and the apparatus went a certain distance and got stuck, and could not go any further. Now, that

section of Wd. 19, and the other section known as the "Sand Bank"—in those two places the residents are very thrifty, and are a very industrious class of people. They have managed, through sheer industry, to build themselves little homes. If a fire should break out, they are unprotected. There is a house on Centre St. and another at Egleston Sq., and then the next one is on Green St., Jamaica Plain. They are about a mile and a half from any engine house. I hope, Mr. President, that this will be done.

The order was referred to the Board of Apportionment.

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**ASPHALTING OF SMITH ST.**

Mr. McNERNEY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to secure the asphaltting of Smith St., from Phillips St. to St. Alphonsus St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**PAY FOR CAUCUS OFFICERS.**

Mr. McNERNEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act authorizing caucus officers to receive compensation for their services.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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**PAY FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE SERVICE.**

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Police Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to pay the officers that have been detailed at the Common Council the past two meetings an additional day's pay for said service.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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**PAVING OF SHAWMUT AVE.**

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan the sum of \$8000 for the paving of Shawmut Ave., from Camden St. to Guild Row.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**COMBINATION BUILDING, WD. 18.**

Mr. CASEY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of \$30,000 for a new building in Wd. 18, to be used as a wardrobe, gymnasium, and bath house.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**EXPENSES OF MUSIC COMMISSION.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Music Trustees through His Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the Common Council an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures of their department from the date of its creation to the date of such report; the same to be presented to this body on or before Feb. 9, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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**OPINIONS FROM LAW DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, when appointed, collect and caused to be published in a single volume and indexed all opinions rendered in writing to the City Council or any committee thereof by the Law Department since April 29, 1854; said publication to consist of one thousand copies; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

**INFORMATION REGARDING CITY OFFICERS.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the Common Council on or before Feb. 9, 1899, a list of the officers contained in or affected by Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, whose names have not been submitted to and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with the specific provisions contained in said sections; and also that he give his reasons why, in violation of plain law contained in said sections, he has not submitted the names of such officers for confirmation.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, in connection with that request, I would like to call the attention of the members of the Council to chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Section 1 of that chapter reads as follows:—

"The Mayor shall, in the year in which the term of the incumbent expires, appoint from the residents and legal voters of the city of Boston, unless otherwise provided by statute or ordinance, and subject to confirmation as hereinafter provided, the following officers, to serve for the terms hereinafter specified; that is to say:—

For the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment:—

- The City Auditor,
- The City Collector,
- The City Engineer,
- The City Registrar,
- The City Solicitor,
- The City Treasurer.

And a great many other officers are also named. Now, I understand on good authority that the majority of the names in that list have not been appointed by the Mayor for the last year, and in some cases for the last two years.

I would like to call the attention of the Council to the case of the City Solicitor. Here is a gentleman who has always been looked upon with the highest esteem, not only by the taxpayers of the city of Boston, but by the members of the bar as well—a man who has always the best interest of the city at heart, and who takes special pride in seeing that his work is well done. I consider, Mr. President, that it is a slur on that man's reputation and character that he should be allowed to hold over in his office as he has been in the past year or two. I want to find out just how many of these gentlemen are "holdovers," and why they are "holdovers"—why they are not appointed every year, and why they are not confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, as the ordinance provides. Section 2 of this chapter reads as follows:—

"Whenever any officer, appointed by the mayor, and subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, dies, resigns, or is removed, the Mayor shall forthwith appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, a new officer to serve for the unexpired term. And whenever any officer appointed by the Mayor dies, resigns, or is removed, or from absence or other cause is unable to discharge his duties, the Mayor may designate some other head of a department to discharge such duties temporarily."

I would like to call the attention of the Council to the case of the Park Commissioners,—to the case of Mr. Wheelwright, who was appointed in place of the gentleman on that Board, who resigned about a year and a half ago. Mr. Wheelwright was not the head of a department when His Honor the Mayor appointed him Acting Park Commissioner, notwithstanding that the ordinance says that he may designate some other head of a department. Then, it says, "who shall discharge such duties temporarily." I would like to ask His Honor the Mayor what he considers the English word "temporarily" means? Does it mean a year and a half? In

connection with the position of a hold-over, "temporarily" would seem to me to refer to a short space of time—a few weeks, or, at the farthest, a few months. But here is a gentleman, not a head of a department, who was appointed to this position temporarily about a year and a half ago, and who still holds his office. I would like to know why the Mayor has acted in these cases as he has.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a drinking fountain for the use of man and beast at the junction of East Eagle, Prescott and Trenton Sts., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LIGHT ON EUTAW STREET.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate an electric light on Eutaw St., at the junction of White St., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESURFACING OF PUTNAM SQUARE.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation, as soon as possible, for resurfacing Putnam Sq., Trenton St., from Brooks St. to Prescott St., Prescott St. from Trenton St. to Saratoga St., and Putnam St. from Trenton St. to Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### WIDENING OF LONGWOOD AVE.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners give estimate cost of widening Longwood Ave., from Huntington Ave. to Brookline Ave., also Brookline Ave., from Beacon St. to Brookline line.

Referred to the Committee on Street Laying Out Dept., when appointed.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, WD. 19.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$36,000 for the erection of an engine house at the corner of Calumet and St. Alphonsus Sts., Wd. 19.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, a few moments ago my brother member from Wd. 19 (Mr. McInerney) referred to an order I introduced at the second meeting of the Council to ascertain in regard to the advisability of placing fire apparatus in the vicinity of Parker Hill. In asking His Honor the Mayor to consider the advisability of it, I did so with the intention of finding the most suitable location for such apparatus. In the meantime I have circulated a petition throughout the district, in order to get the opinion of the taxpayers of that section of the ward. I have in my possession at the present time a petition representing \$100,000 worth of real estate in that district; and I want to say, also, that I informed my brother member a few weeks ago that I was going to introduce this order and had a petition in circulation. However, if he is discourteous enough to introduce another order, I intend to let my order stand at the present time, as I think the amount mentioned in his order is not sufficient for the right kind of apparatus in that vicinity.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF ESTIMATE MEETINGS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide each member of the City Council with a printed stenographic report of each meeting of said board held during the present year, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EMPLOYEES AT HOUSE OF REFORMATION.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the trustees for children, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this body the name of each employee at the House of Reformation, date of engagement, residence at time of appointment, and by whom appointed; also similar information regarding employees at the office of said trustees.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### READING ROOM, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a reading room in Wd. 13.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTENSION OF ALEXANDER ST.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan bill a sum sufficient to extend Alexander St., Wd. 16, from its present terminus to Columbia Road.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### LEAVE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give the members of the Boston Fire Department a leave of six hours every week, in addition to the one day which they now receive out of every eight days.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BRIDGE ON TRAVERS ST.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their next loan bill a sufficient sum to erect a bridge over the Boston Elevated Street Railway tracks at Travers St., between Haverhill and Canal Sts., the bridge to be used for foot travel.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient amount in their first loan order for the establishment and maintenance of an Emergency Hospital at South Boston and an ambulance in connection therewith.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say a word in regard to the order I have introduced, requesting that a sufficient sum be provided for the maintenance of an emergency hospital in South Boston. At the present time we are without such an emergency hospital. The district is very large, and at a meeting of the South Boston Citizens' Assn., a representative organization of South Boston, held last week, they voted unanimously to do all in their power to have an emergency hospital established in South Boston. At the present time, if an accident happens there, a life is often lost unnecessarily by reason of the time it takes to procure an

ambulance and to convey a person to the City Hospital. I hope the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will consider this matter very seriously.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

CONVENIENCE STATION, SO. BOSTON

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order— That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum for the erection and maintenance of a public convenience station, to be erected at the junction of West Broadway, Broadway Extension and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

GRADING OF D ST.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order— That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to grade D St., from Baxter St. to Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13, and also macadamize the same.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Adjourned at 9:50 P. M., on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, to meet on Thursday, February 2, at 7:45 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Jan. 30, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the aldermanic chamber, City Hall, Chairman Barry presiding and a quorum present.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under Chapter 514 of the Acts and Resolves of 1894, as follows:—

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, January sitting:—

Charles W. Kinney, Wd. 19; Levi E. Kent, Wd. 3; Chas. F. Russell, Wd. 21; Wm. P. Osgood, Wd. 8; Chas. W. Robertson, Wd. 13; Michael F. Power, Wd. 20; Arthur C. Raymond, Wd. 10; Benj. Daniels, Wd. 4; Martin Gordon, Wd. 2; Simon A. Butler, Wd. 17; Timothy J. Murphy, Wd. 6; Amos L. Swindlehurst, Wd. 19; Lawrence Farley, Wd. 19; Jeremiah Mahoney, Wd. 2; Rotheus E. Flanders, Wd. 18; Wm. H. Prior, Wd. 8; Alfred T. Forrest, Wd. 15; Wm. T. Bibbey, Wd. 2; Jas. A. Murphy, Wd. 6; Alien Curtis, Wd. 11; Alston S. Dexter, Wd. 1; Chas. E. Maxwell, Wd. 25; Benj. E. Frank, Wd. 10; Jas. F. Cooper, Wd. 14; Edward J. Malloy, Wd. 9; John J. Banden, Wd. 7; Austin W. Farwell, Wd. 1; John E. Smith, Wd. 10; Joseph D. Chute, Wd. 24; Julius Haller, Wd. 22; Carl S. Neilson, Wd. 24; Herman L. Beal, Wd. 20; Fred H. Woodward, Wd. 24; John J. Kiernan, Wd. 22.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, first session, viz:—

Otis Stevens, Wd. 18; William A. McAuley, Wd. 24; Charles E. Wiggin, Wd. 17; William F. Cobb, Wd. 25; John E. Bcyle, Wd. 22; Charles M. Cabot, Wd. 11; Garrett G. Joyce, Wd. 15; Philip Powers, Wd. 13; Ambrose Woods, Wd. 19; Robert Gavagan, Wd. 15; John J. Davidson, Wd. 6; Henry Dobbins, Wd. 12; Charles T. Butler, Wd. 9; Nels Peterson, Wd. 2; Francis A. Daunt, Wd. 13; Walter A. Towne, Wd. 6; William P. O'Toole, Wd. 18; Edwin C. Howell, Wd. 4; William E. Allen, Wd. 18; Thomas Baker, Wd. 9; Henry S. Devonshire, Wd. 17; Francis E. Waller, Wd. 24; Charles D. Appleton, Wd. 11; Samuel Kelley, Wd. 15; Frederick W. French, Wd. 11; Frank T. Fuller, Wd. 20; Thomas H. Killion, Wd. 16; John Duffy, Wd. 19; Charles A. Jacobs, Wd. 5; Nicholas P. Savage, Wd. 14.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, second session, viz:—

Seth B. Whitney, Wd. 9; John P. Stickney, Wd. 15; Thomas F. Goodale, Wd. 21; Michael P. Geary, Wd. 13; James W. O'Brien, Wd. 22; John J. Marshall, Wd. 19; John F. Pendergast, Wd. 13; Albert Marple, Wd. 9; Frederick A. Swan, Wd. 25; Charles E. Dodge, Wd. 12; Henry Hastings, Wd. 11; Frank De Silva, Wd. 11; Edward R. Flynn, Wd. 22; John J. Weidmann, Wd. 19; James T. Price, Wd. 8; Benjamin Andrews, Wd. 17; Edward Rivett, Wd. 25; Peter R. Sullivan, Wd. 21; Andrew J. Duran, Wd. 13; James W. Kelley, Wd. 15; Joseph H. Sheehan, Wd. 17; Jonas G. Kneeland, Wd. 20; Henry E. Sales, Wd. 17; Charles S. Harrington, Wd. 25; Thomas J. Ackland, Wd. 17; David E. Wood, Wd. 1; Charles P. Sillsby, Wd. 8; William F. Varnum, Wd. 12; Wilder D. Quint, Wd. 8.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, third session, viz:—

William E. Cose, Wd. 25; Thomas J. Reddy, Wd. 1; James E. Brown, Wd. 23; Frederick R. S. McDowell, Wd. 24; James R. Masury, Wd. 18; Timothy J. Cronin, Wd. 21; Zachary T. French, Wd. 21; George W. Hill, Wd. 14; Harry L. Folsom, Wd. 20; Frederick C. Bleller, Wd. 19; James E. McCormack, Wd. 17; John McArdle, Wd.

15; Edward Ford, Wd. 1; Carlton H. Rich, Wd. 24; Jeremiah Driscoll, Wd. 21; Patrick J. O'Neil, Wd. 14; James Conley, Wd. 2; Henry N. Locklin, Wd. 24; Michael T. Monahan, Wd. 9; Joseph Hecht, Wd. 9; James J. Keefe, Wd. 2; William Kellogg, Wd. 11; Willard C. Greenlaw, Wd. 8; Edgar H. Loveren, Wd. 23; Daniel J. Mead, Wd. 5; William A. Copeland, Wd. 16; Michael J. Sullivan, Wd. 1; William H. Murphv, Wd. 25; George H. Perkins, Wd. 10; William H. Quirk, Wd. 14.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, fourth session, viz:—

William Adams, Wd. 23; Anson G. Cox, Wd. 9; Albert S. Hodge, Wd. 9; William J. Glancy, Wd. 23; Thomas J. Callahan, Wd. 1; Frank E. Chamberlain, Wd. 17; Henry E. Lappen, Wd. 15; Jeremiah Carroll, Wd. 14; William C. Cameron, Wd. 23; James L. Sullivan, Wd. 20; G. F. W. Edward Ruhl, Wd. 21; George E. Noyes, Wd. 11; Charles N. Cix, Wd. 17; James J. McCluskey, Wd. 21; Herman P. Hamlin, Wd. 7; John F. Ward, Wd. 4; John D. Mahar, Wd. 14; Walter H. Keenan, Wd. 15; Elmer E. Taylor, Wd. 24; George H. Scule, Wd. 14; John Gilchrist, Wd. 21; Herbert F. Prince, Wd. 7; William F. McCormack, Wd. 20; William C. Ames, Wd. 16; Gordon Prince, Wd. 11; Frank T. Paul, Wd. 19; John H. Fitzsimmons, Wd. 17; James E. Norton, Wd. 17; John P. Collins, Wd. 25; George P. Hayden, Wd. 23.

## APPROPRIATION BILL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the annual maintenance budget as passed by the Board of Apportionment. It will be noticed that considerably more than half of the departments are given smaller appropriations than they had last year, and, consequently, it will be found this year more difficult than ever to conduct their operations within the appropriations, particularly as no surplus income, available for transfer at the end of the year, is to be anticipated. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has endeavored to apportion the available financial resources of the city for the coming year as fairly as possible among the different departments; but, of course, the total sum available for such distribution is fixed by law, and is beyond the control of the Board. I hope to present later to the City Council some analysis of the growth of the expenditures of the city which will throw further light upon the situation presented by the budget for the coming year. I will only state now that the causes of the increased pressure upon the \$9,000 tax limit are to be found chiefly in the larger proportion of the available revenue which has been assigned by law to the use of the School Committee, to the increase in the population of our city insitutions at a more rapid ratio than the population of the city and its valuation have grown, and to the greater variety and better quality of the services demanded of the city by the citizens.

The expenses of the Police Department have increased faster than the proceeds of the limited tax levy, and in spite of the fact that the Board of Police is given power by statute to draw upon the City Treasury in excess of its appropriations, it seemed to me proper that this appropriation should be cut about in proportion to others, in the hope that the Board would be willing to do its part toward meeting the financial exigencies of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year, beginning with the first day of February, 1899, of performing the duties and exercis-

ing the powers developed by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the city of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes, hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest or sinking fund requirements for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works; that the appropriation for maintenance of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, and for the interest and sinking fund requirements for loans issued for sewerage works, be met with the sewerage charges determined as provided in chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897; that the appropriation for the Street-Watering Division of the Street Department be met with the assessments for watering streets laid under the provisions of chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1899, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1899, and by taxes to the amount of \$10,498,045, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the city of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding eight million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Current Expenses.

Art Department.....	\$1,000
Assessing Department.....	148,500
Auditing Department.....	40,000
Bath Department.....	69,500
Board of Aldermen:	
Salaries .....	\$19,600
Contingent expenses.....	5,000
	24,600
Building Department.....	88,500
Board of Appeal.....	1,800
Board of Estimate and Apportionment..	3,000
Cemetery Department.....	43,500
City Clerk Department.....	46,700
City Council:	
Incidental expenses.....	\$5,000
City Council Proceedings.....	18,750
	23,750
City Messenger Department.....	29,400

Clerk of Committees Department:	
Current expenses.....	\$12,050
Reference Library.....	150
	12,200
Collecting Department.....	98,500
Common Council:	
Salaries of Councilmen.....	\$22,500
Contingent expenses.....	2,000
Salaries of clerk and assistants.....	5,000
	29,500
Election Department.....	127,500
Engineering Department.....	78,800
Fire Department:	
Current expenses.....	\$1,073,500
Pensions .....	42,000
	1,115,500
Health Department.....	145,000
Hospital Department.....	375,000
Institutions:	
Children's Institutions Department:	
Placing out and office division.....	\$87,000
Marcella-St. Home.....	1,400
Parental School.....	33,600
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island.....	33,000
	155,000
Insane Hospital Department:	
Boston Insane Hospitals.....	\$120,000
Insane in State Institutions.....	185,000
	305,000
Pauper Institutions Department:	
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island.....	\$96,000
Charlestown Almshouse.....	14,000
Pauper expenses.....	2,000
Office expenses.....	3,500
	115,500
Institutions Registration Department..	17,250
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee".....	17,000
Steamer "John Howard".....	5,500
Lamp Department.....	670,000
Law Department.....	40,000
Library Department.....	255,000
Market Department.....	8,250
Mayor:	
Office .....	33,500
Public Celebrations and Lectures:	
Patriots' Day, April 19.....	\$500
Memorial Day, May 30.....	8,000
Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day, June 12.....	300
June Seventeenth.....	4,500
July Fourth.....	11,000
Labor's Holiday, September 5.....	500
Free Public Lectures.....	3,000
	27,800
Music Department.....	10,000
Overseeing of the Poor Department...	129,900
Park Department.....	140,000
Police Department:	
Current expenses.....	\$1,562,310
Pensions .....	76,190
	1,638,500
Printing Department.....	28,250
Public Buildings Department:	
General expenses.....	\$150,500
Electrical Construction Division.....	7,000
Repair Division.....	100
	157,600
Public Grounds Department.....	80,000
Registry Department.....	26,000
Reserve Fund:	
For the payment of claims, executions, and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers .....	123,779
Sinking Funds Department.....	2,350
Soldiers' Relief.....	227,000
Statistics Department:	
General expenses.....	\$13,000
"City Record".....	6,000
	19,000
Street Department:	
Central office.....	\$18,800
Bridge Division.....	120,750
Cambridge Bridges Division.....	16,000
Ferry Division.....	212,500
Paving Division:	
General expenses.....	\$690,000
Removal of snow.....	50,000
	740,000
Sanitary Division.....	570,000
Street Cleaning Division.....	315,000
	1,993,050
Street Laying-Out Department.....	22,000
Treasury Department.....	42,250
Weights and Measures Department.....	23,000
*Wire Department.....	25,000
Total appropriations for current expenses of city.....	\$3,839,729

City Debt Requirements.

Sinking-funds .....	\$1,856,540	
Interest .....	2,035,460	
		3,892,000

Total appropriation for current expenses and debt requirements of city .....

County of Suffolk.

General expenses.....	\$700,000	
House of Correction, Deer Island .....	\$154,500	
Machinery and materials for manufacturing .....	15,000	169,500
House of Correction, South Boston .....	\$84,500	
Machinery and materials for manufacturing .....	10,000	94,500
Office expenses, Penal Institutions .....	21,500	
Total .....	\$985,500	

Carried forward.....\$985,500

County Debt Requirements.

Sinking-fund and principal .....	\$60,439	
Interest .....	127,210	
		\$187,649

Total for city and county.....

\*By the order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment January 12, \$10,000 was appropriated for the current expenses of this department.

Street Department.  
(To be raised by assessment.)  
Sewer Division.

Maintenance and operation of the sewerage works.....	\$350,000 00	
Debt requirements for loans for sewerage works:		
Sinking-funds .....	\$39,195 00	
Interest .....	83,474 88	
		122,669 88
		\$472,669 88

Street Watering Division.

Maintenance .....

Water Department.

(To be raised by water rates.)

Current expenses.....	\$540,000 00	
Debt requirements:		
Sinking-funds .....	\$209,824	
Interest .....	791,992	
		1,001,816 00
		\$1,541,816 00

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

The foregoing orders and appropriations were passed:

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred and ten thousand (410,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-five thousand (55,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners in making plans of territory or sections of land under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, under the provisions of said act, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Repair Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment, January 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars be appropriated to the Printing Department for working capital, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Jan. 23, 1899.

The foregoing orders and appropriations were passed, and we certify that the appropriations contained in the last five orders are not to meet current expenses.

Josiah Quincy,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,  
David F. Barry.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### APPOINTMENT OF WEIGHER OF COAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint E. W. Johnson a weigher of coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

#### VETO OF USE OF SAMMET HALL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 24, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my signature an order instructing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to allow the use of Sammet Hall, Wd. 22, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, for a whist party on the evening of January 31st, 1899, waiving the usual fee, for the reason that, as stated in my communication of January 16th, the granting of the use of ward rooms without any payment therefor imposes a material extra expense upon the Public Building Department, and one which it has no means at its disposal to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The order was reconsidered, and the question came on its passage, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall and County Buildings, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### VETO-ORDER TO BOX TREE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 18, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith, without my signature, the vote passed by your Board on Jan. 15, granting permission to L. Wingersky to box two trees in front of 51 Devon St., Roxbury, "for protection purposes only."

My reason for taking this action is that if it is merely desired to place a suitable guard around these trees for their protection, that can be done without any vote of your Board; while, on the other hand, if a sign is to be placed on the box, the vote of your Board would be illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote granting leave was reconsidered, and the veto of the Mayor was sustained. Yeas, 0; nays, 12.

#### WATERING STREETS BY ASSESSMENT.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—

It is necessary to make provision at

once in regard to the watering of streets under the assessment plan during the ensuing year, and I, therefore, recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying order, which is the same in form as that passed by the City Council of last year, except that it includes the whole city, instead of limited district. A petition will be presented to the Legislature requesting an amendment of the law, to authorize the division of the city into street watering districts, so that the service and the rate of assessment per front foot may be varied in different parts of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered: That all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### USE OF CURTIS HALL—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Jan. 27, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the Superintendent of Public Buildings to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of February 7, 1899, for the reason that, as stated in my communication of January 16, the granting of the use of this hall without charging the customary fee entails a considerable extra expense upon the Public Buildings Department, and one which it has no funds to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The previous action of the board was reconsidered, and the message and order were referred, on motion of Ald. Codman to the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

To the Committee on Bldg. Dept. Ald. (when appointed.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Andrew A. Badaracco, an illuminated sign, at 121 North St., Wd. 6.

Frank Thomas, an illuminated sign, at 98 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Wm. Naigles, a sign, at 26 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Hewes-Mayo Co., a sign, at 150 Lenox St., Wd. 18.

Geo. W. Hunt, to paint globe at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

To the Committee on Claims (when appointed.)

Esther Lake, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Berkeley St.

H. & J. Pfaff Brewing Co., to be paid for damage to building caused by blasting by employees of the city on Columbus Ave.

Warren N. Gerald, to be repaid a part of the amount paid for an intelligence office license, which he used only six weeks.

Therese Kluge et al., for payment to themselves or to their attorney, Wilfred Bolster, of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on N.W. side of Columbus Ave., cor. Sarsfield St.

Ten petitions of Patrick J. Daly, for payment to himself or to his attorney, Wilfred Bolster, of balances remaining from tax sale of estates on the northerly side of Westville St., Wd. 20.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Louis A. Ginsburg, for the removal of two trees at 59-58 Webster St., Wd. 2.

Licenses.

Petitions for permits for children un-

der 15 years of age to appear in public places of amusement, as follows:—

George W. Magee, manager, for Goldie Grafton, at the Grand Opera House, during the week ending January 28, 1899.

A. L. Griffin, manager, for Baby Blanehe and Gussie Hunt, at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, for the week beginning Jan. 30, 1899.

Isaac B. Rich, for Isabelle Martin and five others, at the Hollis Street Theatre, for the week ending Feb. 4, 1899.

Public Improvements.

Benevolent Fraternity of Churches et als., for the repaving of Berkeley St., from Tremont St. to the railroad bridge, with asphalt.

Anthony Volta, for leave to maintain three bootblack stands in Franklin Ave.

George I. Robinson, Jr., for leave to erect lamps temporarily; one each in Dewey Sq., and in Central Sq.

Hanover Drug Co., for leave to erect an iron post, with an illuminated druggist's mortar thereon, in sidewalk, at 257 Hanover St.

A. T. Donovan, for leave to construct an area at 296-302 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Barnes & Dunklee, for leave to erect a permanent awning in front of the Hotel Brunswick.

Albert J. Benfield, for leave to project a sign at 1051 Washington St.

W. F. Haley, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the junction of Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St.

George W. Tenney, for leave to place a tin sign on framework around tree at 429 Columbus Ave.

Julius Johnson, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 930 Washington St., Wd. 9.

A. T. Donovan, for leave to construct an area at 296-302 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

James P. Stearns and another, Trustees, for leave to maintain and use for storage of coal, merchandise, etc., the space under sidewalk in front of estate 44-50 Clinton St.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for leave to erect poles, viz.:

1. On Hewlett and Hastings Sts., Wd. 23.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On Monadnock St., Wd. 16, and on Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20.

No objections.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like so much of the order as refers to Monadnock St. assigned to the next meeting. My reason is that I have a request of that nature from four property holders on Monadnock St., saying they would like to be heard, but cannot be here today.

No. 2 was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Notice of the appointment on the part of the Common Council of Messrs. Logan, Kiley, Stockton, O'Brien, Sanderson, Martin and Klemm, on the joint special committee on Rules and Orders.

Placed on file.

4. Notice of the indefinite postponement of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen Jan. 23, authorizing the destruction of the old small-pox hospital building.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, while I shall offer no objection to the indefinite postponement of this order, I desire to say that I think the Trustees of the Insane Asylum certainly ought to have waited until they had the authority from the City Government to destroy these buildings. In the future, I hope they will look into such matters carefully, before destroying buildings.

The notice was placed on file.

5. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to allow the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of February 16, 1899, to Daniel Hersey Lodge, I.O.O.F., for the purpose of having its annual charitable dance in aid of the worthy poor in Wd. 23.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move the indefinite postponement of No. 5.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the alderman will withdraw that motion. I should like to move that the order be referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall and County Buildings, and for this reason: It seems to me that these orders will constantly come up during the year, because possibly everybody does not know the position the Mayor has recommended taking in regard to our public halls. It would be well for the Committee on Faneuil Hall and County Buildings to know what the expense of opening Faneuil Hall and these other various wardrooms is going to be, and instead of waiving the fee, they might then report orders back with the minimum cost attached. Possibly that would be a better way of disposing of them.

Ald. BERWIN withdrew the motion to indefinitely postpone, and the order was referred, on motion of Ald. Codman, to the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc.

6. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the present General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the city of Boston to pay to the family of the late Martin F. McDonald, engineer of Engine 13, Boston Fire Department, who was killed January 23, 1899, while performing his duty as said engineer, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold said position until the close of the fiscal year 1900.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That all applications for money for memorial purposes under the provisions of chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886, be submitted to the City Council on or before the first day of April, 1899, and that a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider said applications and report to the City Council an apportionment of the money that may be appropriated for said memorial purposes.

Passed in concurrence.

On motion of Ald. Codman, the Board voted to take up No. 8 to 24, inclusive, together, viz.:

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum sufficient to establish a street-cleaning service in all parts of Wd. 23, not now covered by such service.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars as an appropriation for a chemical engine-house and apparatus, to be located at the corner of Hillside and Calumet Sts., Wd. 19.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to secure the asphaltting of Smith St. from Phillips St. to St. Alphonsus St., Wd. 19.

11. Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order an appropriation of thirty-one thousand (\$31,000) dollars for a suitable site and the establishment of a play-ground in Roslindale, Wd. 27.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put in complete order La Grange St., Wd. 23, from Washington St. to the Newton line.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for putting Princeton St., Wd. 1, in proper condition for safe travel.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate

and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to put the bathing beach at the head-house, Marine Park, in the same condition as the bathing beach at the foot of L St., and known as the L-St. bathing beach.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum of money sufficient to put Hillside St., Wd. 19, in thorough repair, from Parker St. to Parker Hill Ave.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next budget a sum sufficient to macadamize Ruggles St., between Shawmut Ave. and Cabot St., Wd. 18.

17. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their next loan bill a sufficient sum to erect a bridge over the Boston Elevated Street Railway tracks at Travers St., between Haverhill and Canal Sts., the bridge to be used for foot travel.

18. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of thirty-six thousand (36,000) dollars for the erection of an engine house at the corner of Calumet and St. Alphonsus Sts., Wd. 19.

19. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan bill a sum sufficient to extend Alexander St., Wd. 16, from its present terminus to Columbia road.

20. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation, as soon as possible, for resurfacing Putnam Sq., Trenton St. from Brooks St. to Prescott St., Prescott St. from Trenton St. to Saratoga St., and Putnam St. from Trenton St. to Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

21. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars for a new building in Wd. 18, to be used as a ward-room, gymnasium and bath house.

22. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in their next loan the sum of eight thousand (8000) dollars for the paving of Shawmut Ave., from Camden St. to Guild Row.

23. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient amount in their first loan order, for the establishment and maintenance of an emergency hospital at South Boston, and an ambulance in connection therewith.

24. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum for the erection and maintenance of a public convenience station, to be erected at the junction of West Broadway, Broadway Extension, and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 19.

Severally referred in concurrence.

On motion of Ald. DIXON, the Board took up special assignment, viz:—

25. Order of notice for a hearing February 13 on petition of the West Roxbury and Rosindale Street Railway Company for a location of tracks in certain streets in Wds. 23 and 24, with the right to use the overhead electric trolley system thereon.

Recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that permits be granted, in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today), viz:—

Isaac B. Rich, for a permit for Isabelle Martin, Irene Martin, Ethel L. Foster, Joseph Morrisey, Charles Kelley and Francis O'Brien, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis Street Theatre for the week ending February 4, 1899.

A. L. Griffin, Mgr., for a permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square

Theatre for one week beginning January 30, 1899.

George W. Magee, Mgr., for a permit for Goldie Grafton, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week ending January 23, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

#### INCREASE IN COMMITTEE.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Committee on Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen consist of five members, instead of three, as heretofore ordered.

Passed.

#### COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS EXAMINED.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I desire to submit the report of the expert employed by the Committee on Assessing Department to look over the accounts of the collector. The report has been delayed on account of the sickness of the expert, and, as Chairman of the Committee of last year, I make the report. I would move that it be printed and sent down.

(Ald. Prescho submitted the report referred to, giving a schedule showing the results of the expert's examination of the Collector's accounts.)

The report was ordered printed and sent down.

#### RIGHT TO USE TRACKS.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, what right, if any, the American Sugar Refining Company has to operate and use railroad tracks in and upon West First and Granite Sts., South Boston.

Passed.

#### ASPHALTING HARRISON AVE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the asphaltting of Harrison Ave., from Northampton St. to East Lenox St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ASPHALTING OF SMITH ST.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the asphaltting of Smith St., from Parker St. to Huntington Ave.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### SEVENTEENTH OF JUNE.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

Passed. Sent down.

#### REFUND OF SEWER ASSESSMENT.

The Chairman presented the petition of Hannah E. Dennis, by John Dennis, Adm., to be refunded \$50 paid by her in 1890 for use of sewer in Everett St., Brighton, and in connection with the same an order—That the City Treasurer be authorized to refund to the estate of Hannah E. Dennis the sum of Fifty Dollars, being the amount paid by her for right of drainage into the public sewer in Everett St., Brighton, she being now assessed for her proportionate part of the cost of sewer built in Everett St. in 1896, said sum to be paid from the amount received for entrance fees, Sewer Division.

Passed. Sent down.

**ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSINGS,  
EAST BOSTON.**

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the City Engineer be directed to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of such alterations of all the crossings of railroads and public ways in that part of Boston called East Boston as will avoid crossings at grade, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 491 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An act relative to the grade crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston."  
Passed.

**MARINE PARK AT JEFFRIES POINT.**

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to consider in the first loan report a sum sufficient to establish a marine park and playground at Jeffries Point, Wd. 2.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**REMOVAL OF TREE.**

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate 182 Princeton St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

**FACILITIES FOR REACHING FIRES.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to so arrange it that, in responding to fires, the captains of the respective engine companies be provided with better means of reaching fires than riding on the tender of the engine; the expense, if any, to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department, when appointed, on motion of Ald. McDonald.

**ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
DORCHESTER CENTRE.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to provide an additional primary school building in the Dorchester Centre district, Wd. 20.

Passed. Sent down.

**VEHICLE ON SIDEWALK.**

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That permission be granted to Charles Huntington, a minor, to use a small vehicle on the sidewalks on Huntington Ave., for the purpose of propelling himself therein, between his residence and the Volkmar School, on said avenue.

Passed.

**PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF FIREMAN  
MCDONALD.**

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That there be paid to Annie McDonald, widow of Martin F. McDonald, a member of the Fire Department killed in the performance of duty, January 23, 1899, the sum of three thousand dollars.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**RECESS TAKEN.**

The Board voted, at 4 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:43 P.M.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on the following petitions

(severally referred today), recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Albert J. Benfield, for leave to project a sign at 1051 Washington St.

W. F. Healey, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the junction of Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St.

Julius Johnson, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 930 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George W. Tenney (referred today), for leave to place a tin sign on framework now around a tree at 429 Columbus Ave.—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.  
Accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of James P. Stearns and another, Trustees, (referred today), for leave to maintain and use for storage of coal, merchandise, etc., the space under sidewalk in front of estate 41-57 Clinton St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James P. Stearns et al., Trustees, to construct, maintain, and use an area, with one coal hole opening with iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Clinton and Commercial Sts., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of A. T. Donovan, (referred today), for leave to construct an area—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. T. Donovan to construct, maintain, and use an area, 44 ft. by 7 ft. 5 in., with two coal hole openings, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron cover under and in the sidewalk, in front of estate No. 296-302 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of George I. Robinson, Jr., (referred today), for leave to erect lamps temporarily—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George I. Robinson, Jr., to erect, maintain and use, for the period of two months, posts with plain, unlettered incandescent lamps thereon—one each in Dewey Sq. and Central Sq.; the location of said lamps to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the Mayor's message (referred Jan. 23) transmitting a loan order for \$1,000,000 for sewerage works—Recommending that the message be sent down, and that the order be passed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the approval of the order.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, on that question I ask for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the ordering of the yeas and nays, but I shall vote against the passage of the order. The matter has not been discussed in the Committee on Public Improvements. From my years of experience in this board, however, I am convinced that it is a matter of votes. Those in favor of the passage of the order seem to be in the minority, and for that reason I hardly assume that an argument of mine will operate against its passage. I do wish to say, however, that one of the reasons why the order should not pass this afternoon is simply this. There is now pending before the

legislature a bill asking for the repeal of the act creating the Board of Apportionment; there is also a bill before the legislature asking for the repeal of this particular act, authorizing this board to pass a vote for the expenditure of one million dollars for sewers. There is also pending before the Supreme Court a bill in which the legality of this assessment has been questioned.

These various reasons, Mr. Chairman, are in my opinion, good reasons why this Board should not take any hasty action in the line of passing this million dollar loan bill, because, if the board does pass it this afternoon, there is a question in my mind whether His Honor the Mayor would allow these bonds to be issued in the event of the Supreme Court acting unfavorably upon the petition of the city. From all I can learn and from the arguments that have been advanced, from general information that comes to me, I have reason to believe that the Supreme Court will, in all likelihood, render a judgment contrary to the position assumed by the city. I don't know that I can offer any stronger argument against the passage of this order today, inasmuch as I am not in physical condition to speak at length upon the questions this afternoon; but I think the board will show good judgment in allowing the matter to be further delayed, because no action one way or the other on the part of this honorable body can affect the matter. Under the new act creating the Board of Apportionment we are given the power to decrease, and not to add to, appropriations. Under the existing conditions, if this board takes no action upon the matter, within the limit of time prescribed by law, the order will become operative without our consent. The bonds can then be issued, and the board of apportionment must then assume the responsibility, and not this honorable board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin), puts it very tersely when he says the Supreme Court may rule against this new sewer assessment law. We have no reason to believe that they will give any immediate decision upon that matter. It may take them three, four or five months to render judgment upon it. In the meantime, certain sewers that have been constructed in the last several years have cost the city of Boston thousands of dollars, and the work on them has got to be stopped unless some such action as this is taken.

Take, for instance, the Canal St. sewer, which has been one of the biggest undertakings of the city of Boston in the sewer line for a great many years. It has been of great value to the particular part of Boston where work upon it has been carried on, and I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 6 if he would like, after the spending of thousands of dollars down in that section on the Canal St. sewer, as far as Cross St., in the business section of the city, to see the city of Boston put a bulkhead there and lose the amount of money expended on that sewer? In my own district we have a sewer similar to the Canal St. sewer. We spent thousands of dollars to construct it, and the same argument holds good there. If we have a bulkhead put in there, work on the different tributaries, sewers in that particular region has got to be stopped. Money has been thrown away in other ways, if we do not take immediate action which will make the work already done valuable. We are told that the Legislature may act upon this matter. I can assure the gentleman, being conversant with Legislative matters, that these bills go into committees and remain there for weeks and months; and I can also assure him that without any decision being rendered by the Supreme Court, the Legislature will not act upon this matter. It is important that we should have this million dollars to

construct the sewers of the city of Boston.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I do not agree with my colleague from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) in his reasons for not voting for this order at the present time excepting in one particular. I do not think it is at all important, so far as we are concerned, what the Legislature may or may not do. As the matter stands at the present time, there is this law upon the statute books and we are bound by it, and the mere fact that at some time the Legislature may repeal it ought not to govern our action in the slightest degree. But it is a fact, as has been stated by the Alderman, that an action has been brought in our court so as to test the validity of this act. That has been urged before the Supreme bench, and we are simply awaiting the decision of the full court. It will probably come down very shortly, as the court understands the exigencies of the case.

Now, my position in the matter is simply this, that so long as this matter is before the Court in its present shape, and there is uncertainty with reference to the constitutionality of the act, I don't see how the loan can be negotiated. If we should pass this order today and the Mayor should advertise for bids, I don't see how anybody would make an offer under it, because there is a strong possibility that, after they had advertised for bids and were undertaking to float the loan, the act would be found illegal. That is what a decision against the city would mean. I am as anxious to see men at work as anybody, if there is anything for them to do, and I certainly do not wish to see thousands of dollars' worth of work upon the sewers come to naught by reason of any action on our part. But I imagine, in the financing of the city's affairs, it will not be necessary to throw a large number of good men out of employment or let work which has already been done go to waste, by reason of the failure of the Board to pass this loan this afternoon. I don't think the relation between the two is as absolute and positive as some would give us to understand. I had hoped that before this matter came up this week, we would know something as to when a decision in the pending case would be rendered by the courts; and I think it is a rather peculiar thing to ask us to pass a loan of this kind when there is very grave doubt whether the loan will be legal when passed. I had hoped that the members of the majority here would be willing to let this matter stand for another week or so, until something could be done about it. Certainly, the city will gain nothing by the passage of this order today. This loan can never be negotiated in the open market until the legal question is settled; and if, on the other hand, the city is going to do the work with its own money, money it now has on hand, it seems to me the city can find that money and appropriate it for these purposes without acting in this special way. As I say, I shall vote against the order, not because I do not believe in it, because I do. We are under obligation to pass it if it is in proper shape; but, on account of the uncertainty and the fact that we are not putting a good marketable loan on the market, I shall vote "No." I presume the vote of the Board will go the other way. But the result will be that no money will be had from outside. If any money is used under the million dollar act, before the decision of the supreme court, it will simply be money that the city has today, which it transfers from another pocket to this. I presume if the men in power wanted to do that, they could do it without this order, and could have done it some time ago.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me, as has been already stated, that there is an urgent necessity for the passage of this loan. From what I can gather from

reading the arguments and the statements in regard to the case in the newspapers, the question in controversy before the Supreme Court is the manner of assessment. It is a mere questioning of the sinking fund method, not of the legality of the loan. As I understand it, the loan itself would be entirely legal, although the manner of assessment, with the sinking fund method, may be declared illegal. Therefore, I can see no harm in passing the order today. It aids the city government and the employees of the Sewer Department, and facilitates the work of building the sewers. I, therefore, hope the order will pass today.

Ald. **PRESHO**—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for this measure, but I don't want my vote to be construed as in favor of the last part of this act—that is, the sewer assessment. I am totally opposed to that. I don't believe there is any necessity for throwing these men out of work—not the slightest—although I believe that, as soon as the act passes, the men will go to work and as long as we hold back action on the act the men will be kept out of work. That is merely done by the Mayor to force us to pass the act. Therefore, I will vote for the act, on the ground that the men will then go to work and will be able to obtain a livelihood. I believe if this matter should have come up before election time the men would never have been ordered out. They were simply ordered out to force us to pass this act.

Ald. **DOYLE**—Mr. Chairman, in asking for the yeas and nays on this question, I did it in good faith, so that the matter might be brought up and finished today. It is entirely wrong that 1200 men working in the Sewer Department should be laid off at this time of the year. I believe if the loan bill passes today the men will go back to work again immediately. If the city had nothing to do and no money to spend, it would then be different, because there would be some ground for laying the men off. But, as I understand it, there are a great many large sewers in course of construction, which have to be built, and there is plenty of work for the men to do and no money to pay for it. Consequently, I hope the order will be passed today, so that the men will be put back to work in the Sewer Department.

Ald. **COLBY**—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the last alderman who spoke a question—as to whether he knows and can give the board the information that the men discharged have been discharged because of the failure of the board to pass this order, and whether he has any information that if this is passed the men will be put to work?

Ald. **DOYLE**—Mr. Chairman, I will say, in answer to that, that I have no absolute knowledge of the matter; but it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that if this loan order is passed the men will go back to work. I have not got it from any official source, but it seems to be the general opinion.

Ald. **MCDONALD**—Mr. Chairman, I shall certainly vote for the measure before the board, for the principal reason that this provision for sewers has helped the outlying sections of the city. I think it was a very wise act which the legislature passed appropriating one million dollars a year for sewers. We built many sewers last year under the act, and I cannot see why we should not go ahead under this act and build sewers. It is not for us to remain quiet and wait until the court decides on the petition before it. In passing this order we will have done our duty, and then let the courts take care of the matter hereafter.

Ald. **BERWIN**—Mr. Chairman, I do not rise to apologize for my position upon this matter. As I stated before, if my physical condition were better I believe I could offer some very strong arguments why this order should not pass. But I

do honestly believe this, that whether we pass this million dollar loan or not, the men in the sewer department will be taken back from time to time, as the demands and the condition of the department require. This is the annual bluff that the board has to submit to. I had an experience of the same kind in connection with the organization of the board last year. One of the strong reasons offered why we should organize was that we might pass a loan order, in order that the men employed in the sewer department might go to work. But there is no assurance that the men who have been discharged will be taken back. I have my suspicions that it is the same old weeding out which takes place every year in order to make places for the constituents of new men coming into the city government. That is the scheme of those in power every year, to make places for somebody, and the only way to get rid of those whom they desire to drop is to present the antediluvian bluff, saying: "We have no money and the men have to be turned out of employment." But, as soon as the money is appropriated, you will find a lot of new men at work; and I have very strong doubts in this case whether the old men who have been working there for years are going to get back. But that is neither here nor there.

I am opposed to the passage of the loan order for the reasons I first gave, and am opposed to the sewer assessment act on general principles. I do not believe in it. I know any number of people who have paid for building sewers and who are today paying for maintaining them; and who have been put to a great deal of additional expense in connection with sewers. We have no absolute knowledge of how this money is to be spent. The Alderman from Dorchester (Ald. McDonald) speaks of sewers being built out his way, but I don't know of any assurance from the Board of Apportionment or, as far as I can learn, from the Street Department, that any particular sewers are to be built. We don't know whether they will build sewers for months to come; we don't know what disposition will be made of the money. The law says that a million dollars may be raised for sewers, and immediately we have an order brought in here to raise the entire million dollars. It reminds me of the man in the lunch business. Somebody went to his place and got a sandwich and a glass of beer, for which the proprietor charged him seventy-five cents. The man said, "What do you charge me that for?" "Because I want the money." That is about the situation in that department. They are authorized to borrow one million dollars and they want every copper of it at once. Why don't they come in here in a reasonable way and say, "We want \$100,000," or "We want \$200,000, and as the work develops we will come in and ask for more?" The fact is, as Ald. Colby has told you—and I agree with him in his views on that point entirely—that they cannot place this million dollar loan while this matter is pending in the court. Everybody familiar with finances knows that. No man who is loaning large sums of money will take such chances. So there is nothing to be gained by hurrying this along. If we pass this order immediately, we are simply submitting, as I said before, to the annual bluff that we are invariably subjected to whenever we attempt to delay any matter upon good and reasonable grounds. As I have already stated, I am not apologizing for my position upon this matter. I believe my constituents will support me in the position I have taken, which I believe is the right position.

Ald. **COLBY**—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from my ward (Ald. Doyle) said he had no definite information whether the men were discharged by reason of the failure of the board to pass this or not,

and didn't know whether, if the board passed the order, they would be set to work. I have received a little information, however, from a man who stands very high in the official circles of the city, and who says that all they want under this order proposed to be passed today is five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars at the outset, that that will last them for some time. Now, if that is true, and they want but \$5000 to \$10,000, how far will that go towards employing the 1200 men who are now out of work? It is very evident that it would not give them many days' work. So I think it is hardly fair to ask us to put this through today, on the ground that by not putting it through we will deprive good men of an honest reward for their labor. I don't see how we will be helping the men any by passing the order now in its present form, in view of the general situation upon this sewer question. That is my only objection.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I will simply say in answer to the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) and the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) that anybody in the board who votes for the million dollar loan this afternoon does not therefore necessarily believe thoroughly in the assessment law. The fact is that the emergency has arisen, and it is the proper time for us to raise this money under the legislative act. In answer to the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), I will simply say that if we followed out the rules upon which he is arguing today we would not have any of these men employed. The fact is that \$5000 or \$10,000,

as he must know from his connection with the city government in the past, is such a small amount in the transaction of the business of a great metropolitan city like Boston, that the idea of raising such an amount to pay the men in the sewer department is simply ridiculous, absurd. I will say that if this million dollar loan bill passes today the Sewer Department will go along working on the basis that it has been working in the past. I hope the million dollar loan will pass.

The order was passed, yeas 10, nays 2, Aids. Berwin and Colby voting nay. Sent down.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. COLBY presented the petition of James P. Stearns and another, trustees, for leave to construct basement floor of building 44-50 Clinton St., Wd. 6, at grade 7.33.

On motion of Ald. Colby, leave was granted under suspension of the rule.

Ald. O'TOOLE presented the petition of George Bleiler, Jr., 32 Bedford St., for an illuminated sign.

On motion of Ald. O'Toole, leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration of the action taken on all papers today, trusting the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Codman, at 5.15 P. M., to meet on Monday, February 6, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, February 2, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a copy of a circular issued to heads of departments, in relation to a reduction in salaries and wages during the current financial year. It is clearly inequitable that the larger salaries fixed by ordinance should remain unaffected while smaller ones are reduced; while I believe that the reduction requested by me will be voluntarily accepted by heads of departments and other officials whose salaries are fixed by ordinance, it seems to me proper that this reduction should be provided for by an amendment of section 5, of chapter 3, of the Revised Ordinances, by which salaries are now fixed. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,

To the Heads of Departments:—

Gentlemen: Your attention is called to the appropriation for your department for the coming financial year contained in the maintenance budget, passed by the Board of Apportionment on January 28, and transmitted today to the City Council. As the latter body cannot raise the amount of any item, there is no possibility of an increase in the sum appropriated for your department; you are, therefore, requested to calculate at once a scale of weekly or monthly expenditure which will carry your department through the financial year upon the basis of such appropriation, and I feel it necessary to positively direct that your expenditures be kept strictly within this amount, whatever may be the restriction of the service of your department which may thereby be entailed. In the past the probability of a surplus income in excess of the estimates enabled the Mayor to allow a certain amount of latitude to the departments; this year there is no such surplus in sight, and the only possible manner in which any appropriation can be added to is by transfer from the reserve fund—and this is not to be reckoned upon, as it is only intended to meet extraordinary exigencies, and is very limited in amount. It must be distinctly understood that when any department has exhausted the amount of its appropriation, it will neither have any authority to incur, or any method to meet, any additional expenses, and its service will have to be entirely discontinued; the only way to avoid such an unfortunate result is to establish a scale of expenditure from the very beginning of the financial year which can be continued—with due allowance for the variation in expenses at different seasons—within the amount appropriated, to the end of the financial year.

I have reluctantly concluded, after full consideration, that the amounts of the department appropriations—falling as they do not only far below the estimates, but in many instances below the appropriations or expenditures for the financial year now closing,—require some general horizontal reduction in the amount of all salaries, and of certain wages, paid by the city. The situation obviously compels either the suspension of a considerable number of employees whose services are actually required for the proper operation

of the departments, with consequent impairment of the municipal service and injury to the interests of our citizens, or a general reduction in the scale of compensation paid to officials and employees.

It seems to me clear that it is only practicable, or fair, to make such a reduction at a uniform horizontal rate, applicable to all of the departments; while I am aware that this will work hardship, and perhaps injustice, in many cases, I can see no other course; the necessity arises from the limitation of the tax-rate established by statute law, and not from any failure on the part of the Mayor, the Board of Apportionment, or the City Council to appreciate the financial needs of the various departments as exhibited in their estimates, or as demonstrated by past experience. The question presented is not how much the city could wisely expend during the coming year, but in what way an amount limited by law can best be made to meet the various necessities and demands of the municipal service; the policy adopted has been that of making each department bear its share of the financial pressure, regardless of the character of the service rendered by it. I desire distinctly to disclaim any intention of expressing, or implying, the opinion that the scale of compensation now paid by the city is too high, or that it can be reduced with justice or with real advantage; my position is merely that this measure of reduction is necessary under the financial conditions which confront the city.

You are, therefore, directed to proceed at once to make a reduction of seven and one-half per cent in all salaries paid in your department of one thousand dollars (\$1000) a year or more, and of five per cent in all salaries amounting to seven hundred dollars (\$700) a year and not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000), and also to make a reduction of seven and one-half per cent in all wages amounting to three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) a day or more, and of five per cent in all wages not less than two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) a day and not exceeding three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) a day. In view, however, of the practical difficulties in the way of reducing the wages of certain classes of mechanics or laborers who perform work of just the same character as that performed for private employers below the full standard established in such employment,—where there is such a recognized standard—and of the objections to having the city exert an influence to reduce any recognized scale of wages prevailing among private employees, I think it necessary to have certain exceptions made in the reductions of wages above ordered, and heads of departments will, therefore, confer with me before putting such wage reductions into effect. It is expected that the reductions above called for will be made on the next pay-roll upon which it is practicable to make the necessary alterations in compensation.

While I have no legal authority to order the reduction of salaries paid to heads of departments and established by statute or by ordinance, it is obvious that the same considerations which require the decreases above mentioned also demand a voluntary reduction, in the same ratio, in the salaries received by such officials. They are, therefore, requested and expected to have their own rate of compensation placed upon the pay-roll with a reduction of seven and one-half per cent.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

January 30, 1899.

An Ordinance to Amend Section Five of Chapter Three of the Revised Ordinances. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section five of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

"Provided, however, that during the financial year 1899-1900, the several salaries above specified shall be fixed at sums seven and a half per cent less than the several amounts above named."

The communication was read, and, by the direction of the President, the Clerk began to read the particulars as to the heads of departments.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, in view of the length of the communication, I move that the reading be dispensed with, and that it be printed and assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman does not object, the Chair desires to have the communication read, for the information of the Council. If the gentleman is willing to withdraw his motion, the Chair would like to have the communication read, in view of certain acts that may come before us for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. HARVEY—I withdraw it.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk will proceed.

The Clerk proceeded with the reading of the circular, and when he had finished, Mr. Donovan of Wd. 7 moved that the communication, with enclosures, be referred to the committee on ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. WATSON of W. 18—Mr. President, I move as an amendment, that it be printed and assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the amendment is not in order at this time.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I have an order that I desire to offer in connection with that message.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question now is on reference to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed, and orders are not in order.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed, was carried.

#### PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of five members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to provide an additional primary school building in the Dorchester Centre District, Wd. 20.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to refund to the estate of Hannah E. Dennis the sum of fifty (50) dollars, being the amount paid by her for right of drainage into the public sewer in Everett St., Brighton, she being now assessed for her proportionate part of the cost of sewer built in Everett St. in 1896, said sum to be paid from the amount received from entrance fees, Sewer Division.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, on motion of Mr. Wood of Wd. 20.

4. Mayor's message transmitting, under the provisions of chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the following order passed on January 12, 1899, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said act; the same coming down without any alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of one million (1,000,000) dollars be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement, as a representative of

the Council on the Board of Apportionment, in connection with the order just read by the Clerk. The order appropriating one million dollars for sewerage purposes came before the Board of Apportionment for consideration about two weeks ago. Mr. Wells, the Superintendent of Streets, presented certain facts to the Board of Apportionment, upon which he asked for this appropriation of one million dollars. Feeling that the financial condition justified me, both as your representative, and as a member of the Board of Apportionment, in inquiring into the details for which this money was to be expended, I made certain inquiries of Mr. Wells with reference to this million dollars. He stated to me that the money already within the control of the Sewer Department would carry the employees of that department over the first of February. It then would be necessary for the City Council to appropriate upwards of \$313,000 to carry on work already contracted for by the city of Boston. Feeling satisfied that the Council would approve my action in voting for a sum sufficient to carry on work already under headway, and also feeling that I would be justified in voting for a liberal amount for that purpose, I amended that order as sent in by Mr. Wells, so as to appropriate \$500,000 for this purpose, saying to Mr. Wells that he might continue with the work already under headway; and when he needed more money he could come to the Board of Apportionment, ask for it, explain and itemize the purposes for which it was to be used, and if the purposes were proper, the Board of Apportionment would grant the money. Upon that proposition being made by me, a vote was taken, and it was rejected by a vote of four to one. I, therefore, voted against the appropriation of one million dollars for sewerage purposes without an itemized and detailed account of the purposes for which it was to be used. I voted then for \$500,000. I am still willing to vote for \$500,000. I feel that the Council is entitled to an explanation of my action on the Board, as your representative upon that body. The Chair now awaits the pleasure of the Council upon No. 4 on the calendar.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, did Mr. Wells say that this work would be let out by contract?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 13, that he believes the greater portion of it is done by contract.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I think it is evident to every member of the Council, the condition of work that the city has been getting by contract. The citizens of Boston have been deriving no benefit whatever from work let out by contract. Go out along the roadway, Columbia Road, or any similar place, and see the men that are working there! Are they citizens? They are working for \$1.10, and working nine hours a day. Now, Mr. President, if this money is to be provided for sewer work, I want to see the citizens of Boston get the benefit of it. Eleven hundred and some odd men have been laid off for no other purpose than to compel the representatives of the people to vote for this one million dollars, which it is intended to go to fatten the pockets of cheap contractors, who are employing cheap labor.

Mr. Walker of Wd. 25 moved to amend the order by reducing the amount from one million dollars to \$500,000.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, just one word on the proposed amendment. I believe, with our President, that on general principles the business method in this case should be for the street commissioners, or for the sewer division, to present an itemized account, specifying the pur-

poses to which this money is to go. I think that if we were conducting a business ourselves which involved the expenditure of a great deal less sum than this, we would observe these principles, and it seems to me it is incumbent upon a great city like the city of Boston to be especially careful in regard to the expenditure of this money.

It seems to me we have here a duty to perform. We have here a trust which has been reposed in us by the city of Boston. We should be very careful in every step that we take in regard to the finances of the city. I believe that, on general principles, I believe also, in this particular case, that there are additional reasons why we should be so. We know there is a case in the hands of the Supreme Court at the present time for decision. That decision may not be handed down for some time, but at the same time there is a possible adverse decision hanging over the head of the city. At any time this adverse decision may come in, and may make utterly invalid and unconstitutional the act under which we are allowed as a city to negotiate this loan. It seems to me, therefore, that we should be especially careful under these circumstances. To put it a little more plainly, if this adverse decision comes what will happen? In a great many cases I am not sufficiently informed to be able to say in every case, the sewer assessments which have been paid under the statute will have to be refunded. I believe there is a statute which says suits for the refunding of taxes paid under this assessment must be brought within ninety days if the taxpayers wish to protect themselves. But, in any case, there will be a large amount of money to be refunded, and the bonds which have been negotiated, the million dollars worth of bonds which were negotiated last year—what is to become of those? I believe at the present time we are in financial straits sufficiently sore for us to pause and to reflect whether we want to get into the mire still deeper. It seems to me that for this reason the Street Commissioners should not come to us with a request for a million dollar appropriation, when we do not know where the money is to go to. I am therefore in favor of this amendment which I have presented. I believe that money is necessary at the present time to carry on the sewerage work.

We all know that there are certain very important features of work now in progress—notably the Moon Island work and the sewer in Canal St.—which should go on uninterruptedly. I think we can all see that. Now, I am willing to give enough money for the immediate necessities of the Sewer Division at this time. In order, also, that the laborers, who have been laid off for the present may be reinstated, or, at least a large number of them, and that the necessary work of the city may go on without interruption, I am willing to vote for this amount; but I am not ready, for one, to vote for a million dollar appropriation in a lump sum, without knowing where it is going to. I believe that \$500,000 will be ample for the work of this division for a good while to come, and when more is necessary let them come to us and bring us an itemized account, specifying where the money is to go to. Then, we will decide whether we will give it or not. At the present time, in the poverty-stricken condition of our city, it seems to me that any other policy would be very short-sighted.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Walker's amendment.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I rise to say a few words in opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Walker) and also to say a few words in support of the passage of the original order. When the Chair, as our representative on the Board of Apportionment, states that \$313,000 is

necessary to carry on the work already under process of construction, it seems to me that \$500,000 does not leave a sufficient balance on hand with the superintendent. I am strongly in favor of giving the Superintendent the entire amount asked for, for the simple reason that there are to-day several very important matters under consideration—not only the Moon Island Sewer, and the sewer on Canal St., completed thus far only as far as Cross St., but also a great deal of tributary work in various sections of the city—that should be attended to.

Reference has been made by the gentleman who was on his feet a moment ago to an adverse decision that might possibly be handed down by the Supreme Court. In reply to that statement I wish simply to say that, although the sinking fund method of assessment may be determined by the Supreme Court to be illegal, the loan itself may be perfectly legal. I maintain that, inasmuch as \$400,000 is needed to carry out the work already under process of construction, and in view of the fact that almost a thousand men are on the streets of Boston today, who, with this one million dollars in proper hands, might secure proper employment—I maintain, under these conditions, that it is the duty of the Council to pass the appropriation as it comes to us on the calendar. I am strongly in favor of the one million dollar loan.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I rise at this time to say a few words in reference to the order on the calendar. It seems to me that the gentleman from Wd. 25 (Mr. Walker) is very well posted, considering that this is his first year, on the workings of the different departments especially the sewer department. I maintain that the Sewer Department of Boston is the most beneficial department, in my judgment, of the city to the people of Boston. One million dollars is asked for here to carry on the work of that department. I say that one million dollars is not too much to carry on the work of that department and to keep the necessary number of men employed. I hope that when the members vote on this order, they will not hold it up, as they all know, each and every individual member, that this will become a law in thirty days from this date, even if we do not pass it. So I believe each individual member, knowing what the result will be,—especially the democratic members—should vote for this measure, which is a democratic measure. I term it a democratic measure.

The PRESIDENT.—The question is on the adoption of the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 25. The Chair desires to offer a further explanation, which he overlooked the last time he spoke. I have here a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Wells, which gives a rough estimate of the cost of finishing work now under process of construction, as follows: This is the work upon which the city employees who have been suspended have been working. The city proper, \$15,438; Roxbury, \$29,428; Dorchester, \$156,566; South Boston, \$3370; Charlestown, \$11,700; East Boston, \$10,600; West Roxbury, \$35,342; Brighton, \$16,255;—making a total of \$313,639, which is necessary to carry on the work at present under process of construction, and to restore the working force of the Sewer Department.

Mr. HICKEY.—Mr. President, I think the statement you have just made is contrary to the statement you made originally. When you read off the first statement, you said that two weeks ago the Superintendent of Streets made a statement to the Board and said that \$313,000 would carry on the work up to February 1st.

The PRESIDENT.—If the gentleman will follow my remarks a little more closely, he will find that the first statement I made was that the amount of money left over at the first of the financial year was suf-

cient to carry the working force of the Sewer Department over February 1st. This is the amount of money which will be necessary to complete the work already under process of construction by the city—namely, \$313,000. Upon that representation of facts, your representative upon the Board of Apportionment voted for the amount of money which he believed was sufficient to cover this work and leave \$175,000 as a balance. The question is on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Walker of Wd. 25.

Mr. Walker's amendment was declared adopted. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the amendment was adopted, yeas 39, nays 29:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—39.

Nays—Badaracco, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sweeney, Turnbull, Watson—29.  
Absent or not voting—Bordman, Broderick, Flynn, Giblin, Martin, Sullivan, Tobin—7.

The order as amended was passed. Mr. Connolly doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order as amended was passed—Yeas 41, nays 29.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—41.

Nays—Badaracco, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sweeney, Turnbull—29.  
Absent or not voting—Broderick, Flynn, Martin, Sullivan, Tobin—5.

Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

5. Report of M. J. Fitzgerald, public accountant, of an examination made by him, under the authority of the Committee on Collecting Department, of the accounts of the Collecting Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1898.

Placed on file.

#### REPAIRS ON FANEUIL HALL.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz.:—

6. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three thousand (23,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, heating, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneuil Hall, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would respectfully request that No. 6 on the calendar be assigned for another week, and that we be given more definite information in regard to the \$80,000 item passed by this body last year. When that order was up here for a loan of \$90,000, we were given to understand that that would put the building in perfect repair for a term of five or six years at least, without additional expense. Now, that \$80,000 seems to have been spent, and we are asked to appropriate \$23,000 more

to equip it with electric lights, etc. I don't say that I will not vote for the order finally, but in the meantime I move that it be assigned for a week at least and that we be given more definite information in regard to it. I feel this way particularly, considering the financial condition of the city. I think everything of that kind should be thoroughly looked into, and I hope the order will be assigned for another week, so that we may be given the desired information.

The question came on assignment to the next meeting.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, it is not of much use, I suppose, to endeavor to offer any arguments against any measure that will appropriate a certain amount of money, after the action of the last vote. Here is an order which definitely states what the money is to be spent for—electric lighting, plumbing and plastering work on Faneuil Hall. The gentleman refers to the \$80,000 appropriated last year; but did the gentleman ever go to Faneuil Hall himself and see whether or not the \$80,000 was spent there properly? Now, Mr. President, it is time that the members of this body should do either one thing or the other. If that gentleman goes down to Faneuil Hall, he will see that the \$80,000 has been spent by the city of Boston, and has been spent properly, and that it has been spent in Faneuil Hall, and no place else.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I am not here for any cross-examination by any gentleman of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 has the floor.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, on this order, I move the previous question, and ask that the roll be called.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, on the ordering of the main question on No. 6 I will state that I was one of the few members of the Council last year who voted against the appropriation of the \$80,000 for Faneuil Hall. I voted as I did for this reason. I yield to no man in the Council in my admiration for any old landmarks or relics of olden times, such as Faneuil Hall, but I believed in the financial condition of the city last year \$80,000 was too much of a sum to spend in putting it in fireproof condition. Here comes in an order for \$23,000 for refitting Faneuil Hall, and I trust that this order will be killed. It seems that in the present financial condition of the city of Boston, when all the employees of the city are subject to a 7½ per cent and a 5 per cent discount, is a poor time to appropriate—

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN (Continuing)—to appropriate \$23,000 for Faneuil Hall. That is all, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—It is too late now.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I trust that the main question will not be put at this hour. I feel that No. 6 on the calendar is an order that demands at the hands of the members of this Council more debate. I am sorry to differ with my friend in the third division when he says that he hopes that this order will be killed. I am more friendly disposed toward the order than that, and I agree with my friend in the Fourth Division, in hoping that it will be assigned.

I trust that the members of this Council, if they do not see fit to pass this order tonight, will render to him the courtesy of allowing it to be assigned. I voted in favor of \$80,000 for Faneuil Hall, and I did so because I believed it was at that time a great necessity. I am of the same belief as the gentleman in the Fourth

Division. The order plainly states the purpose for which the \$23,000 is to be used; yet, I feel, at the same time, that it is an order that requires more debate, and that the members of this body should thoroughly talk over this order before voting one cent towards Faneuil Hall, or any other place. But I was very much grieved, Mr. President, when I heard the gentleman in the Third Division, (Mr. Chamberlain), say the order ought to be killed. I am much afraid he is so deadly opposed to the administration that he cannot countenance a good act when he sees it. I cannot agree with him on those lines, and I hope, Mr. President, that the previous question will not be put, but that the members will be given an opportunity to ventilate their ideas in regard to this matter. I consider that it is a great necessity, and, while I have an eye single to the city's finances and do not believe in spending money needlessly, I believe this is a grave question, and I hope that the matter will be assigned.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Miller of Wd. 20, three minutes remaining for debate upon the motion for the previous question. The Chair desires to state that if the motion is carried, that it cuts off the motion to assign.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—I desire to correct the Chair. The Wd. 16 representatives might object if I moved into their ward. Now, Mr. President, I wish to say that this seems to me to be simply a business transaction. The condition of affairs at Faneuil Hall at the present time is such that the contractors cannot proceed unless some of the work that is necessary to be done before they can do their work, is done before they go any farther. This is not any bunco game, in any way, shape or manner. They state exactly what they want this for. It is something that is necessary to carry on the work that has been started there. Perhaps I have gone further than Brother Stevens in regard to this matter. I have been inquiring of the people who are engaged on that work, and I think that if the gentleman from Wd. 12, who objects so strongly to this appropriation, should go through Faneuil Hall and make an examination of the work done there, he will see that the money has been spent, that it has been spent in the interest of the city, and that it has been spent by contractors who are above reproach, who figured for this work in a legitimate manner, and who got the work. This is not a matter of politics, or a matter between Republicans and Democrats, but it is a matter of proceeding at once to finish up work that has been started, and it seems to me that every one should be willing to vote to grant them the \$23,000, without any further delay on the part of the Council, as there is no question that the work is being done in a business-like manner.

The PRESIDENT—The time for debate has expired, and the question is, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. MULCAHY—I desire to withdraw my motion for the previous question.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—I object.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question of personal privilege is not a question of personal privilege. (Laughter.)

The motion was put on ordering the main question, and it was not ordered.

The question came on the assignment of further consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

Several members addressed the Chair.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise for the purpose of saying a word in favor of assignment. I am one of the

members of last year's Council who was jolted into voting \$30,000 for Faneuil Hall. I was told by every Ancient in Boston, and from every other place that they could get here, that if we gave them \$30,000 they would preserve old Faneuil Hall—and I, like a lot of other suckers, bit. (Laughter.) Now, Mr. President, it is not my purpose to vote for any more money for Faneuil Hall.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, it is not my purpose to vote for any more money for the preserving of Faneuil Hall until I see more preserving done with the \$30,000 we have already given them. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, when the bids were asked for for the contract, they left out certain plumbing and lighting work in the specifications, giving the builders an opportunity to bid a good, swell price—and they did it. They ate up \$79,000 of the \$30,000, leaving \$1000 for the balance of the improvements. If we grant them this money now, what assurance have we that they will not come in later for \$23,000 more for some other newfangled improvement? Mr. President, I am delighted to see some members get up here and assert themselves and get from under when they see that there is something coming. I am satisfied that the man who is in charge of the work on Faneuil Hall is not a competent man for that purpose. I think that if we grant this money it will be squandered. If I can get sufficiently reliable information that this \$23,000 is absolutely all that is needed, and that it will surely complete the job, I may vote for it, but I trust that assignment will prevail.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, this order seems to me to be one of the simplest orders that this Council has had to deal with this year. The gentleman in the fourth division objects to it because it is not explicit enough. I cannot imagine any order more explicit than this is. It distinctly says that the \$23,000 is to be used in electric lighting, heating, plumbing and plastering work, etc. He asks for an assignment for one week, so that he can find out something more definite about the order. I do not see what more definite information he wants than that which is stated in the order. Does he want to know how many lights are needed, how many days plumbing work there is, how many pots of paint will be needed, and so forth? It seems to me very explicit. My friend in the First Division is going to vote for the order. My friend in the Fourth Division is also going to vote for it. They are using common sense here tonight. They think that the providing of this money is the proper thing. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment have passed the order, and they think it should go through here tonight, and that an assignment is not necessary, because the work might be started during the coming week and put a great many men to work. I think the order is proper and fair, and that it should be voted upon tonight and passed.

Mr. JORDAN of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I hope that this will be assigned for one week. I was down to Faneuil Hall yesterday. I don't know what they have done on the top floor, but on the second floor they have torn out the old work, and have simply put in some timber supports. If it takes all of \$30,000 to simply tear out that old work and put in supports, I don't know where the money goes. I know a little of something about such matters, because that is the business I follow, and I want to say that if that is all that has been done, I hope the order will not be passed. I hope it will be assigned for one week.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I was one of the members of last year's

Council who voted in favor of the \$80,000 appropriation for this purpose, and I am one tonight who is perfectly willing to vote for the extra appropriation of \$23,000. I hope that the order will be passed by the Council tonight. At any rate, I am willing to have the matter forced to an issue tonight, for the simple reason that it has been assigned one week, and now appears on our calendar as an assignment. I was always ready during my first year, and have always been ready this year, to grant the courtesy of an assignment to any member of the Council who desired it, where there was any ground or reason for so doing; but in this case, where it has been assigned once, and where the purposes for which the money is wanted are enumerated so plainly and distinctly, I am strongly opposed to assignment, and hope that the order will go upon its passage tonight, and that it will be passed, if the Council see fit to pass it, or that it will be defeated, if the majority of the Council see fit to defeat it. I wish to say that I was very much gratified by the talk made by the gentleman in the First Division in regard to the would-be leader of the Republican party in the Council. I hope that such festivities will continue between the Republican members throughout the year.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I am through, and the gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, it seems to me we are discussing what we wish to learn during the coming week. Several gentlemen have told us that if we go down to Faneuil Hall we would see that the money had been well spent, and that there is no question how the \$80,000 that was appropriated last year has been spent. It is my opinion that we should go very slow in appropriating money this year—that we should look into everything thoroughly and determine it upon its merits. That \$23,000 is quite a sum of money. It may appear to some to be a small amount, but that is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on over \$300,000. It would be of interest to city employees if we could save that amount, and I think it would be to the advantage of city employees and of the citizens at large for us to do so. If we could look into this and see what has been done with the \$80,000, and also what will be done with this \$23,000, if we pass it, I think we would be doing the taxpayers a favor.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope this matter will be assigned for one week. I would like to ask any member of this Council if he has seen a copy of the original \$80,000 contract, and if they know what is embodied in it? What evidence have we but what these items have been embodied in that general contract? It is customary for all corporations and municipalities to embody everything in one general contract, and to ask for one lump sum to cover it all. I would like to see that general contract and the specifications which go with it, and would like to see if these items are embodied in that or not.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to say one or two things in regard to my position on this matter, and particularly do I desire an opportunity to inform my democratic friends as to why I feel as I do. When that order for \$80,000 for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall was put through, it required fifty votes. There were 50 votes and no more. I was one of the people who worked hard for the passage of that order. I voted for it, and I did so because before that was passed we were given to understand by supposedly the proper authorities, that \$80,000 would equip that hall and supply everything that would be required for a term of five years. I think the period of five or six or seven years was mentioned, and we were told

that \$80,000 would put the hall in such condition that nothing more would be required for that time. I do not wish to cast any reflection upon the contractors, for whom I have the highest respect, but it seems to me that we can properly make certain statements in regard to the people who made the estimates. If they at that time made an estimate that \$80,000 would be sufficient to preserve Faneuil Hall and to put it in perfect condition, I want to know who made estimate that \$23,000 more would be needed for electric lighting purposes, and so forth, and to see just how much can be done with that amount of money? It seems to me we should look into the matter thoroughly, for, as it now stands, we do not know but what they will bring in an order later for \$15,000 more, stating that they need that amount to finish the work. That is the reason why I want this order assigned.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 11 that the same gentleman made the estimates for the \$23,000 who made the estimates for the \$80,000. The same gentleman appeared before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in regard to the matter. The question is on assignment.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I will say that I don't doubt that the speaker is perfectly right in his statement, but I doubt the ability of this Council, if every item was brought in here on electrical work, plastering, painting and all the different kinds of work, to form any intelligent judgment in regard to it. I doubt whether the members will be any better able to judge whether \$23,000 would complete that building after the items had all been placed before us than they are at the present time. There have been several reflections made in regard to the expenditure of the \$80,000. If the gentleman will look back, he will see that all this work was put out by contract and was figured upon by responsible parties and the party who received the contract, on the lowest bid, is above reproach in any way, shape or manner, whether he has two studs or ten studs placed in that building. The contractors figured on that contract and received it at a certain sum of money, and have carried out their work as far as they can proceed on this contract, until certain necessary parts of the work, in the way of wiring and other such things, are attended to. It is not that the \$80,000 has been spent at the present time. The present contractors have a great deal of work to do, but they cannot go farther with their work until an appropriation is made under which different contracts necessary in connection with that building may be sublet. That is the reason why I am in favor of this order being passed tonight, because I think we know as much about it now as we will a week from now. I, for one, want to see Faneuil Hall finished and put in proper condition. I don't want to see this Council drag the matter out from week to week.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I want to put myself in a proper light before the Council and the citizens of Boston. If I said anything which can be construed into a criticism of the contractors doing the work, I desire to withdraw my remarks in that respect. My reference was intended for the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for all he knows about Faneuil Hall is simply what he has written about it—nothing else. He doesn't know a piece of maple from a piece of pine. I made no reference to the contractors, and, as a matter of fact, I don't know who they are. I hope I have put myself right.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I cannot understand the action of some members who desire a postponement of

this order. Do they not consider that this is the most valuable piece of property the city of Boston possesses today? This building, I understand, turns in \$80,000 yearly in rent. Now, the question is simply this—whether the members of this body are in favor of giving the department \$23,000 to put this building in condition or not.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I am very glad that the disturber of the peace from Wd. 2 is so hilarious over the threatened break in the Republican ranks. He listened to a very good speech by my friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead), referring to me, and then jumps to the conclusion that we are going to have a—

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The gentleman from Wd. 2 rises to a point of order. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the question is assignment of the matter to the next meeting, and the gentleman seems to be applying his remarks entirely to his democratic colleague from Wd. 2. I hope that the President will rule that my point of order is well taken, and surprise the public.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order not well taken, and will rule the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 2 contrary to the rules of the Council and beyond the bounds of parliamentary decency and propriety.

Mr. HICKEY—That is nothing unexpected, Mr. President—nothing unexpected at all.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will be in order. (Rapping to order.)

Mr. HICKEY—Hit it again.

(Disturbance in the gallery.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentlemen in the galleries that if demonstrations do not cease the Chair will order the galleries to be cleared.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, when I last spoke on the floor I was in favor of putting this order on its passage tonight and killing it. I am perfectly willing, however, that this order should be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. I think it will be time to kill it at that time. I do not agree with my friend from Wd. 11 in the first division (Mr. Armistead). I think this order is pure buncombe. It is one of those instalment orders that come along in a way peculiarly the Mayor's own. Why did not the mayor of Boston last year ask for \$103,000 to put Faneuil Hall in proper shape? Because he knew very well that he could not get that amount through the City Council. In fact, he had to work hard to get fifty votes in this body, having to depend at that time on the vote of a late comer to make up the number. I believe that Faneuil Hall is in as good condition, speaking from the fire-proof standpoint, as it has been at any time within fifteen years. I believe it can wait. I don't believe it is necessary to adopt such luxuries as electric lighting, painting, plumbing and the like, there at just this time. I believe in holding the order up until we can take care of things of this kind. We have got to knock out appropriations of money for other things in order to get salary appropriations this year. I believe this is a good thing to begin to knock out on. By knocking out this \$23,000 we will help to a certain extent the maintenance of proper salaries.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in justice to myself, and also in justice to the position which I have taken upon this question, I deem it necessary that I should make an explanation at this time. I am very much afraid however, that the position which I took was so amusing to my democratic friends in the

third division, that they may have really misunderstood my meaning. So far as my friend and Republican colleague in the third division, (Mr. Chamberlain), is concerned, I desire to say that I am very glad to know that he is coming around to my way of thinking. In the first place, I did not advocate the passage of this order tonight, but I did advocate an assignment, and if anyone has misunderstood me, I desire to inform him at this time that my object was to have the order assigned. That is the position I took at the outset, and that is the position I stand by now. I do not agree with the gentleman in the third division when he says there is the slightest intimation of a break on the part of the Republican members. Ever since the beginning of this Council, we have stood together as one man, and I believe we are ready to do so on this matter. Without any desire to further delay matters, Mr. President, I will move that—no, I will retract that, I see that my colleague, Mr. Stevens, desires to speak. I was going to move the previous question, but I will say nothing more at this time.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to say one or two words in regard to this matter, to explain my position. My democratic friend from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) says if any member here will go down to Faneuil Hall he will easily see by walking through there how well and judiciously the \$80,000 has been spent. My friend from Wd. 20 (Mr. Miller) says the money has not been spent—not all of it. Now, there is quite a difference of opinion on this matter. Some others say that they can only see that some parts of the building have been torn down. So I don't feel that, under all the conditions, we can go down there and see what the \$80,000 has done or will do. Further, I don't think there is any man in this body—and I don't flatter myself that I am—capable of going down, and in a cursory manner, calculating whether the work has cost \$80,000 or \$40,000. It is only the parties who make the estimates and who are familiar with the work who know about that. The amount required may be more or less. But I am very much inclined to think that, if the order is passed, the \$23,000 will be spent, and they will then come in and ask for more. Now, I very much hope an amount will be appropriated to finish the job, for I want to see Faneuil Hall put in condition for a long term of years. One of the members says that he does not believe I would know anything more about it if we were given an estimate as to the number of lamps, feet of wire, etc. I don't think that anybody would seriously consider that what I wanted was information of that kind. I consider that a little out of order.

The order was declared assigned to the next meeting. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were declared not ordered. Mr. Mulcahy further doubted the vote, and a rising vote was taken, and the yeas and nays were declared ordered by a vote of more than one-fifth of the members present.

The order was assigned to the next meeting—Yeas 52, nays 22.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordan, Brauer, Brennan, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Dcherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftwith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, McDrain, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winslow, Wood—52.

Nays—Bararacco, Bradley, Breridick, Carroll, Casey, Corolly, Cur'ley, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Leonard, Malden,

Miller, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin—22.

Absent or not voting—Kelley—1.

#### REGULATIONS REGARDING THEATRE LICENSES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz:—

7. That the Board of Aldermen be requested to amend the Revised Regulations of 1898, so that section 2 of chapter 3 of said regulations shall read as follows: "Every licensee, before he receives any license for a theatrical exhibition, public show, public amusement, or other performance or exhibition of any description to which admission is obtained by payment of money or the delivery of any valuable thing, or by any ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valuable thing, shall pay to the City Clerk for such license covering performances or exhibitions, for one day, one dollar; for a term exceeding one day and not exceeding six days, five dollars; for a term exceeding six and not exceeding twelve days, twenty-five dollars: provided, however, that for a license for any athletic entertainment the licensee shall pay ten dollars, and for a license for a theatrical season, or for any circus, he shall pay three hundred dollars, and shall cause facilities for entering and inspecting his place of amusement and viewing the exhibitions or performances therein to be furnished at all times to any member of the City Council applying therefor."

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, the reading of the order was dispensed with.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, feeling that that order will not go through the Board of Aldermen, I move its reference to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

The order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move that the last vote be reconsidered. I understand that Mr. Armistead of Wd. 11 has an amendment which he wishes to offer and to have submitted to the committee along with the order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that if the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) has an amendment to offer, he can do so at this time, and it will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. ARMISTEAD offered the following amendment, to be added to the order:—

"Whenever it shall be proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Aldermen that the licensee or agent thereof, in any place of amusement, operating under the provision of this chapter, has discriminated against any person or persons on account of race, color or creed, the license of such place of amusement shall be revoked."

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the question of theatres and their managers are having a good deal of attention shown them just now, and perhaps a word along that line from one whose race these managers are inclined to discriminate against would not be amiss. At a hearing before the Board of Aldermen on Monday, Jan. 23, one of the managers, whose name did not appear, objected to an alderman giving theatre tickets to colored people. In order to screen himself from the law, replying to a question of the alderman, he said he did not object to colored people in his house, but as the alderman got the best seats, it was preferred that he use them himself. Meaning, I presume, that they were not intended for a colored person, however respectable or refined. Mr. President, this bit of information leads me to believe that the managers of our playhouses are slightly tainted with colorphobia. It strikes me as being the most inhuman statement I have heard for a long time. It is an insult to my race, a stab in the back which

I cannot allow to pass silently by. It is not in keeping with the spirit of Mass., and I am reluctant to believe it voices the sentiment of cultured Boston. I believe a manager of a theatre has the right to issue passes to whom he sees fit, but I question his right to say that an alderman, councilman, or any other person shall not give that pass to a colored person, merely because it happens to be a choice seat. I believe also that he has the right to discriminate against and exclude all objectionable parties, white and black alike, but when he draws the line on one and allows the other to escape, it strikes me as being a little mite unfair.

To insult and degrade a free man and tie his hands with social and statute wires that cut and burn as well as restrain, is worse than to seize him bodily and yoke him to a dray as a slave. The sight of a slave insults humanity and breeds protest and cure. The social exclusion and degradation of a race only hardens the hearts of those who are vain and cruel enough to hold the gates, while the banned people are wounded and demoralized. We'll might we hang our heads in shame at the thought that, though being in a land based upon the idea of equality before the law, there are yet men in high rank who are slaves to a narrow and foolish prejudice of race. The man who has disgraced himself and the city of Boston, the cradle of liberty, by uttering such whimsical statements, ought to be marked with a scarlet letter, his playhouse boycotted, and finally his license revoked.

The Dred Scot decision made the name of Roger B. Tracey odious to liberty-loving Americans, for the reason that in it was incorporated the doctrine that a negro had no rights which a white man was bound to respect; but it was supposed that the results of the war, with the various constitutional amendments, had forever buried this abominable doctrine. The negro is a full fledged American citizen, clothed with all the rights and privileges that belong to any other citizen. The race is proud of its citizenship, and will continue to protest against and resist any invasion of their rights.

I have no desire to stir up strife, nor do I ask for special legislation for colored people. All I want is equal rights in this matter, and for that I appeal from the decision of those who would place the status of the negro on a level with the lowest of humanity, to that of a wise, enlightened and Christian civilization.

With such shameful statements going abroad is it any wonder that the tribunals of justice in the South are spurned and sneered at, and that each white fellow feels that he is superior to judge or jury? It is a well established fact that systematic outrage of the rights of one class of people or citizens, leads to a general disregard of the accepted tenets of law and equity. When the machinery of the law is degraded into a weapon of torture for one class, and of immunity for another, the favored class soon learns to despise the subserviency of an instrument which, to preserve the appearance of decency and impartiality, must needs proceed with some show of caution and deliberation. Justice is always tardy in behalf of the negro in the south, but it is not so in Massachusetts. There are colored people in this city who are sufficiently respectable, genteel and refined to grace any occasion by their presence, or to occupy choice seats in any theatre, and I plead in their behalf. Whenever they apply for admission, whether to purchase tickets or present a pass, they should not be denied or must not be obtraced by a law of limitation. It is a bad law, mean law and unjust. The manager of a theatre who insists on drawing the color line, by having it understood that tickets sold from the box office to colored people must be for seats in a certain locality, without any

regard for the applicant's appearance, respectability or anything else should have his license revoked.

Think of it, gentlemen! Think of a man making such a Cheap John, Rip Van Winkle statement in this enlightened age, and in Boston, proud Boston, liberty-loving Boston, where once lived your Sumner, Garrison and Phillips, in the presence of men whose feet are keeping pace with the civilization of the 19th century, and within a stone's throw of the State House. I plead for the passage of my motion, sir, because it is right, and am actuated by no other motive.

Unhand the black man, cut from his limbs your cruel limitations, give him and his the same chances which your boasted superiority enjoys, clear the way, and let him have free course in all the departments of business, professional activities, and the pursuit of happiness, and then if he is outstripped in the race I shall be the last to protest against the turkey gobbler airs and cock-a-doodle strut of this particular theatre manager. Till then, however, I shall protest against and denounce it as disgraceful and false to the English principle of fair play to discriminate against my race on account of their color. (Applause.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The amendment, with the original order, will be referred to the committee on ordinances when appointed.

**TWELVE HOUR BASIS FOR FIREMEN.**

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:

Resolved: That the Common Council of Boston hereby endorses the bill now pending before the Massachusetts Legislature, introduced by Senator Tague, providing for the establishment of the Boston Fire Department upon a twelve hour basis.

Passed.

**REDUCTION OF FIREMEN'S SALARIES.**

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:

Resolved: That the Common Council hereby expresses its disapproval of the plan of obliging the members of the Fire Department to submit to the reduction of their salaries; said Council believing that such reduction will tend to a demoralization of the discipline and efficiency of the department, and will work a great hardship to its members as well as to all those dependent upon them for a livelihood.

Resolved: That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow the old rate of compensation for members of the Fire Department to remain without alteration.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, the firemen being fully aware of the fact that no words of mine will add any strength to the resolution, I desire to say a few words upon it merely as an expression of the opinion of seventy-five members of the Common Council of Boston, the members of which are the only men, in my judgment, who represent the people of the different districts of the city. I am thoroughly satisfied, Mr. President, that every citizen of Boston, with possibly one or two exceptions whom I might name but will not, believes that the firemen get little enough money for their 365 days of service every year. It is a fact, Mr. President and fellow members, that the fire department employees of Boston, from the chief of the department down to the firemen—all, in fact, except the callmen—are continually in the service of the city. It is true that they receive one day off in eight, but they are continually under the iron hand of the Commissioner of the Fire Department. Any action of theirs at any time may meet with disapproval, followed

by the imposition of a fine, loss of a day's pay, or possible dismissal. Nobody can question the fact that they are in the service of the City of Boston for 365 days in the year. Every day they are on duty for twenty-four hours, and hard duty. True, they are allowed an hour to go to dinner, to supper and to breakfast, but they are continually under the eye of the department.

Mr. President, we are fully aware of the fact that the Police Department has not agreed to this seven and one-half per cent cut. I do not envy them their exemption a particle. I merely wish that all employees of the city were exempt. But, in view of the fact that the policemen are not to be affected by this act, I think it would be justice to also exempt the Fire Department. The cut in the salaries of the firemen will amount to \$92 for each man. That is a lot of money. They cannot stand such a reduction, and many of them have told me so. There is not a man in the department who can stand a seven and one-half per cent cut. I am not backward in saying that the Mayor will not again receive and the democratic party will not receive twenty-five per cent of the votes of the Fire Department of Boston. This is a mere dodge, so as not to give them an increase which will make their pay equivalent to the amount received by firemen in New York. It is merely a dodge, and I hope my humble words will help the resolution a little. I trust that it will pass.

The question came on giving the resolutions a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word. When we see laboring men struggling to get money to live on, when we see the Mayor of Boston siding in with those laboring men on the one hand, and when we see him, on the other hand, struggling to cut the salaries of men who give 24 hours to the government, I say that he is adopting the tactics of the robbing corporations, who are always oppressing the working man—and I say for the firemen that they ought to go on a strike to a man. They cannot get along without them. Also, for the other gentlemen who are working for the city, I say that if they stand for it and tolerate it, they ought to have their throats cut instead of their salaries. (Laughter.)

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, just a word on the resolutions. I consider the proposed cut on the salaries of the firemen of the city of Boston the meanest, sneakiest thing ever attempted by the Mayor of any city of this country. Now, Mr. President, I am in thorough sympathy with both the Fire Department and the Police Department of this city. I believe we have as good a Fire Department, and also as good a Police Department, as any city in this country. I understand, however, that the Police Department, as a rule, are better paid than the Fire Department. I would very much like to see the salaries of the firemen increased, from the lowest hoseman, up to the chief—and, by the way, I understand that the chief of our city is the most underpaid chief of any city in the country of a proportionate size to Boston. As for the policemen, as a rule, their trouble is such that you can very easily see it. The average policeman very seldom is in danger of his life, and if he is, he generally is prepared with tools of some kind to defend himself. The fireman, on the other hand, from the moment he leaves his house until such time as he returns, after doing his duty at the fire, is in continual, and oftentimes, unseen danger. Mr. President, I most sincerely hope that the resolutions will be passed unanimously, and I would ask for a roll call upon their adoption.

Mr. MOYERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I was thinking of introducing an or-

der, the same as the one Mr. Watson has introduced. Now, time and again we have heard the papers of the city of Boston laud the firemen for their services at a fire. We have seen representatives of the governments of other cities who were interested in fire apparatus and fire department matters come to this city to see the Boston Fire Department, and our department would give an exhibition of the means which we have for putting out a fire, and of getting to it from the time the alarm comes in. What do they get for it? The Mayor of Boston sees fit to slap them in the face. Mr. President, as the gentleman from Wd. 12 says, the Mayor is not using the firemen right. The firemen are the poorest paid class of men we have in the employ of the city of Boston. I have figured it out that they get, on an average, 13 cents an hour. A regular hoseman is to be reduced about \$90 a year. In speaking to a fireman, he said that that much would pay for his clothes, and possibly would help to buy some necessities for his household.

If the Mayor, instead of cutting the men's salaries had tried to establish the fire department on a twelve-hour basis, instead of cutting their pay, the general public would have commended him for it, and he would have strengthened the democratic party, if he was interested in it. As it is, he has given it a death blow. I say that if he intends to cut the fire department 5 and 7½ p. c., respectively, he will be dealing a death blow to the democratic party of this city.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, it is a sad state of affairs when the various departments in the city of Boston have to be cut on a horizontal basis of 7½ p. c.; but the saddest of all these things is to cut one of the most efficient and deserving departments of the whole municipality. Mr. President, I am not here to eulogize the firemen, but it is the method by which this thing has come about that I am opposed to. If we look over the estimates for the coming year, Mr. President, we can see where money is going to different commissions that perhaps the public and the people of Boston could very well do without, when it comes to a matter of saying whether or not a dollar should be taken out of the pockets of the firemen. Mr. President, I know very little about finance—perhaps less about the mechanism of politics; but I tell you, Mr. President, that I conceive it to be a good business principle to cut a department according to its utility, its necessity, and its efficiency. Mr. President, perhaps there are many people in the city of Boston like myself who care less about the Symphony Concerts, or about a selection from Gounod, than they do about a minor musical selection; and when we see moneys going to such a department as this and the firemen standing around in want of his salary, or one of the workmen standing on the corner with his hands in his pockets and his stomach empty, what good is this music to him? (Laughter.)

Mr. President, I can see that it is an injustice. It is not right to cut the salaries of these people, who are called out of bed at all hours of the night, when we sometimes are ensconced in our own homes, when we hear the fire bells and say that it is not near us, and consider ourselves safe. We should remember, Mr. President, that that fellow who is called out of bed carries his life in his hand, and in the morning papers we read of several calamities where the brave fellows went in and discharged their duties and were carried out corpses. Mr. President, we had a sad spectacle the other day at a fire, where one of the brave fighters was thrown under a cart. He was to meet his family in twenty-five minutes, and they met him a corpse. Mr. President, it is not right, it is not just, and I say, Mr. President, that anybody who would promote

such a scheme, to my mind, does things equal to taking the dollar out of the pocket of the widow and the bread out of the mouth of the orphan of tomorrow. Mr. President, I hope the resolutions will go through unanimously.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hardly question but what there will be a unanimous vote in favor of the resolutions this evening. Our action is simply in the line of a suggestion. I regret very much that we have not got any more power in this matter. If the firemen's salaries were arranged by ordinance, it would be possible for us to see that their salaries should remain at the same sum. The firemen, of course, will feel this out more than any other department. It is a foregone conclusion, and is accepted by most people, that city employees are better paid than the average man; but the city employees of Boston are not better paid than the city employees of other cities, and I believe it is poor financiering to cut down the salaries of the city employees to secure money for the annual appropriations. Here we have many thousands of dollars to be disbursed, and we cut every salary 7½ per cent, in order to bring in about \$200,000. Mr. President, as I say, our action tonight is simply expressing our opinion, hoping that it will be looked upon with favor by the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; but, as I say, I regret that we have not got the final power in this matter. It seems to me that the saving of money could be made in a better way.

For instance, it could be brought about by abolishing some department which could be very well dispensed with, and also in reducing the appropriations for other departments which are receiving too much money. I believe that if this reduction goes into effect, the result will be the demoralization of the democratic party, and that it will put that party into a state such as it has not been in for the past 10 or 15 years. I know from talking with city employees, and from residents of the city, that they do not know what this means. They do not understand it. They do not know what the Mayor's idea is in doing this. Then, again, I believe it is the Mayor's intention, in the near future, to go to the Legislature and ask them to increase the tax rate for the city of Boston, claiming that he has had to get down to hard pan and reduce the salaries of the poor men in the fire department in order to make both ends meet on a \$9 tax rate. Mr. President, I do not believe any such thing. I do not believe anybody in this Council believes that it is necessary to cut the salaries of the firemen, or of the employees generally. It is, I believe, the intention of the Mayor to use this to cause the Legislature to increase the tax rate. I believe the taxpayers of Boston at the present time are over-taxed. To be sure, the tax is low—\$13.60—but when you take into comparison the amount of buildings that are empty and the amount of rent that can be obtained for buildings, you will see that the tax rate is practically about \$13.60, in view of the amount of money that they receive from their property. I hope that the vote tonight will be unanimous, in favor of the resolutions, showing to the people of Boston that the Council is not in sympathy with any such a movement.

Mr. KASANOV of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I agree with some things that my friend from Wd. 13 has said. I believe tonight that the fire department is the most underpaid department of any department in the city of Boston. And as far as I understand, it is the unanimous sentiment of the members of this body to pass the resolutions tonight, and therefore I move the previous question.

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 12—Mr. President,

in view of the importance of the resolutions and thoroughly trusting that the vote will be unanimous, I move that when the vote is taken, it be taken by a rising vote.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I do not quite agree with some of the previous speakers in regard to the action taken by the Mayor. I believe it may be right in the action which it has taken in regard to the cut-down of salaries in general, but in one particular, I think the Council can go on record in not agreeing to cut down the firemen. As my friend from Wd. 13 says, they ought to go on a strike. I wish they could, but they are in a position where they cannot. They are not allowed to do anything of that kind by the contract which they made when they entered the employment of the department. I hope and trust that the wages of the firemen will not be cut, because if anybody deserves the wages they get, and more, too, it is the firemen. I think they should have a raise, instead of a cut down, in that department. If any department is underpaid, it is that department. I sincerely trust that the resolutions will be passed tonight.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in speaking in regard to these resolutions that have been offered by Mr. Watson, I shall be very sorry to see the pay of the firemen cut. The firemen are men for whom I have the greatest respect, are men whom we all respect, are men who do the most difficult, dangerous and arduous work—work which they are called upon to do at any hour of the day or night, or any day of the week. It is indeed unfortunate that their salaries should be cut, and it is all brought about by the unfortunate condition of the finances of the city of Boston, which is in large part owing to the past legislation. Now, I think it would be far better to abolish some of the commissions, reduce the amount spent by some others, and save the amount which we have got to in this way. It is an unfortunate condition for the city of Boston, and one which will be heralded from the Atlantic to the Pacific, when the city's treasury is so low that we have to reduce the pay of city employees 7½ per cent, and ask the heads of departments to make a voluntary contribution, in order to carry on the business of the city of Boston.

Several members addressed the Chair, and Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 was recognized.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentlemen that a great deal of latitude has been allowed members in speaking upon this motion. The Chair will state that he has allowed this latitude to be taken, feeling that there is no objection to the resolutions, but the Chair desires to remind the gentlemen of the Council that, the question being "Shall the main question be now put?" the members of the Council should endeavor to confine themselves to that question.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, at this late hour, with the previous question pending, and with such unanimity of opinion as already expressed, I hope the President will allow me the same latitude that he has allowed the other members who have been on their feet. I merely desire to say a word, and that is to the effect that the fire department is composed today of an underpaid class of men, considering the hours they have to devote to their labor. It should be remembered that they are obliged to support an insurance company, to buy their uniforms, and so forth, and when you add that all up, you will find that they are an underpaid class of men, as compared with others.

Inasmuch as the outlook is that the police officers may not be—not to put it any stronger—subjected to this cut in salaries, I think that the firemen should not be. The men in the fire department, as compared with the police department, are not

properly paid today, and on their behalf, I hope that these resolutions will pass.

Several members addressed the Chair. The PRESIDENT—The time for debate has expired. The question is, "Shall the resolutions now be given a second reading?"

The resolutions were read a second time, and were passed by a unanimous rising vote.

PAVING OF LENOX ST.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of \$5000 for the paving of Lenox St., from Shawmut Ave. to Washington St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

CONTRACTS FOR CITIZENS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed, be requested to report an ordinance providing that none but citizens of Boston shall be allowed to make contracts for the performance of city work, and that no contracts for such work shall be made with parties who are unwilling to agree that they will employ none but citizens of Boston as laborers under their contracts.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the members of the City Council with verbatim reports of all the meetings of said board; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

PUBLIC LANDING, APPLE ISLAND.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next loan bill the sum of \$1000 for the establishment and maintenance of a public landing at Apple Island.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

GYMNASIUM, NORTH END PARK.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for the establishment of a gymnasium at the North End Park.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, COMMERCIAL ST.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect and maintain an electric light on Commercial St., between Charter and Hull Sts.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to reconsider his instructions to the heads of departments in regard to a decrease in the compensation of the several city officers and employes, and recommend instead a decrease in such compensation according to the following schedule:—

The Mayor's salary reduced 20 per cent.; all paid \$7500 or over, 17½ per cent.; \$6000 or over, 15 per cent.; \$5000 or over, 12½ per cent.; \$4500 or over, 11 per cent.; \$4000 or over, 10 per cent.; \$3500 or over, 9 per cent.;

\$3000 or over, 8½ per cent.; \$2500 or over, 8 per cent.; \$2000 or over, 7½ per cent.; \$1500 or over, 7 per cent.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, my reasons for offering that order are these: I consider that the Mayor has used very poor judgment, and did not show much generosity in cutting his own salary 7½ per cent., the same as he would cut a man getting \$1000 a year. Seven and one-half per cent. to him does not amount to anything. If he is to be generous at all, let him take a little more off of his salary. He can afford it. There are a great many other ways in which he might cut expenses. For instance, there is a lot of dead wood in City Hall that he might get rid of, and he might hire some good, live men to take their places, and if he did that, he would be able to cut appropriations considerably.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I am very much pleased with the order that my friend has introduced here this evening; but if he should insert that the Board of Aldermen should cut down somewhat their own expenses of carriages, I should favor it more than I would a cut of 20 per cent. in the Mayor's salary. I believe that it is high time for us to consider the question—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state at this time that any allusions to a co-ordinate branch of the Government are in violation of all parliamentary rules. The Chair will remind the gentleman not to cast any reflections upon a co-ordinate branch of the City Council.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—Mr. President, I do not cast any reflections on any member of the city government; but in reading the papers, the same as some of you do, it has occurred to me that some of us cast reflections on the papers of Boston, because they criticize our actions. Now, I believe before the papers criticize the actions of the city government, that we, as members of the city government have got a right to criticize our own members, and that this is the proper place where the proper language can be used to remind the gentlemen that they should not do it again. I speak of it because it is now necessary to cut out all the unnecessary expenses of the city of Boston—and I have always voted to do that. I say that something should be done. I believe something should be done towards the cutting down these expenses which the citizens and taxpayers have to pay for. I believe, that the time has come when some of the members of the City Government must be reminded of certain facts in order to compel them to govern themselves a little better than they did last year.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not talking to the question before the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman to confine himself to the question, and will rule the point of order well taken.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—Mr. President, I claim, as I said before, that it is not for us to criticize the Boston papers for making comments. I thank God tonight that I can stand up and criticize the press if it deserves it—that the time has passed by when the great silver-tongued orator, Wendell Phillips, when he first advocated the freedom of the slaves, was obliged to desist on account of the press. I am thankful to God tonight that we can at least express our opinion in regard to the Boston press, and that they are willing to print it for us. I am not afraid to say what I may think in regard to any action of the press, and I will not be ashamed if they criticize my action. I am ready to stand by it.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question before the house.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask

the Council to preserve order, and the Chair will once more remind the gentleman to confine himself to the question before the house.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—Mr. President, I believe every gentleman in this Council has been given the same privilege, and at least more latitude than I am given. I do not believe that I have said anything out of the way. I believe I am coming to the question very nearly. Mr. President, this order that my friend has put in provides that certain men shall be cut down, and that others shall be allowed to remain where they are. I say, Mr. President, that any man who received \$1200 salary, with the exception of the firemen—and I am in favor of their getting more pay than they now do, if possible—can stand a cut better than the laboring man who gets \$2 a day. I think we certainly can get along by cutting down the other salaries properly, and by trying to save a dollar here and a dollar there. But we cannot do it if we want gymnasiums and everything else. I see the gentleman from Wd. 6 has introduced an order to have a gymnasium built in Wd. 6. Now, such things as that should be let go by at this time. I say that equal rights should be given to everybody, with the exception of the laboring man who receives under \$2.50 a day. We find that if the laboring man is laid off, he doesn't get any pay, but the foremen, who receive \$1600, receives pay just the same. He receives his full week's wages, but the laboring man, when he gets his wages, finds that he gets \$2 less for every day that he is laid off on account of it raining or anything like that. I claim that the district foremen, and such a man as that, who gets a high salary, can stand a cut down better than the man who gets \$2 a day.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF WINTHROP SQ.

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their estimates \$2500 for general repairs on Winthrop Sq., Charlestown.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### PAYMENT FOR JAMES POWERS.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow compensation for time lost by James Powers on account of injuries received in the discharge of his duties as a laborer in the Sanitary Division of the Street Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BICYCLE PATH, MASSACHUSETTS AVE.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan a sufficient appropriation to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct a bicycle path of asphalt in place of the present unsatisfactory one on Massachusetts Ave., between Albany St. and Edward Everett Sq., for the use of the bicycle riding public.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### GYMNASIUM, WD. 19.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to fit up the ward room on Elmwood St., Wd. 19, as a gymnasium, for use as such when not occupied for

ward purposes, and to provide gymnastic apparatus and shower baths.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**HOLIDAYS FOR EMPLOYEES.**

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to grant holidays, without loss of pay and in part compensation for their services to the city, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, on Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day, and Patriot's Day.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTS.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council on or before March 2, 1899, a complete list of all the contracts above \$2000 entered into by the city of Boston, through the Street Department, since Jan. 1, 1898, which have not been open to competition through a public advertisement; also, the amount of said contracts and the names of the contractors.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I understand that a very large number of contracts have been awarded contrary to the spirit of the law which requires public competition. The law distinctly says that contracts for amounts above \$2000 shall be open to public competition, unless upon written recommendation of His Honor the Mayor such competition shall be dispensed with. Out of this state of affairs, Mr. President, has grown a series of abuses. A large contractor, for instance, who has blasting of rock or removal of earth to do, can charge the city for blasting the rock and can then charge the city again for using the same rock in some other locality. He can remove dirt from one locality and charge the city for the same dirt in some other locality.

The street inspectors in some cases—especially in the case of large contractors—are either so blind to the facts or the influence of the contractors is so great that the inspectors do not dare to make a complaint. Take the asphaltting of streets and what is the method of procedure? Supposing, for instance, Boylston Street was to be asphalted from Park Sq. to Massachusetts Ave., for an amount of \$20,000. This is the way it would have been done in Boston the past year: They would give a contractor a contract for \$2000 to asphalt Boylston St. from Park Sq. to Arlington St. At the completion of the contract they would give him a contract for \$2000 more to asphalt from Arlington St. to Berkeley St.; at the completion of that contract a contract of \$2000 more to carry the work on to Clarendon St., and so on. In other words, a large contract is cut up, under the regime of the street department, dividing it up on the instalment plan.

I have in mind one instance—and I shall speak no names until the time is ripe—where the Street Department during the last year, 1898, gave a contract of upwards of \$50,000 to a certain contractor without any competition at all, of any kind, and that contractor charged twice as much per square yard for that contract as an

equally well known contractor said he would be perfectly willing to take the job for. In fact, this other contractor said he would give a bonus of \$500 to any man who would procure him that contract for half the price the contract was awarded for. So it seems that the ability to procure a contract in the city of Boston is a valuable asset to any man under the present administration. Mr. President, this is an order that admits of no denial. It must be answered, or the Common Council must know why such information is refused it.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**PAVING OF BEACON STREET.**

Mr. STEVENS, of Wd. 11, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to consider the desirability of paving Beacon St. from Massachusetts Ave. to the B. & A. R. R. Bridge, with asphalt.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**INFORMATION REGARDING MEN ON PAY-ROLLS.**

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the City Auditor be requested to furnish to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, the names of the departments on whose pay-rolls have been carried the names of dead men, or men who are on the roll in violation of law, as stated by a newspaper of Boston; the amount paid under such circumstances, and the names of the parties to whom said money has been given.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**INFORMATION REGARDING EXCESS IN SALARIES.**

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the City Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish to the City Council the names of the heads of departments receiving from the city treasury any sums in excess of their salaries as defined by the revised ordinances, the amounts so paid, the length of time through which such excess has been drawn, and the reason for such payments, if any has been made.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**CROSSWALKS, DORCHESTER.**

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct crosswalks at the junction of Richmond St. and Butler St., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**GYMNASIUM, DORCHESTER PARK.**

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish an open air gymnasium in Dorchester Park, Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4, at 9:50 o'clock P. M., to meet on Thursday, February 9, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 6, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Charles R. Williams a weigher of coal for the term ending April 30, 1899. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CITY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Statistics, which throws a great deal of light upon the present financial situation of the city and the causes which have led to it, and I recommend that it be printed as a document.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

## DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS, 71 CITY HALL.

Boston, Feb. 3, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:—

Sir: With reference to the appropriation orders now before the City Council, the following figures are of interest:—

In the six-year period, from 1892-93 to 1897-98, inclusive, the ordinary expenditures of the city, excluding Water Department expenditures, have increased from \$14,371,643.97 to \$17,229,851.40, or a little less than 29 per cent.

Excluding also expenditures for interest and sinking-funds and payments to the State, they have increased from \$10,592,231.85 to \$12,914,425.83, or a little less than 22 per cent.

The amount available for department appropriations, (Auditor's Report 1897-98, p. 256), has increased from \$10,450,000.00 to \$11,993,997.00, or a little less than 15 per cent.

The population of the city, as estimated by the Board of Health, has increased from 467,260 to 528,912, or a little more than 13 per cent.

Expenditures for interest, sinking-funds and payments to the State have increased from \$3,779,412.12 to \$4,315,425.57, or a trifle over 14 per cent.

It may fairly be said, therefore, that 14 per cent. is a normal increase for the six years in any given line of work.

During the six years, expenses of the various institutions for the care of the sick, paupers, and criminals, increased from \$1,026,021.01 to \$1,369,072.88, or a little more than 33 per cent.

Or, if we take the net cost, after deducting income covered into city treasury, they increased from \$867,887.89 to \$1,209,857.66, or a little more than 39 per cent.

The expenses of the Park Department have increased from \$77,779.83 to \$143,517.21, or 84½ per cent.

The expenses of the Police Department, including liquor license expenses, and cost of police signal system, have increased from \$1,228,291.73 to \$1,667,887.26, or a little less than 36 per cent.

The School expenses increased from \$1,988,606.15 to \$2,482,542.47, or nearly 25 per cent.

The general expenses of the county increased from \$520,009.12 to \$638,883.46, or over 32 per cent.; or, if we deduct the income, from \$393,626.40 to \$502,352.96, or 27½ per cent.

These five classes of expenditures have increased, as a whole, from \$4,840,707.89 to \$6,351,903.23, or a little over 31 per cent.

The expenditures of all other departments increased from \$5,751,523.96 to \$6,562,522.55, or a little over 14 per cent., equal to the normal increase warranted by the increasing resources of the city.

If we take a fresh start, and compare the actual expenditures of 1897-98 with the appropriations asked for to meet the expenditures of 1899-1900, we get the following results:—

Amount available for department appropriations has increased in two years from \$11,993,997 to \$12,610,229, or a trifle over 5 per cent. (Tax of \$2.85 per \$1000 for schools is included in latter amount).

The amount (asked) for support of dependent and criminal population has increased from \$1,369,072.88 to \$1,509,590, or a little more than 10 per cent.; or, if estimated income is deducted, from \$1,209,357.66 to \$1,329,090, or nearly 10 per cent.

The amount (asked) for expenses of Park Department has increased from \$143,517.21 to \$185,000, or nearly 29 per cent.

The amount (asked) for expenses of Police Department has increased from \$1,667,887.26 to \$1,747,793, or nearly 5 per cent.

The amount (now fixed by statute at \$2.85 per \$1000 in 1899-1900) for school expenses has increased from \$2,482,542.47 to \$2,777,423, or nearly 12 per cent.

The amount (asked) for general expenses of the country has increased from \$688,883.46 to \$700,000.00, or less than 2 per cent.

The five classes of expenditures mentioned above have increased (based on appropriations asked for) from \$6,351,903.23 to \$6,913,811.00, or a trifle under 9 per cent.

All expenditures (except Water Department, interest, sinking-funds and payments to State, but including schools—now fixed by statute—and maintenance of sewers and street-watering—now paid for by assessment) would increase (on basis of appropriations asked for) from \$12,914,425.83 to \$13,861,773, or not quite 7½ per cent.

For the five classes of expenditures named above, from \$6,351,903.23 to \$6,919,811, or a trifle less than 9 per cent.

For all other departments, including maintenance of sewers and street-watering, from \$6,562,522.55 to \$6,867,466, or a little less than 5 per cent.

On the basis of appropriations as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the figures are:—

Increase in all expenditures, except Water Department, interest, sinking-funds and payments to State, but including schools, (now fixed by statute), maintenance of sewers and street-watering, from \$12,914,425.83 to \$13,102,657, or not quite 1½ per cent.

Dependent and criminal classes, from \$1,369,072.88 to \$1,405,650, or a little more than 2½ per cent.

Parks—From \$143,517.21 to \$140,000, or a decrease of 2½ per cent.

Police—From \$1,667,887.26 to \$1,693,590, a decrease of a little less than 2 per cent.

Schools, (fixed by statute)—From \$2,482,542.47 to \$2,777,428, or nearly 12 per cent.

County, general expenses—From \$688,883.46 to \$700,000, or a trifle over 1½ per cent.

The five classes above mentioned, from \$6,351,903.23 to \$6,661,578, or a little less than 5 per cent.

Omitting schools, the increase is from \$3,869,369.81 to \$3,884,150, or about 4-10 of 1 per cent.

All other departments, including maintenance of sewers and street-watering, decrease from \$6,562,522.55 to \$6,411,079, or a trifle less than 2 per cent.

The estimates for 1899-1900, on account of sewer maintenance and street-watering, (to be provided for by assessment), were \$350,000 and \$150,000, respectively.

The excess of income over the Auditor's estimates since 1892-93 has been as follows:—

1892-93.....	\$331,606.72	1895-96.....	329,276.60
1893-94.....	247,322.38	1896-97.....	666,980.84
1894-95.....	475,536.95	1897-98.....	855,567.65

SUMMARY.

Applying these figures to the present financial situation, we have the following results:—

The ordinary expenditures for all purposes, except for Water Department and for interest, sinking-funds and payments to the State, were, in 1892-93:—

For the five classes specified.....	\$4,840,707.89
For all other departments.....	5,751,523.96

Total.....\$10,592,231.85

The appropriations, including schools, maintenance of sewers and street-watering, are, for 1899-1900:—

For the five classes specified.....	\$6,661,578.00
For all other departments.....	6,441,079.00

Total.....\$13,102,657.00

So that the increase in seven years is:—

For the five classes specified .....	\$1,820,870.11 or 37½%
For all other departments .....	689,555.04 or 12%

Total.....\$2,510,425.15 or nearly 24%

If the expenditures of the five classes enumerated had increased only in proportion to the increase of all expenditures, there would have been available for the other departments about \$659,000. If the expenditures of the five classes enumerated had increased only in the same proportion as the other departments, there would have been available for the other departments about \$1,240,000 in excess of present appropriations.

Very respectfully,  
Laurence Minot, Chairman.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

APPROPRIATION FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, February 6, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1893, the accompanying order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under said Act at its meeting on February 3, 1899.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Feb. 3, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

COMMUNICATION REGARDING SEWER EXPENSES.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to proposed sewer expenditures.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I submit herewith statement in relation to sewerage works, and would respectfully suggest that this be forwarded to the City Council, in order that the situation may be made clear to its members, and more intelligent action be taken on the sewerage loan than was indicated by the statements and votes of the Common Council at its last meeting.

The figures are those submitted by me to the Board of Apportionment. In further explanation, I would say that it is necessary to lay out and plan the sewerage work for the entire year. If but \$500,000 is to be authorized, this will only cover the work already in hand or contracted for, and no new work can be authorized or planned. The Sewer Division would necessarily be organized on a smaller scale, and petitioners for sewers would be advised that only such work as was provided for by the appropriation could be undertaken.

I would say further that there is nothing novel in the authorization of a considerable sum for sewerage works. Under the old act, there was available such portion of the \$3,000,000 authorized by chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, as the Superintendent of Streets deemed necessary to expend therefor.

The statement submitted shows the demands for work to be far in excess of the maximum appropriation that is possible under the act.

A rough estimate of the cost to finish work now in progress, by districts, is as follows:—

City Proper.....	\$45,438.00
Roxbury.....	29,428.00
Dorchester.....	156,566.00
South Boston.....	8,370.00
Charlestown.....	11,700.00
East Boston.....	10,500.00
West Roxbury.....	35,342.00
Brighton.....	16,295.00

Total.....\$313,639.00

To this must be added the cost of completing work at Pumping Station .....	54,500.00
And cost of completing contracts at Moon Island.....	239,000.00

Total estimated cost of completing work now in progress.....\$607,139.00

The work contemplated by the Sewer Division, and sewerage works ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet begun, by districts, is as follows:—

Brighton.....	\$299,357.00
West Roxbury.....	226,266.00
East Boston.....	276,100.00
Charlestown.....	72,000.00
Dorchester.....	287,748.00
South Boston.....	125,151.00
Roxbury.....	248,288.00
City Proper.....	49,964.00

Total estimated cost of completing work ordered, but not begun.....\$1,584,874.00

In addition to the amounts named above, there is always a considerable amount of small work petitioned for, and which we find too urgent to be put off, but of which we have no knowledge at the beginning of the year. The amount of such work brought to the attention of the division last year, and built, came to \$164,000, and I see no reason why an even larger amount

should not be necessary this year, more particularly as the work of the division the past year has been largely that of building large mains which now render it possible to build a large number of small lateral sewers which could not previously have been built.

In addition to the amounts previously mentioned, the following is the estimated cost of sewers petitioned for and not yet ordered:—

Dorchester .....	\$145,049.00
Roxbury .....	50,484.00
West Roxbury.....	88,614.00
Charlestown .....	140.00
City Proper.....	276.00
South Boston.....	4,040.00
Brighton .....	3,345.00
East Boston.....	29,777.00
Total estimated cost of sewers petitioned for, and not yet ordered.....	\$321,725.00

SUMMARY.

	Estimated Cost.
Total estimated cost of completing work now in progress.....	\$607,139.00
Total estimated cost of completing work ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet begun.....	1,584,874.00
Total estimated cost of constructing sewers petitioned for, but not ordered.....	321,725.00
Total estimated cost of constructing necessary small sewers, not yet petitioned for .....	164,000.00
Grand total.....	\$2,577,738.00

On the lower portion of Stony Brook, from the property of the Boston Belting Company down to the park, the city will surely be compelled to do some work. The total estimated cost of rebuilding the proposed channel is \$220,000.00. I should think it safe to estimate that the city could hardly escape expending at least \$50,000.00 of this amount during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Read and sent down.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Crescent Associates for leave to project bay windows, one over Savin Hill Ave. and one over the corner of Savin Hill Ave. and Spring St., from building on the corner of said streets, Wd. 20.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

2. On petition of the directors of an association for the formation of the Winthrop & Revere Street Railway Company for a location of tracks on Saratoga St., from a point near the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad Company to the line of the town of Winthrop, with the right to use the overhead trolley electric system thereon.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

3. On petition of John W. Wheelwright, that the Board estimate the damages to his estate caused by the changes of grade of Washington and Motte Sts., on account of the extension of the Boston & Providence Railroad.

The Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners, gave the petitioner leave to withdraw, at his own request, on motion of Ald. Colby.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—  
Qung Lee, a sign, at 109 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Dr. H. C. Edwards, two tablet signs, at 15 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.  
E. & F. Couture, an illuminated sign, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.  
Christian Altman, a sign, at 8 Staniford St., Wd. 8.  
J. H. Carlton, a V shaped sign at 103-105 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.  
Robert Leavitt, a sign, at 1222 Washington St., Wd. 9.  
Frank F. Boodro, two pole signs, at 221 W. Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Claims.

Joseph H. Davis, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Itchards St.

Amy C. B. Wells, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on northerly side of Charter St.

Eliza Dooley, for compensation for damage to her estate, 804 Parker St., on account of defective drainage.

Electric Wires.

Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect three poles on Washington St., between Ruggles and Vernon Sts.

Brookline Gas Light Company, for leave to erect eight poles on Braintree St., between Franklin and Everett Sts.

Petitions of New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles, lay conduits, etc.:—

To erect poles in Melville Ave., Wd. 20, Salem St., Wd. 5, St. John and Rockview Sts., Wd. 22, and to erect and remove poles in Washington St., Wd. 20.

To lay conduits in Bay State Road, Minot and Anderson Sts.

For extension of time in which to erect poles in Princeton St.

For extension of time to May 31, 1899, in which to erect poles in Morton St., Wd. 23.

For extension of time to May 31, 1899, in which to erect poles in Fairview and Corinth Sts., and in Roberts St. extension.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

J. B. Sias et al., for the trimming of trees on grounds of the Old Dorchester High School, overhanging estates 12-14 Parkman St., Dorchester.

Licenses.

Frank A. Feeney, for license to run three passenger barges between Highland, West Roxbury and Spring-St. stations and the Dedham and Newton lines.

H. M. Temple, for a license for dancing and musical entertainments at Temple Hall, 1139 Washington St.

Mrs. Thomas Mack, for a license and permit for Sadie Peyser and 199 other children to take part in performance at Boston Theatre in aid of the Tyler St. Day Nursery, Feb. 25, March 2, 3, 4, 1899.

Railroads.

Newtonville & Watertown St. Railway Company, for leave to lay a turnout on No. Beacon St., with the right to use the overhead electric system on the same.

Newton & Boston Street Railway Company, for a location for its tracks and overhead electric system on Beacon St., from the Newton line to Chestnut Hill Ave.

Thomas H. Keenan et als., of Dorchester, for a transfer station at Northampton St.

Street Commissioners.

Thomas Minton et als., that Walk Hill St., between Morton and Washington Sts., be widened to a width of sixty feet.

Public Improvements.

City of Boston, Public Buildings Dept., for leave to erect guy posts and attach guy ropes thereon, on Vale and E. Ninth Sts., Wd. 15.

Estate of Chauncey Thomas & Co., for

leave to construct an iron grating in sidewalk, at 101 Chestnut St., Wd. 11.

R. H. White Company, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 538-552 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Jones & Marshall, for leave to erect a sidewalk clock at 28-32 Merchants row, Wd. 6.

Wm. H. Burlen, trustee, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 23 No. Market St., Wd. 6.

Eastern Cold Storage Co., for leave to construct an area under sidewalk, at 41 North St., Wd. 6.

Paris Pattern Supply Co., for leave to erect a post clock in the sidewalk at 163 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

H. S. Angus, for leave to move a wooden building from 14 Ashford St., Wd. 25, to Pratt St. (lot 7) Wd. 25.

Boston Transit Co., for certain routes for its omnibuses for conveying persons, merchandise and mail, etc., in this city.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of John Spinnelli, for leave to project two barber poles at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Berwin, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. BRICK presented two petitions, viz: Jordan Bros., for leave to project two signs at 146 Canal St., Wd. 8.

H. M. Rich & Co., for leave to project an auction flag at 79 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Brick, and the petitioners were severally granted leave on the usual conditions.

Ald. COLBY presented the petition of the Eastern Cold Storage Co., for leave to construct the part of the cellar at its new building at the Creek Sq. end, at grade No. 1, and the part of North St. at grade No. 5.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Colby, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. CODMAN presented the petition of Laurence W. Lunt, for leave to project a sign at 117 Washington St., Wd. 24.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Codman, and leave was granted, on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the members of the City Council with verbatim reports of all the meetings of said Board; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Brick.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 5 to 11, inclusive together and that they be read by their titles, viz:

The seven following orders were sent up for concurrence in their reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

5. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their estimates twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for general repairs on Winthrop Sq., Charlestown.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to consider the desirability of paving Beacon St., from Massachusetts Ave. to the Boston & Albany Railroad bridge with asphalt.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars to fit up the wardroom on Elmwood St., Wd. 19, as a gymnasium, for use as such when not occupied for ward purposes, and to provide gymnastic apparatus and shower baths.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate

and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan a sufficient appropriation to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct a bicycle path of asphalt in place of the present unsatisfactory one on Massachusetts Ave., between Albany St. and Edward Everett Sq., for the use of the bicycle-riding public.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next loan bill the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars for the establishment and maintenance of a public landing at Apple Island.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in their next loan bill the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars for the establishment of a gymnasium at the North End Park.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in their next loan the sum of five thousand (5000) dollars for the paying of Lenox St., from Shawmut Ave. to Washington St.

Severally referred in concurrence to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

12. The order passed by this Board January 30, appropriating one million (1,000,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, comes up passed in Common Council February 2, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with an amendment substituting five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars in place of one million (1,000,000) dollars.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I move non-concurrence of this branch of the government with the lower branch on No. 12. In doing so, I simply wish to say that I think the matter was talked over pretty thoroughly at the last meeting of the Board and was pretty distinctly understood, and, unless there is some reason why a member of the Board may want to discuss it further this afternoon, I think we should non-concur with the Common Council.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, the point made by the gentleman who argued the question last week—that the passage of this loan would be the means of putting the men in the Sewer Division at work—is what guided my action at that time. Now, if we put through this order for \$500,000, certainly the Mayor will be enabled to put the men at work under it. I doubt whether, with the present temper of the Common Council, an order for one million dollars will be passed by that body, and for us to non-concur at this time, will simply mean further delay. If these gentlemen are sincere in their desire to put the men at work, they will pass the order for \$500,000. The Council will certainly not pass one million dollar order. As I said last week, when the matter came up, the Mayor simply used the argument about putting the men in the division at work as a means to whip us into line, so that we would put the million dollar loan through. The order has been passed by the Common Council in the form now before us, and let us stand up and put it through at this time in concurrence with the Common Council. By doing so, it will go to the Mayor for signature immediately, and it ought to be signed as soon as possible.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I make no claim at all to knowing the inside workings of the Common Council. Of course, I do not feel that I know their minds as fully as my brother, Ald. Presho, does. But, as long as the original order provided for a loan of one million dollars, I certainly see no harm in passing the order in that form. There is no question of the department's getting the one million dollars all at once. They will probably not negotiate for all the money at once, but this is simply a step in the right direction, enabling them to plan for their year's work. It is better to have the order passed at this time for one million dollars, and allow the negotiation of it as may be proper, than to have the order passed for one-half million dollars, and have them

coming in later on, and then having the same fight all over again. I, therefore, hope the Board will non-concur with the Common Council, and will adhere to former action.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote against the proposition anyway, for the reasons I gave at the last meeting of the Board. I simply desire to make my position clear to the men who are anxious to get back to work in that department, simply saying that, no matter what action this Board takes, they will probably not get the one million dollars. The act creating the Board of Estimate and Apportionment gave this body simply the right to consider such matters as this and to cut down appropriations. If we are unwilling to do that and simply football this proposition between the two branches of the government, within thirty days the proposition suggested by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment becomes a matter of law, without any act of ours. That is just about the situation in which the matter will remain, in my humble judgment. I am going to vote against non-concurrence with the Common Council, and in doing so I merely want my position understood. My position is that I will not vote for the raising of one million dollars, as proposed here today, that I want the matter determined by the Court, and that I shall then vote as I think wise and best. But, whatever we do, the matter is going to ultimately result as the Mayor wishes, because he has it where he wants it. I don't speak with any authority from the Chief Magistrate of the city, but that is my summing up of the situation and I think the Board will decide that I am a pretty good prophet in regard to this one million dollar loan.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) and the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) should interject politics into this particular loan bill. I do not think there is a member of this board—and I do not say it with egotism—who has had the sewer men knocking at his door more than I have. I will leave it to the sewer men themselves whether they have knocked at the door of the alderman from Charlestown more than they have at mine. The situation is this, that, irrespective of any ideas the Mayor of Boston may have on this question, certain things are necessary, and nothing should be allowed to prejudice the needs of that department a particle. I was elected a member of this Board of Aldermen to act as my own conscience would dictate, as I saw fit to act. But I want to say to the alderman from Charlestown that irrespective of whether this five hundred thousand dollars bill or a million dollar bill goes through the Board of Aldermen today, under the Apportionment Board act—for which I don't know that anybody is more responsible than his party is—these men will not be able to go to work. It is, however, a step in the right direction to pass the million dollar order at this time. Without rehashing the old arguments at a previous meeting of the Board, I will simply say that it is far better to give the Sewer Department one million dollars at this time than to give them a smaller amount and let the matter go along until next June, when we will again have the same trouble. I can see no more argument in favor of the \$500,000 loan than for the million dollar loan, and I cannot for the life of me see the force of the argument of the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho), who stands on the floor and tries to interject politics into the question and to place the democratic members as against the interests of the working men, saying that we have not their interests at heart. I will simply say that I refute that statement and say that he does not know what he is talking about.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I only stated that the gentlemen about this

Board distinctly and implicitly declared that they wanted to put the men to work, and that was their only motive in voting for the order last week. The Mayor at the last meeting simply used that as a whip to get the members of this Board to vote for the order. Now, I want to give the members who have supported the Mayor in that a chance to show their sincerity. If we pass this five hundred thousand dollar order today, it can go into effect at once; if not, we are simply keeping the matter hanging along until thirty days have elapsed, and until that time has elapsed it will simply be tied up between the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman a question—what material difference it will make whether they are given the \$500,000 or the million dollars at this time?

Ald. PRESNO—It makes this difference, if they get the \$500,000 at this time, by our passing the order in concurrence today, there will be no delay and the men can go to work at once. They can then before the first day of June, get the other \$500,000. There will be no need of waiting at all, because when they get this \$500,000 they will have enough to keep them going until the other \$500,000 is taken up and acted upon.

Ald. DAY in the Chair.

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, I do not feel, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that the necessity of the department obtaining this million dollars has been brought clearly enough to the attention of the Board. Under the new law by virtue of which the Board of Estimate and Apportionment acts, it is provided that if no action is taken by the City Council on loans drafted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and sent to the City Council, in thirty days their recommendations go into effect without the action of the City Council. In other words, the City Treasurer cannot float the bonds until after thirty days has expired. The appropriation bill came into this board the 16th day of January. The result is, whether the amount is made \$500,000 or a million dollars, there will still be no money, the bonds cannot be floated, and the money cannot reach the Treasurer so that he can make it applicable to the department, until it can be properly done under the law. This sewer loan is one of the greatest blessings to the real estate men of the city of Boston.

In the old times gone by sewers were built and charged to appropriations made for the purpose; but under this law, it is provided that the money shall come back at the expiration of thirty years. At that time in this case, the one million dollars will be paid back into the treasury. In the meantime, the bonds are floated at 3½ per cent., bringing a premium to the city also, and a sinking fund is provided for. In other words, we will assume that there is no sewer in School St. today, and that this loan is floated at the present time. One million dollars are placed to the credit of the sewer division. That is laid by for the purpose of building sewers. As I say, let us illustrate by taking School St. If there is no sewer there and the Board of Street Commissioners orders one built, that is practically the end of their duty until they levy the assessment. The Superintendent of Streets proceeds in the matter and makes an estimate of the cost of building the sewer in School St. We will suppose that it costs \$10,000. That is divided up among the real estate owners on School St., along the line of the sewer. We will presume that there is a piece of property on the opposite side of the street upon which the assessment amounts to \$100. The owner of the property could not perhaps pay the whole amount into the City Treasury at once; but, under the law, it can be paid in thirty parts, the

payment continuing during thirty years, and at the end of the thirty years the amount paid out for the sewer in School St., as well as for other sewers paid for out of the million dollars, finds its way back into the city Treasury. Today the city of Boston is nothing more nor less than a lender of money on credit to build sewers here and in the outlying districts. I will ask any of the gentlemen from Dorchester—Ald. McDonald, Alderman Adams, Ald. Codman, whether there have not been more sewers built under this act in their district in the past two years than have been built at any previous time? In that district in the past two years nearly two million dollars have been expended in this direction. Gentlemen, you will make no headway if you concur with the Common Council in the passage of this order. I say that one million dollars is a small amount for this purpose—and why? Because it was shown before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the Superintendent of Sewers that he had in his possession petitions for sewers to be built in the limits of the city of Boston which would cost \$1,800,000. We have not money enough this year to comply with the requests of the Department. They must find out where sewers are most needed, and build them there, and when they are built the people who live on the line will pay for them. I hope the Board will non-concur with the Council, that we will adhere to our former action and send the original bill back to the Common Council.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, in speaking as I have today, I was simply bringing up the argument made here at the last meeting to the effect that this must go through, that it could not be delayed, that the department must have money to work with at the present time, in order to put the men to work and keep them employed. That was the argument that was brought out at the last meeting, that there must be no delay, but that the department must have this money at the present time. But a different attitude is assumed today. We are now asked to insist on our previous action, although, by so doing, we are simply delaying matters.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I dislike very much to get on the floor again, but I think my friend, the alderman from Charlestown, (Ald. Presho), misinterprets the arguments on this floor. The argument at the last meeting, as I think he will acknowledge if he remembers rightly, was that there should be a certain definite policy pursued in this matter, and the action then taken was in line with that policy. It was not a question of the appropriation of a million dollars or a cent for the Sewer Department.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to speak on this question, although I voted at the last meeting in favor of the full amount of one million dollars; but, as Dorchester has been mentioned, and as Dorchester people always want sewers, as I believe that Dorchester has some requests for sewers before the Sewer Department this year, it may be well to state in brief some of the chief reasons why I voted as I did last week, and why I am still in favor of a million dollar loan being made. As far as Dorchester is concerned, it makes very little difference whether we appropriate the \$500,000 or the million dollars at once; but it seems to me a simple matter, and I don't see why the money should be split up into two appropriations. I know from my two years' experience in the Board, that what the Chairman of the Board has stated, is a fact; we have had better accommodations in the building of sewers in the last two years in that section. Considerably more than the usual amount of sewer work has been started and completed, work in the way of surface drainage, and so on; and, recognizing the good work that has been done, I voted, and shall continue to vote for the one million dollars to be devoted

to this purpose. In doing so, I am carrying out the purpose for which I was sent here—to help along the interests, as far as possible, of the citizens of Dorchester. I believe all of the three aldermen from Dorchester have voted conscientiously and for the interests of the section by voting for the million dollar loan at the last meeting, and I trust that their vote will continue to be in that line. I hope the million dollars will be passed, that the sewers will be commenced, and that the Sewer Department men will be employed and will go to work at once.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know that any further explanation is necessary, but it strikes me that the alderman from Dorchester who has last spoken has entirely misconceived the purposes and ideas of the gentlemen who voted against the order at the last meeting. I should dislike to have him go back and tell the citizens of Dorchester what he has practically intimated here, that the members who voted against the order did so for two reasons—one, that they did not want the men in the sewer department set to work, and the other that they were not in favor of the order. Now, if there was one thing that Ald. Berwin and myself—I think we were the only ones who voted against the order—tried to make entirely plain, it was this—or, simply speaking for myself, I will say that this was my idea, that I was not opposed to the million dollar loan, that I would vote for it when I thought the time was ripe for it, but that I did not think it feasible to put it through at the present time. In fact, basing my opinion on the language of the act itself, it seems to me that we will have no final discretion in the matter. The act in effect says that we shall appropriate not exceeding one million dollars. We are compelled to do it; only it did not seem to me, in the present situation of the case, that anything would be gained by passing the order at the present time. I am still of that opinion. Hasty action on our part will be of no avail, in my opinion, for two reasons: First, the whole matter will have to wait until the decision of the court; second, it doesn't make any difference what we may do or what the Common Council may do, the thing will become a law at the expiration of thirty days. Whether we vote for it or against it makes no difference—when the time expires it will go into effect. Whatever we are to do we will have to do before that time, and if the City Council has not taken definite action, when the time has expired the order becomes a law. Under the thirty day limitation, on the 16th day of February—if I have the date right—this becomes operative. I should, therefore, like to see the labor question not brought in here any more than is necessary, because it simply is not germane to the issue. Nothing can be done to assist the laboring men in any way except by unanimous action on the part of the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen—which anyone conversant with the political make-up of the two bodies knows is out of the question.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it was not my intention to cast any slur on the Alderman's vote last week or to reflect upon him one way or the other. I felt that he had explained his position fully, and I simply thought I would take occasion to explain my position more at length than I had an opportunity to do at the last meeting. The difference between Ald. Colby's position and mine is that he speaks as a lawyer. He prefers to hang matters up pending a legal decision. I, for one don't feel that it is necessary to wait until the court decides this question. If the legislation in regard to sewers is wrong, action must be taken according to the decision of the court; if it is right, it is just as well for us to go ahead at this time. I don't understand

that anything we may do or anything that may be done in regard to this loan will in any way block any decision of the court, and I think it is just as well to express my opinion at this time and to endeavor to have action taken at this time and to let the matter go by thirty days' default,—if I may use the term. If I took the position of the alderman, I might feel that, no matter what came up this year, I would allow it to go by default. But I prefer to express my opinion within thirty days, and if we have not acted within that time I hope this will become a law without our approval.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that a communication has been received from the Mayor transmitting a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to the proposed sewerage expenditure. If there is no objection, the Chair will direct the Clerk to read this, as it may throw some light on the matter.

(The Clerk read the message and communication referred to, which will be found earlier in the meeting, among the Mayor's messages, under the heading "Communication regarding Sewer Expenses.")

The question came on motion to nonconcur with the Common Council and adhere to former action, upon which Ald. Barry called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was declared lost upon a roll-call, yeas 0, nays 12.

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a misunderstanding. I move a reconsideration of the last vote, hoping that the same will prevail.

Reconsideration prevailed, and the Board voted to nonconcur with the Common Council and adhere to former action, Ald. Barry calling for the yeas and nays, yeas 8, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Briek, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—8.  
Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Colby, Presho—4.

Chairman Barry in the chair.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 13, unfinished business, viz.:

13. Action on the appointment of E. W. Johnson, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast, 12, yeas 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### POLES ON MONADNOCK ST.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 14, special assignment, viz.:

14. Hearing on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles on Monadnock St., Wd. 16, and on Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

#### APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 15, special assignment, viz.:

15. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the appropriation bill for 1899-1900, with certain loan orders and the annual estimates of departments. (Doe, 42.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Colby.

#### CHANGES IN NAMES OF STREETS.

Communications were received from the Board of Street Commissioners notifying the Board of Aldermen that, subject to its approval, orders were passed changing the names of the following streets:—

(1) Bell St., leading from Chestnut Ave. to Lamartine St., to be changed to Billmore St.

(2) Avon Pl., leading from Washington

St. to Chauncy St., to be changed to Avon St.

(3) High St., leading from Water St. to Ericsson St., to be changed to Port Norfolk St.

(4) Shelton St., leading in continuance of Wrentham St., from Bruce St. to Adams St., to be changed to Wrentham St.

The several orders were laid over, under the law.

#### OPINION REGARDING PASSAGE OF ORDERS SENT TO MAYOR.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Law Department.

Feb. 3, 1899.

J. M. Galvin, Esq., City Clerk.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your enquiries as to

1. "Whether an order passed by the Board of Aldermen or City Council, and presented to the Mayor within a period of less than ten days prior to the expiration of the municipal year, and the Mayor neither approves said order nor vetoes it, is to be considered as passed," I have to say that, in my opinion, such order is not to be considered as passed.

2. "Whether in case an order for a location for a railway company is passed and submitted to the Mayor, as set forth in question 1, and the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes said order, you are to receive and file a paper purporting to be an acceptance of the location specified in said order," I have to say that, in my opinion, you have no authority to receive and file any such paper. Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey,

Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### INVITATION FROM HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

The following was received:—

Boston City Hospital,

Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

Hon. David F. Barry, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, Boston, Mass.—

My Dear Sir: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital present their compliments to the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, and cordially request the pleasure of their company at the opening of the New Surgical Department and Amphitheatre, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 12 o'clock M.

Invitations have been extended to His Honor Mayor Quincy and to the Honorable Common Council.

Luncheon will be served in the library immediately after the members of the City Council have inspected the surgical branch of the service and the general hospital as well, as far as time will permit.

I have the honor to be, for the Board of Trustees, awaiting your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

A Shuman, President.

Accepted.

#### BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Frank Lally, for leave to project one bay window from building No. 153 Putnam St., Wd. 1—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 20, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### PRINTING OF MUNICIPAL REGISTER, ETC., 1899.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the vote of this Board of January 9, 1899, referring the order for the printing of the municipal register and the pocket edition of the rules and orders to the Committee on Printing, when appointed, be rescinded, and the order passed in concurrence.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I wish to explain that this is merely concurring with the Common Council in the passage

of the order, and it will hurry along the printing of these documents. The disposition of them will remain in the hands of the Committee on Printing, when appointed.

The order was passed in concurrence.

#### RETAINING WALL, CENTRE ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$2500 for the construction of a retaining wall on the easterly side of Centre St., opposite New Heath St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, SCHOOL ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a suitable number of electric lights on School St., Wd. 22, between Washington St. and Franklin Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DAVENPORT AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway, Davenport Ave., Wd. 16, from Columbia Road to Virginia St., under the provisions for such work contained in the Acts of 1891.

Passed. Sent down.

#### TUNNEL TO EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to inform this Board, at its next session, why work has not been commenced on the tunnel to East Boston, as provided in Sect. 26 of Chap. 548, of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto.

Passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for locations for tracks—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Feb. 27th, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

West End Street Railway Co., (referred Jan. 16), for a location for double tracks on Washington St., between Newcomb and Ball Sts.

West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Co., (referred Jan. 23), for a location of tracks from Smith St. at Ashland St., through Ashland and Oakland Sts. and Blue Hill Ave., to the line of Milton; also in Washington St., southerly, to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the order (referred Jan. 16), relative to a hearing on the relocation of tracks in Tremont and Boylston Sts.—that no action is necessary.

Accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston & Albany R.R. Co. (referred last year), for leave to lay and operate a temporary track in Lehigh and South Sts.—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw at its own request.

Accepted.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of H. M. Temple (referred today), for a license for Temple Hall, 1139 Washington St., for season ending August 1, 1899, for dancing and mu-

sical entertainments—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Mrs. Thomas Mack (referred today), for a license and permit for Sadie Peysner and 190 other children to take part in performance at Boston Theatre in aid of the Tyler St. Day Nursery, Feb. 25, March 2, 3, 4, 1899—that a license and permit be granted.

Report accepted; license and permit granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, SOUTH UNION STATION.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of electric lights on the streets leading to the South Union Station to suitably light said streets; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3:52 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:50 o'clock P. M., and were called to order by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Burlen, trustee, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 4 ft. long by 18 inches wide, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 23 North Market St., Wd. 6, the same to be securely closed at night; the work to be completed on or before July 1st, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to R. H. White & Co. to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 538 to 552 Washington St., Wd. 7, as shown on plan dated February 6th, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Eastern Cold Storage Company to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 44 North St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan dated Feb. 6th 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Jones & Marshall to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 28-32 Merchant's Row, Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before July 1st, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to estate of Chauncey Thomas & Co. to place, maintain, and use an iron grating 18 inches by 16 inches in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 101 Chestnut St., Wd. 11; the work to be completed on or before July

1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to City of Boston, Public Buildings Dept., to erect, maintain, and use two guy posts on Vale St., and two guy posts on East Ninth St., with necessary ropes attached thereto, Wd. 15; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(g) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Paris Pattern Supply Co. to erect, maintain, and use an iron post, with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 169 Tremont St., Wd. 7; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, and done on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(h) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus to move a wooden building, mansard roof, 40 feet in length, by 36 feet in width, by 33 feet in height, from No. 14 Ashford St., through Ashford St. and Pratt St., to lot No. 7 on said Pratt St., Wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

#### BITUMINOUS COAL NUISANCE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed to consider and report what additional legislation, if any, is necessary to abate the nuisance arising from the consumption of bituminous coal in this city.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, that may, to some, look a very innocent order, but I have no desire to take advantage of any member of the Board in introducing it and asking for its immediate passage without some explanation on my part. Assuming that the Chair will allow me an appointment on that committee, it is to be my purpose to thoroughly investigate this subject, Mr. Chairman, and report to this Board what the findings of the committee may be and what legislation is needed. I have had the matter brought to my attention by a great many people, and this nuisance has grown to such an extent during the last few years, that something very radical should be done by the Government, and I hope, Mr. Chairman, that the rules may be suspended and the order may go upon its passage.

The rules were suspended, and the order was passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Berwin, Brick and McDonald.

#### TRACKS ON TREMONT STREET.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:

Resolved: That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, public convenience and necessity require that the tracks formerly located on Tremont and Boylston streets, and removed by order of the Transit Commission under the direction of the Legislature, should be replaced as soon as possible.

Ordered: That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Committee of the General Court which is now considering the subject.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, this is a matter which has in some measure been gone into in connection with the previous order which I introduced on Inauguration Day. It is a matter which I believe to be of vital interest to the people of Boston, especially the working people. It affects me directly through the people of my own district. At this present time there is a hearing going on at the Legislature,

where they have the matter in charge. When the matter was discussed by my brother aldermen, some of them seemed to think that it was not a matter which we should take cognizance of. The Committee on Railroads has reported that further action is not necessary. I think at this time we should declare our sentiments in this regard. The people of my district, the working people especially, working men and girls who work in Houghton & Dutton's and in other shops along Tremont St., complain that they are annoyed, that they have not the means of transportation between the uptown portions of the city and the West End. It is a matter upon which I think every alderman here should place himself on record.

It is not a question of the railroad being allowed to have tracks on Tremont St., it is a question of the real live interests of the working people. I don't believe the subway is affording at the present time the convenience which it was considered that it would. I think we do need on Tremont St. the tracks, so as to give from the southerly and northerly directions an outlet for travel. For instance, take people coming from the South End on the Belt Line cars; it is necessary for a Belt Line car, instead of coming, as it formerly did, through Temple Place, Tremont St. and Scollay Sq., to the West End, to now go down Milk St., through Post Office Sq., through Congress St., thence through Devonshire St. to Washington St., and thence through Hanover St., making the running time nearly fifteen minutes longer than it formerly was. People going from the North Union Station to Brighton or Roxbury after 12 o'clock at night are forced to go through Washington St., thence through Boylston St., thence through Tremont St., south of Boylston St., thence through Eliot St. to Park Sq. in a circuitous manner. Now, I firmly believe that the working people who use the cars, and who need to be taken care of, are in favor of this method, are in favor of the relocation of the tracks. Complaints are made that the stores on Tremont St. are suffering, that Washington St. is congested, and I hope that this resolution will pass at this time so that it may have its effect upon the Legislature. I ask a suspension of the rule and a yea and nay vote.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say a word in support of this resolution. It is a mistaken idea that the subway was built on account of congestion caused on Tremont St. by vehicles. Tremont St. has never been crowded with vehicles, but congested by cars. It would be a great convenience to the people of my district to have a line on Tremont St. A great many people haven't the time to go down to and climb up from the subway, and there are many people who would like to go to certain points, and in order to do so, would like to avail themselves of a line of cars on Tremont St., so that they could get off in the vicinity of West St., of Keith's, or other places along Tremont St., at the stations which were established when the tracks were on Tremont St. I think this is a great necessity.

It has been found in New York and other cities, and the same in London, in fact, wherever there has been an overhead system or a subway introduced in addition to surface cars, that it is necessary to have the surface lines still retained. In New York, as I saw by an editorial in the New York Sun and also in the Boston Herald at the first of the year, the traffic has fallen off greatly on the elevated lines since they have put in new, finely appointed electric cars on the surface lines. With these new underground trolley electric lines, where they used to have the bob-tail cars in New York, the travel on the surface lines has great appreciated, and it has been demonstrated that the traffic is going to the surface cars instead of to the elevated. Take it between here and Charlestown, in the latter part of the af-

ternoon, and you will have a block extending down to Haymarket Sq. and sometimes upto Scolley Sq. and to have these tracks on Tremont St. would relieve that block to a great degree and would relieve Washington St. The argument advanced by the storekeepers is, I believe, true—that their business on Tremont St. is decreasing. I heard some very strong testimony from the shopkeepers along the line of Tremont St. the other day, and I was convinced that they were speaking in all sincerity. The figures they submitted were undoubtedly true.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I shall certainly vote for this resolution offered by the Alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick). I am sure that the Board of Aldermen would have been very glad to have given a hearing to the merchants doing business on Tremont St., but as no petition for a hearing came in from those merchants, the committee thought they would report as they have today. It is an undisputed fact that the merchants of Boston have never been refused a hearing before the Board of Aldermen, and they would certainly have received a hearing if the petition had been sent in.

I understand that the sales of the merchants doing business on Tremont St. today have been cut down 25 p. c. at least, by reason of the removal of the surface tracks on the street, and I am sure that the citizens of Boston are very much in favor of having the tracks relocated. We can have our subway and our surface tracks, exactly as they have them in New York City. Certainly the merchants who

have stores on Tremont St., when the amount they pay for rentals today is taken into consideration, are entitled to all the privileges that can be granted to them. I think the citizens of Boston and the people doing business on that street ought to have their interests looked after. I hope a bill replacing the tracks on Tremont St. will pass the legislature.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, the Board has heard from the people of the West End and Charlestown, and I want to speak for the people of East Boston. There is no other section of the city that is inconvenienced so much by the taking of the tracks from Tremont St. as is East Boston. We have no connection whatever with the subway. Our treatment in the matter of rapid transit has been simply outrageous, and it would be a great help to every man, woman and child in East Boston, if we could have these tracks put back on Tremont St. I certainly hope the resolution will pass. As far as business is concerned, I will simply say that I know a man who was engaged in business on Tremont St., in the same line that I am in, and that man has failed simply by reason of the taking of the tracks off Tremont St. I hope the resolution will pass.

The resolution and order were passed, Ald. Brick calling for the yeas and nays—Yeas 12, nays 0.

Adjourned at 5:06 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, February 9, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## INSPECTION OF HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Boston City Hospital,  
Boston, Feb. 6, 1899.

Hon Daniel J. Kiley, President Common Council, City Hall.—

My Dear Sir: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital present their compliments to the Honorable Common Council of the City of Boston, and cordially request the pleasure of their company at the opening of the New Surgical Department and Amphitheatre, on Wednesday, February 15, at twelve o'clock noon.

Invitations have been extended to His Honor Mayor Quincy and to the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

Luncheon will be served in the library immediately after the members of the City Council have inspected the Surgical Branch of the service and the general hospital as well, as far as the time will permit.

I have the honor to be, for the Board of Trustees, awaiting your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

A. Shuman, President.

The invitation was accepted.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STATION,  
ROXBURY CROSSING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting them to construct and maintain a public convenience station in the vicinity of Roxbury Crossing.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Department of Baths, 64 Pemberton Sq.,  
Boston, February 8, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Dear Sir—We return herewith the order of Councilman Nangle of Wd. 19, dated January 19, 1899.

I am requested by the Bath Commission in answer to this order to state that no money is available at present to construct a convenience station where requested, and that if money is appropriated to build such a station, the Bath Commission have no funds available this year to maintain it.

Very respectfully yours,

Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, in the absence of Mr. Nangle, I move that that communication be assigned for one week.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

RECONSTRUCTION OF MALDEN  
BRIDGE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Feb. 9, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I respectfully transmit, under the provisions of Chapter 334 of the Acts of 1898, the accompanying order appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, passed by the Board of Apportionment under said Act on February 7th, 1899.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Feb. 7, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden Bridge, at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet, such work to be completed during the year 1899; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the appropriation contained therein is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,  
David F. Barry,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to the proposed sewer expenditure.

Passed on file.

2. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public highway Davenport Ave., Wd. 16, from Columbia road to Virginia St., under the provisions for such work contained in the Acts of 1891.

Passed in concurrence.

3. The order (January 12) of the Board of Apportionment for a loan appropriation of one million (1,000,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, which was amended by this Council by reducing the sum to five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars, comes down with an entry thereon that the Board of Aldermen non-concurred with the Common Council and adhered to its former action.

The question came on reading and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 55—Mr. President, I move that we non-concur with the Board of Aldermen and adhere to our former action.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise at this time to ask the Council to listen to me while I say a few words in opposition to the gentleman who has just preceded me. While I know that we have absolutely no power in the matter of passing or rejecting this order, at the same time, I feel that the Council should put itself in the proper light before the workmen of Boston, the sewer employees. The cry of the sewer men is that as soon as the Common Council concurs with the Board of Aldermen in the one million dollar loan appropriation, they will go to work. I am not inclined to agree with that. I am satisfied that the sewer men will go to work at a certain time anyway; but, for the sake of showing that the poor laboring man is being used in this matter, I trust that we will take advantage of the eleven days and make the act of the Board of Apportionment a law at this time. I doubt if, by doing so, one man will get back to work any sooner. But, as I have stated, if the men feel that they will get back—and many of them have been jollied into believing that—let us not adhere to our former action, but concur with the Board of Aldermen. I sincerely trust that we will concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the Council will recede from its former action and concur, not only with the Board of Aldermen, but with the entire city government of Boston. The

Common Council today is the one part of the municipal machinery of this city that refuses to go ahead and make this proper, necessary and important appropriation. It is necessary principally because 1100 men are today on the streets of Boston, who will, the moment the order passes, in all probability be returned to their work and stay there; and it is also necessary and important because the construction and maintenance of the sewerage system of Boston itself is necessary and important. I had believed, up to the time the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Walker) made his motion tonight, that he was laboring under a misapprehension, influenced probably by the misleading statements made at the last meeting by our representative on the Board of Apportionment. President Kiley said at the last meeting of the Council that from the first of February it would be necessary for the City Council to appropriate upwards of \$313,000 to carry on the work already contracted for by the city of Boston. Benjamin W. Wells, in a letter which was read and accepted by the Board of Aldermen last Monday, and which passed the scrutiny of that Board of Aldermen without being successfully challenged or contradicted, distinctly stated that the figures he presented in that letter were also presented to the Board of Apportionment, and, as a natural conclusion, those figures must have been presented to our representative on that Board; and when our representative on that Board states that \$313,000 is the total amount the city has contracted for, I want tonight to contradict that statement, on the strength of the letter of Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets. That letter shows that the \$313,000 referred to by our President is necessary to complete the tributary work in the various districts of the city which has been already contracted for, and the Superintendent said, furthermore, that \$4,000 extra was needed for the work on the pumping station, and that for the Moon Island sewer—which the gentleman in the first division agrees is a work which is worthy and should be completed—\$29,000 is needed. The gentleman's amendment calls for \$500,000.

The Superintendent of Streets says the total cost of completing the work now under process of construction will be \$607,139, and I ask the gentleman in the first division who makes the motion, or our representative on the Board of Apportionment, to successfully contradict the statement of the Superintendent of Streets. I believe that the majority of the members of this Council voted at the last meeting as they did on account of the inaccurate and misleading statements made by our representative on the Board, when he said that \$313,000 was sufficient to complete the work contracted for by the City of Boston.

He makes that statement in the City Council minutes, page 109, raising a question of veracity between him and Mr. Wells; and I will say, as one member of this Council, who has been here one year and a short part of the present year, and as one who has not yet spoken to the Superintendent of Streets, that I would rather take his word than the word of our representative, so-called, on the Board of Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement in connection with this matter at this time. The gentleman from East Boston in the third division (Mr. Hickey), has quoted statements made by the chair in connection with this matter, and the chair has been quoted inaccurately. The chair has allowed the gentleman considerable latitude in his statement, but the chair wishes to call the attention of the Council to the fact—and he is willing to have the exact words quoted from the minutes of last week—that he said the work on which city employees were employed necessitated the expenditure of

\$313,000. The balance of the work is contract work. The chair made that statement at that time and makes the statement now, and challenges successful contradiction of the truthfulness of it. The chair awaits the pleasure of the council on the motion made by gentleman from Wd. 25 (Mr. Walker) to non-concur and adhere to former action.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I sincerely hope and trust that this body will adhere to former action, mostly on account of the letter which the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey) refers to as sent to the Board of Aldermen by the Superintendent of Streets. In that letter he said that he hoped the Board of Aldermen would use better judgment than the majority of the members of this Council did at the last meeting. I don't care to criticize the Superintendent of Streets, but I think he knows no more about the making of streets or the building of sewers than I know about the making of a watch—and that is nothing. Mr. President, I sincerely hope and trust that we will adhere to our former action.

Mr. Hickey and Mr. Rice addressed the Chair.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. HICKEY—It is simply this, Mr. President, that the President in replying to me stated I misquoted the proceedings of the Council, and I respectfully ask that I be permitted to reply to the President.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is not a question of personal privilege. Mr. Rice of Wd. 2.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, it is with some little reluctance that I arise tonight to speak in favor of our receding and concurring with the Board of Aldermen. A little reluctant am I, because I have grave doubts of the efficacy of my remarks tonight, on account of the action of the Council at the last meeting. But, nevertheless, I cannot remain quiet in my seat in the face of existing circumstances which are connected with the holding up of this loan appropriation. I feel that it is my duty to present tonight my views plainly, impartially, and in an unbiased manner, upon this all-important subject. If I may be permitted to predict the Council's final vote on this subject, I will state that it will be against concurrence. My claim of being a prophet is not based upon any ability in the way of mind reading, but upon a belief in the axiom of judging the future by the past. I sincerely hope that my prophecy will turn out to be wrong. But I can but feel, from the way that certain members have voted in the past, that my prediction will turn out to be correct.

Now, gentlemen, the first question to be decided tonight is whether or not one million dollars is too much to give. This body at the last meeting thought \$500,000 was sufficient. You were told by our honored President that over \$300,000 was actually needed, was necessary to complete work already started. So that, with \$500,000, you see that all the money the departments would have for new work during the year would be less than \$200,000. Now, sewer construction is very expensive, and I really think that we should give the entire \$1,000,000 tonight and not have this department coming back to us from time to time asking for certain additional instalments. The instalment practice is not a practice which should be regarded favorably by a city like Boston. It is too far beneath us. A department is a far better judge of what it needs than is the Common Council, and the head of the department which asks for this appropriation has a far better knowledge of the city's needs as far as his department is concerned, than has any member of this body. I simply desire to remind the members of the Council who are likely to vote against the passage of this order that more than a thousand men are idle, wait-

ing for the action of this Council tonight. One fact is certain, that this will become a law within fifteen days. The Board of Aldermen has seen fit not to concur with us. I think it would be charitable in this Council tonight to let the sewer employees see that we are with the laboring man. Don't let us be stubborn; let us crush our personal pride. I don't want to see the Board of Aldermen dictate to this Council, but I do believe we should be charitable and not be stubborn and vote against concurrence, keeping these thousand men out of employment. To the gentlemen who have come here especially for the first time this year, I appeal to you as men who have a political future. I advise you tonight to vote for the concurrence in the passage of this order. If you do not, those men who are idle will remember it in the future and you will find that when the time for re-election comes around you will regret tonight's action. Don't cut your nose off to spite your face. Remember, gentlemen, that this party you are standing by tonight will not stand by you at election time. Vote honestly, vote with the laboring man; and, since we cannot gain anything by refusing concurrence tonight, let us take the other alternative, let us go ahead and concur in the passage of this order, making this a law tonight, and setting these men to work two or three days ahead of the time when they would otherwise be put to work, thereby gaining the respect of the men who are now out of work.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council, I hope we will adhere to our former action. I am more than ever convinced, after hearing the remarks of the two or three preceding gentlemen, that we were right in taking the action we took last week. The only argument advanced tonight seems to be in favor of supporting whatever the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment do. It seems that we are not to consider that we have any rights in the matter. I, for one, do not propose to do anything of the kind. I have an opinion of my own, and I propose to use it. The principal argument of the gentleman preceding me—I don't know whether or not he intended to convey that impression—is that we should pass this order, so that the work may be done, thereby giving employment to the men in the sewer division, whether the city needs the work or not. I want to say that I am as anxious that the laboring men shall have work as is the gentleman who last spoke, or any other man in this body, but I also want to see the city of Boston get full value for every dollar it spends. The gentleman speaks of the instalment plan. Well, an instalment plan based on a sum of \$500,000 is a pretty comprehensive instalment plan; and I will state that the \$500,000 provided for under Mr. Walker's amendment is entirely sufficient to employ these men whom we are all anxious to have employed—I as much as any other member of this body. I sincerely hope we will adhere to our former action and that we will have more light cast upon this matter—and that we will know where the proposed sewers are to go. I think that is one of the most important parts of the subject. That is all I have to say.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the members of this body will not adhere to their former action. It seems to me that the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Apportionment have passed a loan of one million dollars for the sewer department of the City of Boston. It would seem, further, to me, that the democratic members of this body should use a little judgment and vote also for the passage of this order, after having it lie on the calendar for one week. The gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens), the preceding speaker, comes from Wd. 11 and takes a different stand on this matter of

labor from some other members of this body. Probably if he lived in some other ward, some other district, where he would have a number of laborers following him all the time, poor, hardworking fellows, seeking a day's employment, he would vote for the passage of an order of this kind.

But, as the gentleman comes from Wd. 11 and is not brought in contact with that respectable class of people—even if they do happen to be poor—he gets away from them. I say it is the duty of a democrat—the duty of each and every individual member of this body, who is a democrat—to vote for a measure of this kind, which is democratic.

Mr. LINGHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman who stands in the same division that I do, I would like to state that I come from a ward which has, I believe, as many laboring men as any ward in Boston, and I also belong to a labor organization; and I would like to state that I am not in favor of having laboring men used as tools to club their representatives into voting for this thing or that thing, or to compel us to vote away the money which belongs to the taxpayers. Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in reference to a speech made by the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in regard to sewers and sewer construction. He stated, Mr. President, that, supposing there was a sewer needed in School St. and it took \$10,000 to build the sewer, and supposing there was a piece of property on the street which was taxed, in connection with that sewer, for \$100, its proportionate part of the sewer assessment, we would not make that man pay the \$100 all at once, but would give him thirty years, an opportunity to pay it in thirty different payments. He wants the people of South Boston to pay as much for sewers built in Dorchester as do the people who live in Dorchester. Therefore, I would like to say, as coming from Wd. 13, a place which gets no recognition in improvements, to speak of, that I am opposed to spending millions of the people's money, the taxpayers' money—not the money of the heads of departments or of any individual—without our knowing where it is going.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the Council will adhere to its former action, notwithstanding the fact that we have heard a good deal from the democratic members of this Council in regard to the workingman, and also as to why this one million loan order should pass. I am prepared to say at this hour that the same honest motive which caused me to vote against the passage of that order at the last meeting of the Council prompts me to vote against it now. My views are unchanged. I am placed in a position somewhat similar to that of a tramp who had unwittingly strayed into a meetinghouse, and when the contribution box was passed, shook his head and said, "There is no change in me." (Laughter.) Mr. President and gentlemen, I have for a week carefully observed the finances of the city of Boston in regard to this particular loan. After a mature and deliberate consideration, after consulting men who are far more versed in finance than I am, I am of the opinion that \$500,000, as was passed unanimously by this body at the last meeting of the Council, will be sufficient, notwithstanding the fact that a loan of one million dollars has been indorsed by His Honor the Mayor and approved by a double-headed democratic board. I believe that a municipal corporation is entitled to every dollar it expends, the same as if it were an individual, and it is entitled to the best values that it can obtain for the money appropriated for the salaries of its servants. If those two propositions are fulfilled, municipal administration is reduced to a minimum, and the management of a great city like Boston bears a direct analogy to successful business methods. I

believe that the best thought for Boston's welfare emanates from her own citizens, and that so far as is possible with the autonomy of the State, the cities within its boundaries should be accorded home rule and given the greatest latitude in the management of their own affairs. One of the reasons why the city of Boston is in such a dilapidated condition, from a financial standpoint, at the present time, is because her affairs have been managed at the State House; and for that reason I desire to say at this time that I believe the citizens of Boston are more capable of handling their affairs than is the Great and General Court. I admit the fact that certain general statutes affecting the entire State are as essential to a healthy body politic as are the veins which conduct the blood to the different portions of the human body.

But questions that do not affect the entire State and only affect those localities with congested populations can be solved most wisely by the people in those localities, when they are made to feel that the responsibility rests upon them, and that appeals to legislative aid and the prejudice and possible passions of men unfamiliar with their problems, may accomplish other than for the general good. Men will not knowingly acquiesce in a condition of affairs contrary to their personal interests, when conscious that action on their part would bring about a different result. His Honor the Mayor may have found the cost occasioned by the new railroad station too much, and therefore he has called upon the city employees to help relieve our finances. Can you blame His Honor the Mayor? The fault is not in Mayor Quincy, much less in the Board of Apportionment. The fault is in the Governor and the General Court. They have undertaken to manage Boston's city finances, and they have made the most scandalous failure. They themselves do not know how far they have run our finances into the mire. Nor is reform possible until the Governor and the General Court abstain from interfering in Boston's finances. The worse city government could not work greater injury than the Governor and the General Court have done in our city's finances—for a very bad city government would recognize that the people of Boston had some rights, and the Governor and the General Court are prone to the belief that the citizens of Boston have no right which they are bound to respect, not granting to the city of Boston as much right to life, liberty and justice, as a criminal. They think their power over the city and its finances absolute, and they have exercised that power without limit, but not without ominous consequences. Just what these consequences are in dollars and cents, you can find out by asking the City Auditor, who can tell you in part what the city owes, and the State Auditor, who may be able to tell approximately what liabilities the Governor and the General Court have incurred for Boston.

The table of expenses just made by the Board of Apportionment I cannot support in its entirety, but I am willing to vote \$500,000, which I consider an adequate sum—a sum that will enable the men who are out of work to be put back, that they may pay these taxes. I think the paving of the business streets more important than parks, because the paving of those streets helps to earn taxes and to pay for parks. I am against unproductive expenses, and if they are to come at all, let them come at a great reduction. Reform is impossible, so long as the Governor and the General Court run the city into debt—or until the city is given the right to manage its own affairs at its own risk. Just now nobody knows what the city owes, or what it will be called upon to spend in 1899. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment tells one story, but the story will not be told until after the adjournment of the

General Court. Mr. President, I hope that the Council will stand by its former action.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope the Council will not adhere to its former action. Being one of the members who voted at the last meeting in favor of cutting the appropriation down to \$500,000, I wish to say, gentlemen, that I was misled at the last meeting. My position is this: When the laborers of this city are out of work, I believe, sir, we should vote then willingly \$1,000,000 to put them to work. Mr. President, it is not a question of finances. It is a question at this time, with snow on the ground, of whether the laborers will be given an opportunity to earn bread for their children or not, who need it. What do we care, Mr. President, whether Mr. Wells or anybody else tells us that this should be done or that should be done. We do not care what they say. We have our own common sense, and this is the place to express it, and we can express it by our votes tonight. Mr. President, one week ago I believed that \$500,000 was enough money to put these men back to work, and, as our representative on the Board of Apportionment told us that \$330,000 was plenty of money, I wish to say now that I do not think it plenty of money. I am one of those members who are willing to be convinced if I am wrong—and I believe I was wrong one week ago tonight. I believe that we should not adhere to our former action, but that we should vote the \$1,000,000, and put these men back to work.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, in voting away a large sum of money like this, I believe that it is always policy to make an analysis of the purposes for which it is to be voted away. I have the utmost confidence in our representative on the Board of Apportionment, and I take the liberty of calling the attention of the Council to the report of our last meeting, on page 110, in which an analysis is made relative to the \$500,000. I will quote from his words: "This is the work upon which the city employees who have been suspended have been working. The city proper, \$45,438; Roxbury, \$23,428"—and then he continues to give the various sections of the city— "making a total of \$313,639, which is necessary to carry on the work at present under process of construction, and to restore the working force of the sewer department." As I say, I have the utmost confidence in the Chair, and I believe that this question of throwing men out of employment does not enter into it. I trust that the Council will adhere to its former action.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, the question of throwing men out of employment does enter into this question, and it enters into it entirely with me. It is the principal reason why I vote for the million dollar loan. I voted for it at the last meeting, and I will vote for it again, on the same ground. Coming from Wd. 13, which is largely a laborer's ward, I have to state that it is not the expression of opinion entirely over there that we should look altogether after the taxpayers' interests to the utter disregard of the working people. I feel that the men who have been employed in the sewer division have some rights, and I should like to see this million dollar loan endorsed by the Council tonight. I agree with the gentlemen on the opposition, in that I would like to have an itemized report. I would like first rate to have it myself. I believe in guarding the city treasury of Boston, but at the same time this body voted \$500,000 at the last meeting, and promised that when that was spent and an application was made for more, they were willing to vote for it. That was promising one million dollars—and why not vote for it tonight and let these men go back to work? There is no question about it. The poor men who are thrown out of work are the only ones

who will feel this materially. I have met a great many of them, and I have told them that I would like to see them all back to work. My action in voting for this will be for the sake of the working men, who are on the streets. No matter who is to blame for their being on the streets, I want to see them back at work, and that is my reason for voting for this tonight.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I quite agree with the gentleman who just preceded me in that I would be more than happy to see all laboring men employed, and see them get just as good wages as they want. He says he voted for this one million dollars in the interests of the laboring man. I do not for one minute believe that if we pass that one million dollar loan tonight it would put one man at work a single minute before the order for \$500,000 would. I believe he entirely misunderstood it, as I look at the matter. Moreover, he says that we promised that after the \$500,000 was spent, they could come to us and we would give them \$500,000 more. I did not understand it so at all. We said that we would pass that \$500,000 and that we would like to see where the other \$500,000 was to go. I think he will acknowledge that in that matter he was misinformed. I would also like to reply to the gentleman, the democratic representative in the third division (Mr. Rice), who has disappeared for a moment, when he shook his forefinger in glorious awe and warned us to look to our political futures if we did not vote for one million dollars. I want to answer him—I don't know where he is, but perhaps he is in the lobby—and any other gentlemen, that I am not so wedded to my political future that I am willing to sink my honest opinions just in the interest of getting votes. On the other hand, he refers to instalments. I think that if the past city government had paid a little more attention during the two or three previous years to the particular plan which he refers to, the laboring man would not be out of work today.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I wish to say just a few words. I won't detain the Council long. I wish to remind the gentleman in the first division who offered the amendment a week ago tonight and who renewed his motion again tonight, that out of the \$313,000, which our friend has referred to in the records of the last meeting as being the total amount of work contracted for by the city of Boston, as per the Council minutes, page 109, right hand column—I wish to remind that gentleman that out of the \$313,000 spoken of, to his great district of Brighton, there is only \$16,000 of sewer work apportioned, whereas the Board of Street Commissioners have recommended \$299,351 to put the sewers in his district alone in proper repair. I want to ask my colleagues from Wd. 1 if they can go back to the people of East Boston and justify themselves for voting thainst this? In that amount, East Boston has only \$10,500 to put in repair the sewers in that district, where as the Board of Street Commissioners have recommended and have ordered to be done \$276,000 worth of sewer work in East Boston alone. I want to ask my republican colleagues in East Boston if there is any way by which they can go back to their constituents and justify themselves for voting against this?

And while I am on my feet, I want to reiterate the statement I made a moment ago. I want any member who desires to do so to refer to Council minutes, page 109, where the President says: "It then would be necessary for the City Council to appropriate upwards of \$313,000 to carry on work already contracted for by the city of Boston." I do not care to put it too strong—I do not care to be known further in the light of a disturber—but I do want to say

right here that the Superintendent of Streets has sent a communication to the Board of Aldermen—and I have no doubt our representative on the Board of Apportionment has familiarized himself with that letter before this, and if he were prepared to deny it, he would do so. In that communication, he states that \$617,000 is required to complete the work at present in process of construction. If that does not raise a distinct question of veracity, if it is not a question of misrepresentation, whether it be malicious or otherwise—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to confine himself to the bounds of parliamentary decency and propriety, and to make no disrespectful reflections upon the Chair or any other member of the body.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, during my time in this Council, it never has been necessary for any presiding officer to call me to order and warn me to be decent. I am decent, Mr. President; and I am referring to facts and figures which cannot be contradicted by any man in this Council, nor by our representative on the Board of Apportionment, when I say that \$617,000—\$300,000 more than you said at the last meeting—is necessary to complete the work at the present time under process of construction. If those figures can be denied, I am willing to go back on the public letter of the Superintendent of Streets. I want to say that sewer work in this city of Boston is one of the most important branches of the public service. I want to say, also, that in this same letter, which is the only record I have to depend upon—for although I am called an administration man, I never in all my experience have spoken one word to the Superintendent of Streets or to the Mayor of Boston, and have never met either one of them—it states that \$2,677,000 worth of sewers have already been ordered by the Street Commissioners of this city.

At the last meeting of this Council it was my honest opinion that the majority of the members who voted for the \$500,000 looked at it in this light—that on the statement of our representative on the Board of Apportionment \$300,000 was all that was necessary, and they all said to themselves, "Why, the Superintendent of Streets has an elegant gall to come in here and ask for the loan of a million of dollars when he can only account for an estimated expenditure of \$300,000." I ask each member of the Council to disabuse himself of that delusion; \$600,000 is needed to complete the work already in process of construction—notwithstanding the statement of our President to the contrary, made at the last meeting of the Council.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 2, I desire to state that I come from a laboring ward, although it is a Republican ward. I am not ashamed to come here and vote to suit myself. I am not afraid of losing votes by doing so. I voted for the \$500,000 for the benefit of the laboring man, in order that he might get back to work. If the Board of Aldermen had wanted the men to get to work why didn't they concur with us? If they had done that they would have got to work before this. I was promised twice last year, and I think I was also promised the year before, that sewerage in my district would be attended to if I voted for \$500,000 at two different times. I did not take anybody's word for it this year. I concluded that I might as well vote against it as to be promised. The promises don't go. There is a sewer in my ward that should be attended to, and which I have been trying for a long time to have attended to. There is a great deal of sickness around where it is. I will admit that perhaps if I had voted for this \$1,000,000 there might have been some chance that it would have been attended to; but I am

willing to stand by my action of a week ago tonight.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, inasmuch as the greatest latitude has been allowed in the debate on this question, I move you, sir, the previous question, and ask for a roll call on the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 25.

The main question was ordered, and the question came on non-concurring and adhering to former action. Mr. Chamberlain asked for the yeas and nays which were ordered, and the Council voted to non-concur and adhere to former action—Yeas 36, nays 34:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Boraman, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—36.

Nays—Badaracco, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Sullivan, Swaney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—34.

Absent or not voting—Brauer, Curley, Leonard, McDonald, Nangle—5.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR FANEUIL HALL

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, assignment, viz:—

4. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three thousand (\$23,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, heating, plumbing, painting and plastering work of Faneuil Hall, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 moved to amend by striking out the words "\$23,000" and inserting the words "\$15,000" in place thereof.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, so that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to that, I would like to explain why I have offered that amendment. I will repeat what I said at the last meeting, that we were given to understand that \$80,000 would put Faneuil Hall in proper condition—and by putting it in proper condition I mean that it would fix it up for a term of years. I saw yesterday the consulting architect, in the engineering department, in regard to this. He said that when that estimate of \$80,000 was made it was supposed that they would not have to go below the floor of Faneuil Hall. Now, as a matter of fact, before the city engineer would allow the steel structure and the tile floor to be put in, 25 pillars were put in for two floors, or what would be equal to 50 pillars for one floor. Besides that, they had to go below and increase the foundation. That took about \$18,000. If it had not been for that, the \$80,000 would have come very nearly completing that building. Now, in this additional sum which is requested, there is an amount of \$7000 which is intended to replace what was deducted temporarily from the contract. It also contains an estimate of \$5000 for heating, \$3000 for plumbing, and \$3000 is asked for by the electrical construction division for electric fixtures, etc. Now, as I understand it—and I think I am correct, for I have obtained the opinion of as good authority as there is in the city—the first three sums, namely, the \$7000 to replace the amounts deducted, the \$5000 for heating, and the \$3000 for plumbing, have been opened to public

competition for bids. As to the \$8000 asked for by the electrical construction division, if I am correct in my supposition, there has only been one organization, and that is the electrical construction department of the city, that has made any estimates upon that work; and it is for that reason I have offered the amendment to substitute the words "\$15,000" for "\$23,000." I ask that that item be open to public competition, just as the rest have been in the past. If that is done, and if I am convinced that the expenditure is necessary, I will undoubtedly favor it. I hope this amendment will be adopted.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope that the gentleman's amendment will not prevail. He has given us quite an itemized account of what it is proposed to expend the \$23,000 for. He wants to complete a whole building, and to do all the heating, plastering and plumbing, for \$15,000. Previous to the calling to order of this meeting, this gentleman told me he would vote for this order, providing that the contract would be open to bids. In one part of his speech he admits that the contract will be open to bids, and in the latter part he says that it will not be. I want to tell the gentleman from Wd. 11 that, as I understand it, there is \$10,000 worth of plumbing work to be done on Faneuil Hall. Now, the members of this body should consider this matter. I know that several of them have been there and looked the building over, and I will leave it to them as to whether this is enough money or not. I trust that this amendment will not prevail.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, at a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Prof. Chandler put in an estimate of \$5,000 for steam heating, \$7,000 for painting and plastering, and \$3,000 for plumbing—in place of \$10,000, as was just been stated. The electrical construction division put in an estimate of \$8,000 for electric wiring. Now, Mr. President, I have been to see some of the practical builders and some experts on electric wiring, and I have found out that in Faneuil Hall the city does not intend to install an electric light plant at all. They simply intend to wire the building, and then to purchase the current from the electric companies. Now, any man who knows anything about electrical construction knows that it will not cost \$8,000 to wire Faneuil Hall, or any hall of its size. In fact, electrical experts have told me that \$5,000 would be a very large sum to appropriate for any such purpose. Now, in regard to the steam heating, Prof. Chandler announces that we require \$5,000 for that purpose. In 1898, on February 14th, Prof. Chandler addressed a letter to Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, in which he said that \$3,554 would not only put in a steam plant, but that it would also put on fire escapes upon the building—and in the next sentence in his communication he says that after careful estimates have been made, even this sum may be lowered. Now, in February, 1899, he comes in and wants \$5,000 for a steam plant alone, without any fire escapes.

Mr. President, they do not intend to put in any steam boilers in Faneuil Hall whatever. They simply intend to pipe the hall and bring the steam heat across the street, from a separate place. Faneuil Hall is all let, and there is no place to put in a steam boiler. \$5000 for simply piping Faneuil Hall is out of all reason. In fact, \$2,000 will do the work, and there will be a little left, besides. In regard to painting and plastering, the contractor who has the building now under construction put an item in his bid of \$1000 for inside painting, and I have forgotten what it was for the plastering; but there will not be more than 4000 square yards of plastering in Faneuil Hall, and the market price anywhere for putting on plastering on metal laths is about 50 cents a square yard. At 50 cents a square yard, 4000 yards would amount to

about \$2000. \$1000 more for painting would make \$3000 for painting and plastering in Faneuil Hall. In fact, the only estimate that I can find that is anywhere near right is the estimate for plumbing of \$3000. I sincerely trust that the amendment as offered by Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11 will prevail.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, if I did not misunderstand the representative from Wd. 14, he said that it would require \$10,000 for plumbing work in Faneuil Hall. Now, I have here before me on this paper the figures given me by Prof. Chandler. I understand that work is under his control, and I think he knows what he refers to. Also, he said that I said I would vote for this appropriation if it were open to public competition; and I am given to understand on what I consider the best authority there is that \$8000 has never been open to public competition, and has only been considered by the electrical construction division. I want to see that work opened to public bids and advertised, like the rest of the city business.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—I voted, Mr. President, originally for the appropriation of \$80,000 for Faneuil Hall last year. At the last meeting I voted against assignment, and I gave as my reason at that time the fact that assignment had already prevailed once, and the order at that time appeared on the calendar under the head of "Assignments." Tonight, in view of the new facts that have been brought in by the gentlemen in the second and fourth divisions, I will respectfully ask that the matter be further assigned for one week; \$15,000 is asked for, in place of \$25,000. Personally, I am inclined to take the figures of the Board of Apportionment, and I do not believe they would have asked us to pass this order as it is now if they had not had good reason for so doing; but, in view of the charges which have been brought by the gentlemen in those two divisions, and in view of the new facts which they have adduced, I would respectfully ask that the matter be deferred for one week, in order to allow us to look into the matter and to enable us to reply to their arguments at the next meeting of the Council.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. I would like information as to when the order was passed by the Board of Apportionment, and I ask that information in order to see when the 30 days expire, at the end of which, under the provisions of the law, the order will go into effect without action by the city government.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the order was considered and passed by the Board of Apportionment on January 24, and has been on the calendar of the Council for two weeks now.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, may I rise to a question of information? As I understand it, that order will not become a law without our vote until February 23d?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it will not become a law until the 30 days have expired from January 24.

Mr. STEVENS—Then, under those conditions, Mr. President, I should be very happy to grant the gentleman from wd. 2 the privilege of an assignment, in order to give him and the other gentlemen the information they wish. I like to get information, and I like to see other gentlemen have the same spirit; and I like to accord the privilege to them.

The President put the question on assignment, and, being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote, which was taken, and further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

#### RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The PRESIDENT submitted the following:—

The joint special committee on the joint rules of the City Council, having consid-

ered the matter, beg leave to report, in part, at this time, and submit herewith the accompanying draft for adoption by the City Council as the rules for the ensuing year, the only changes being an increase in the membership of the committees from four to seven to five and eight, and the striking out of rules made unnecessary by the creation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

For the Committee,

Edward L. Logan.

Alderman Colby dissents from the foregoing report.

#### JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

##### Joint Standing Committees.

Rule I. There shall be appointed at the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees, the members of which shall be appointed by the respective branches in such manner as they may determine. Said committees shall respectively examine as often as they deem necessary the accounts of public moneys received and expended by the several departments. Each of said committees to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen; namely:—

- 1—A committee on the Art Department.
  - 2—A committee on the Assessing Department.
  - 3—A committee on the Auditing Department.
  - 4—A committee on the Bath Department.
  - 5—A committee on the Building Department.
  - 6—A committee on the Cemetery Department.
  - 7—A committee on the City Clerk Department.
  - 8—A committee on the City Messenger Department.
  - 9—A committee on the Clerk of Committees Department.
  - 10—A committee on the Collecting Department.
  - 11—A committee on the Election Department.
  - 12—A committee on the Engineering Department.
  - 13—A committee on the Fire Department.
  - 14—A committee on the Health Department.
  - 15—A committee on the Hospital Department.
  - 16—A committee on the Institutions Departments.
  - 17—A committee on the Lamp Department.
  - 18—A committee on the Law Department.
  - 19—A committee on the Library Department.
  - 20—A committee on the Market Department.
  - 21—A committee on the Music Department.
  - 22—A committee on the Overseeing of the Poor Department.
  - 23—A committee on the Park Department.
  - 24—A committee on the Public Buildings Department.
  - 25—A committee on the Public Grounds Department.
  - 26—A committee on the Registry Department.
  - 27—A committee on the Statistics Department.
  - 28—A committee on the Street Department.
  - 29—A committee on the Street Laying-out Department.
  - 30—A committee on the Treasury Department.
  - 31—A committee on the Vessels and Ballast Department.
  - 32—A committee on the Water Department.
  - 33—A committee on the Weights and Measures Department.
  - 34—A committee on the Wire Department.
- There shall also be appointed annually,

in like manner, the following joint standing committees to perform the duties assigned them:—

1. A committee on Claims, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all claims against the city arising from the act or neglect of any of its departments. They shall report monthly the number and nature of the claims awarded or approved by them, and the amount of money awarded or paid in settlement thereof.

2. A committee on the Contingent Expenses of the City Council, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters involving expenditures from any appropriations for such purposes. They shall examine all bills and vouchers for expenditures chargeable to such appropriation, and, if the same are correctly certified to, shall authenticate them, if correct, by the signature of their chairman, and send the same to the city auditor on or before the twenty-fifth day of each month, to be paid as the bills of the several departments are paid.

3. A committee on Legislative Matters, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, who shall, unless otherwise ordered, appear before committees of the general court and represent the interests of the city; provided, said committee shall not, unless directed to do so by the city council, oppose any legislation petitioned for by the preceding city council. It shall report in print to the city council all bills, resolves, and petitions presented to the legislature affecting the city of Boston or any department thereof. Such printed report shall be made at the next meeting of either branch after such application is made, or earlier, at the discretion of said committee.

4. A committee on Ordinances, to consist of the members of the committee on law department, to whom shall be referred all ordinances introduced in either branch or transmitted to them by vote of any standing committee. Unless specially instructed, they shall pass upon the question of the form and legality of the ordinance so referred, they may append an order that such ordinance "ought not to pass," and give their reasons therefor, or report such ordinance in a new draft. Such report shall be made in not over two weeks from the meeting at which the reference was ordered, or the ordinance received from a committee.

5. A committee on Police, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the police department.

6. A committee on Printing, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, who shall have the charge of all printing, advertising, or publishing ordered by or for the city council, or either branch, as one of its contingent or incidental expenses, and the supply of all stationery or binding for the same purpose. The committee shall fix the number of copies to be printed of any document printed as above, the minimum, however, to be six hundred; and they shall have the right to make rules and regulations for the care, custody, and distribution of all documents, books, pamphlets, and maps by the city messenger.

7. A committee on Public Lands, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to public lands.

8. A committee on Schools and School Houses, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the public schools, and requests of the School Committee for additional school accommodations.

#### Joint Special Committees.

Rule 2. Every joint special committee ordered by the City Council shall, unless

otherwise provided in the order, be appointed in the manner provided in rule 1.

#### Joint Committees.

Rule 3. The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on every joint committee shall be its chairman; and, in case of his resignation or inability, the other members of the same Board, in the order designated by the Chairman of the Board, and after them the members of the Common Council in the order named, shall act as Chairman. The Chairman shall call meetings of the Committee at his discretion, or at the written request of a majority of the members.

Rule 4. Every joint committee shall cause records of their proceedings to be kept in books provided for that purpose; and at every meeting of a committee the records of the previous meeting shall be read, unless otherwise ordered by the committee. In all such meetings of committees all votes shall, at the request of any member, be taken by yeas and nays, and recorded.

Rule 5. No meeting of any committee shall, without the consent of all the members thereof, be called upon less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the clerk shall have mailed the notices or despatched them by special messenger.

Rule 6. Any joint committee may expend from the appropriation for contingent expenses an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars in one year, for purposes connected with the duties of said committee for which no provision has been otherwise made.

#### Conference Committees.

Rule 7. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the city council, if either branch shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, the other branch shall also appoint such a committee, and such committees shall consist of not less than five members each. Both committees shall, at an hour to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons for the action of their respective branches in relation to the matter in controversy, shall confer freely thereon, and shall report to their respective branches.

#### Reference to Committees.

Rule 8. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the city council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. Either branch of the city council may commit or recommit to a joint committee, but a reference with instructions shall require concurrent action.

#### Reports of Joint Committees.

Rule 9. No report of a joint committee shall be received by either branch of the city council unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. The report of a committee upon any subject referred to it shall, unless otherwise ordered by the city council or by the committee, be presented to the branch in which the order of reference originated. It shall be the duty of every joint committee to which any subject may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or to ask further time.

Rule 10. All reports submitted to the City Council shall be written or printed, and no indorsement of any kind shall be made on the reports, memorials, or other papers, excepting those made by the officers of either branch, or the name of the member offering the same. Every report of a committee shall be signed by a member belonging to the body to which it shall be presented, unless otherwise directed by the committee. Every member presenting an order, ordinance or resolu-

tion shall have his name indorsed thereon. Such member shall be informed, by the clerk of the committee to which the matter is referred, of the time fixed for its consideration, if he give notice of his desire to be heard thereon.

Rule 11. Any report containing any recommendation, other than "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to take further action," or reference to another board or committee, shall be accompanied by an ordinance, order or resolve, embodying such recommendation; and such report shall be acted upon separately.

Rule 12. Any member of a joint committee may submit a minority report at the same time as the majority report, and, if the latter be in print, he shall be allowed to submit his report also in print. Either branch may order to be printed the report of any committee submitted to it, or any document relating to a subject under consideration, the expense thereof to be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

#### Notice to Other Branch.

Rule 13. All papers requiring concurrent action shall be transmitted from one branch of the City Council to the other before the next regular meeting of the latter branch, with the action of the branch sending them indorsed thereon, and signed by the regular presiding officer of such branch, or, in his absence, by the clerk, or assistant clerk, of such body. In case of votes or action by either branch, not based on written orders or papers, notice of the same shall be transmitted to the other branch, signed as hereinbefore directed. In case any ordinance, order, or resolution, originating in one branch, shall fail to pass in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

#### Orders and Resolutions.

Rule 14. In all votes requiring concurrent action the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command; and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions, principles, facts, or purposes.

#### Appropriations and Expenditures.

Rule 15. Whenever the city council shall order an expenditure by any committee, board, or officer, either in addition to the estimates on which the appropriation is made, or for an object not included in such estimates, it shall provide for the payment of the same.

Rule 16. No expenditure shall be made from the reserve fund except by a transfer to some other appropriation, or to a new appropriation to be established, and no expenditure shall be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses except transfers and the expenditures therefrom provided for in the ordinances.

#### Bills and Accounts.

Rule 17. No presiding officer of a board or chairman of a committee, unless duly authorized by such board or committee, shall approve any bill or account against the city.

#### Amendment or Repeal.

Rule 18. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the city council present and voting thereon.

#### MINORITY REPORT.

In Common Council, February 9, 1899.

The undersigned respectfully dissent from the majority report of the committee on joint rules and orders in so far as said report provides that each of the joint committees shall consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, and present herewith a minority report providing that said committees shall consist of three aldermen and five councilmen.

The reasons for such action are briefly these:—

Joint committees in general have consisted of eight members or less for at least thirty-five years preceding the last municipal year, and years of experience never developed the fact that committees were not large enough to properly do the work entrusted to them. In 1898, owing to an equal division of the board of aldermen between the democrats and republicans, it was decided that the parties were entitled to an equal representation on committees so far as the board was concerned. With this in mind the joint committees of 1898 were made up of four aldermen and seven councilmen, thus increasing the number of members on committees from eight to eleven.

One year's experience demonstrated conclusively that the committees were too large and that it was almost impossible to secure a quorum. With the present year and a removal of the causes which led to the increase in the size of committees in the past year, the logical inference would seem to be that we should return to the well established joint committees of eight members.

But not willing to return to that and not satisfied with the increase of last year to eleven members the majority of the committee have reported in favor of a further increase in the membership of joint committees of thirteen, and this in spite of the fact that the importance, duties and powers of the committees of the city council have decreased in even greater proportion than have the powers of the council itself.

There are, however, at least two committees, building department and claims, which hold stated meetings and have important duties to perform, and in whose proper and efficient working the taxpayers of the city have a direct interest, and it is the almost unanimous opinion of those who have had experience with those committees that the proposed increase in them will make them inefficient and probably inoperative for want of a quorum.

Absolutely the only reason advanced in or out of the committee for the proposed increase is that it simplifies the matter of committee appointments for the presiding officers, and at best this can hardly be considered of sufficient importance to warrant the proposed change.

In view of these facts the undersigned respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment to the rules as submitted by the majority of the committee.

John H. Colby,

Frank J. O'Toole,

David F. Barry.

Ordered, That the draft of the rules and orders of the City Council, as reported by the majority of the committee on said subject, be amended in Rule 1 by striking out the words "five" and "eight," wherever they occur in said rule, and inserting in place thereof the words "three" and "five" respectively.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Clerk will dispense with the reading of the report in full.

The question came on the acceptance of the majority report.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I most respectfully move that the matter be assigned for a week.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the matter will not be assigned for a week. I think the arguments in favor of or against the acceptance of this report might just as well be heard tonight as a week from tonight. The majority of the Committee, who submit this report, are willing to state their reasons for it. We have increased the number of committees by adding three. We have put in a committee on art department, a committee on music department, and a committee on statistics department, and the committee on joint rules has eliminated those committees whose existence is made

unnecessary by the passage, by the Massachusetts Legislature last year of the act creating the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In regulating the size of the committees which we thought it would be advisable for this council to have for the ensuing year, the members of the committee took into consideration the size of the committees which the state legislature of Massachusetts had deemed it wise to appoint from their bodies. The proportion of membership between the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen is almost exactly the same as the proportion of membership between the House of Representatives of Massachusetts and the State Senate of Massachusetts. So we thought it might be advisable and that perhaps more work could be done if we increased the size of the committees on the part of the Council to eight, and on the part of the Board of Aldermen to five. In that way we would have committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen of the same size as committees on the part of the Massachusetts Senate, and committees of the Common Council of the same size as committees on the part of the House. I hope the matter will not be assigned for a week, but that the Council will take it up at once.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Lydon) will prevail. This report is something that we are not very well posted on. Coming in here tonight, I don't think it is fair to ask any man who is not on the committee to vote for it on the impulse of the moment, as there is not only a majority but a minority report. I think each member of the body is justified in asking for an assignment of the matter under the circumstances. I hope and trust that it will be assigned for a week.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assigning for one week.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned. As a member of that committee I will simply say that we talked this matter over, and the alderman who has dissented told us at the time that he would dissent from the committee's report. I see no reason why we cannot settle this business tonight. It is simply a matter of having three more members on a committee. The gentleman in the second division (Mr. Logan) tells us plainly that it will facilitate matters to have more members on the committee, and I believe it will. We should have a larger membership on committees. What power has the Common Council or the Board of Aldermen got at the present time except through committees? I believe if we have any power in our hands we should keep it. I hope the matter will not be assigned for a week, but will be acted on tonight.

Mr. STOCKTON of Wd. 11—Mr. President, as a member of the committee I hope this matter will not be assigned. The only question on which the majority and minority reports are at variance is the question of the number of aldermen and councilmen respectively which shall constitute committees. That, sir, is a question which can be perfectly well understood by every member of this council tonight and on which it seems entirely unnecessary to waste further time. I hope the matter will be acted on tonight.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the matter will be assigned to the next meeting, with all due deference to the Committee. The only fault I have to find with the committee is that they have been poring over this subject and have had a number of meetings to consider it and are perfectly familiar with it, whereas this is the first time I have seen it. There are nine or ten printed pages here, and I would like an opportunity to read them. I would respectfully ask the members of the committee who have pre-

sented this report tonight to allow it to go over, so that members will have an opportunity to read it before next Thursday night.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, in moving assignment, I wish to say that I don't believe I will be antagonistic to this a week from tonight. I believe the joint rules are something very important, something that should be looked into, but I have no question that in a week's time I will be able to vote on the matter intelligently. I don't think, however, it is right to come in with a matter of this importance and ask us to vote upon it at once. I believe it should be laid over a week to give members a chance to look into it, and it is possible that some members may wish to offer suggestions and make a few corrections. Perhaps the report is all right and ought to be accepted, but we certainly cannot say intelligently whether it should be accepted until we have an opportunity to look it over. I hope assignment will prevail.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I trust that assignment will not prevail. My reason is that the majority report is signed by all the members of the Council on the committee. Not one member of the Council dissents, but only members of the Board of Aldermen. I am thoroughly satisfied that when all the members of the Common Council on that committee come in here with a majority report which they have signed, that report is for the benefit of the Common Council, although it may not be for the benefit of the Board of Aldermen. It stands to reason that the Council members of the committee will look out for the Council end of it; and when you see three republicans and four democratic members of the Common Council—the entire representation of this body—a unit in this matter, you may make up your minds that something has been done which may not be for the benefit of the Board of Aldermen, but which is certainly for the benefit of the Common Council. I hope assignment will not prevail.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, in asking that the matter be assigned for a week. I did so for this reason: We will be glad to have the committees appointed as soon as possible, in order that they may get right down to work. But if the matter is assigned for a week, some members will not then be satisfied but will want it assigned for another week. There will therefore be a delay in the making up and announcement of committees. It is with the object in view of having the Committees made up and announced as soon as possible that I hope the matter will not be assigned for a week, and I still persist in my desire that this shall be acted upon tonight.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 moved the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the previous question will cut off the motion to assign.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the previous question will not be put. It seems to me that assignment for a week will not hurt anybody to any extent. I don't see why the report should not be assigned. If it will not do any good, it certainly can do no harm. The matter is in the hands of the Council, and if it is assigned for a week members will have an opportunity to look it over and will perhaps see a chance for improvement. I believe we should have a chance to look over the report and see if any improvements can be suggested. I see no harm that can be done by an examination of the report, and I sincerely trust that the main question will not be put.

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the main question was ordered, 39 members in the affirmative, 13 in the negative. The report was accepted, and the rules

were adopted. Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

CROSSWALK, WD. 22.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to construct a crosswalk at the junction of Bromley and Heath Sts., Wd. 22. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, LAMARTINE ST.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a suitable number of electric lights on Lamartine St., between Boylston St. and Green St., Wd. 22. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TRACKS ON CAMBRIDGE ST., WD. 4.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated St. Railway Company be requested to remove the car tracks which are not now being used and apparently will not be needed again on Cambridge St., between Main St. and Brighton St., Wd. 4. Passed. Sent up.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the Common Council on or before May 4, 1899, a list of the employees of every department in the city under his control on the first day of January, 1896, or thereabouts, their names and salaries when such salary or wages amounted to more than \$1.50 per day; and a corresponding list of all employees of every department in the city under his control on the first day of January, 1899, or thereabouts, their names and salaries when such salary or wages amounted to more than \$1.50 per day; and an accompanying table showing the gross number in each department on said dates or thereabouts with a gross total of salary expenditures for each department, and a table showing in a general way the increase of salaries appertaining to any particular office, position or class of employees, for the information of the Common Council, benefit of the tax-payers of the city of Boston, and for the interest of the business community. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPAVING OF WEST CEDAR ST.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan order a sum sufficient to repave West Cedar St. Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

FARRAGUT DAY.

Mr. DONAHOE of d. 14 offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense of the same, not to exceed twelve hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses. Passed. Sent up.

GYMNASIUM, WD. 14 PLAYGROUND.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$25,000 as an appropriation for a gymnasium on the Wd. 14 playground. Referred to Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

PUBLIC MARKET, PARK SQUARE.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take the steps necessary to secure the Park Square Station property of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for use as a public retail market, when the same is vacated by said railroad company. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPEAL OF SEWER LAW.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered the following:

Whereas, The Legislature in 1897 passed an act entitled "An Act Relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston," which lays a heavy, unequal, and in many cases, unjust burden upon property owners in this city, and

Whereas, Said Act, if constitutional, is unfair, ill-judged and opposed to the true interests of the citizens of Boston, be it

Resolved: That the Common Council of the City of Boston, in regular session assembled, hereby places itself on record as opposed to that law, and as favoring the passage of the bills now before the Legislature providing for its repeal. Passed.

GYMNASIUM, WARD 7.

Mr. STONE of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order an appropriation of \$35,000 for an in-door gymnasium and bath-house in Wd. 7.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

GYMNASIUM, ORCHARD PARK.

Mr. FLYNN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for a gymnasium in Orchard Park in the first loan bill reported to the City Council.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

HAMPDEN ST. WIDENING.

Mr. FLYNN of Wd. 17, offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of widening Hampden St. to a width of seventy feet.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Fire Commissioner to grant to the members of the Fire Department who have lost or may lose their regular twenty-four hours leave of absence because of the storm of January 31 and February 1, 1898, an additional twenty-four hours leave of absence following their next day off, but in case it should be deemed not expedient to grant the additional twenty-four hours leave of absence as above provided, then the Fire Commissioner shall be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant to the members of said department who have lost or may lose their twenty-four hours leave of absence because of the said storm, an additional day's pay.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I desire to say but a word on the order, and it is this: About one year ago we had a very severe storm, by reason of which the members of the Fire Department, from the chief down to the humblest members of the department, lost two days each. Those were the days that they were allowed under the provision giving them one day off in eight. For sixteen days they received no day off. This same order was introduced last year and referred to

His Honor the Mayor. This Council received no notice of what was done, but I have found out that they did nothing. I merely ask His Honor the Mayor, the man whom the firemen elected Mayor of Boston—for without their assistance he would not have won—to be fair with the men, in all justice, giving them what belongs to them. He has already taken  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent from their wages—from the wages of men working 365 days every year. I now ask, through this resolution, His Honor the Mayor and the Fire Commissioner to at least give the men pay for the two days they lost. That belongs to them, and the keeping of it from them is robbery. The Fire Commissioner is the man who is perpetrating that robbery. I trust that he will take some action.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FLAGSTAFF, CO. D ARMORY.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be requested to provide a flagstaff and flag for the armory of Co. D, Ninth Regiment, corner of Lexington and Bunker Hill Sts., Charlestown.

Passed. Sent up.

#### WATERING TROUGH, CITY SQ.

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the watering trough for horses to be relocated in City Sq., Charlestown, when the reconstruction of said square is completed.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, VT. VERNON AVE., WD. 5.

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light on Mt. Vernon Ave., Wd. 5, Charlestown.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GYMNASIUM, Wd. 5.

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their estimates a sufficient sum to construct and carry on an all around the year gymnasium in Wd. 5.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### WD. 15 GYMNASIUM.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan order the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for completing and furnishing the gymnasium and bath house, now being erected in Wd. 15.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ASPHALT GUTTERS, DORCHESTER STREET.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct asphalt gutters on each side of Dorchester St. to the width of four feet, between Dorchester Ave. and Eighth St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. HARRIGAN of Wd. 3 moved to adjourn.  
Lost.

#### SPEEDWAY, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. MILDAM of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as will result in a strip of land bordering on the southerly side of Franklin Field being set aside and made available for a speedway.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I tried to catch your eye so as to get recognition, before that order was referred.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has referred the order to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, in regard to that order I wish to say merely a word. I will see His Honor the Mayor later. In regard to the order introduced by the gentleman from my ward, I spoke to him earlier in the evening. The order was brought to my notice about two weeks ago, and I told him at the time that, while I was not opposed to it, I did not feel justified in taking action on the matter without consulting with the people in my neighborhood, this being in my immediate district. Monday night of this week, at a meeting of an improvement association of which I am a member, I brought the matter to the notice of the Association. The opinion was there unanimously expressed that they were opposed to this location for a speedway, at this end of the field, and they instructed the Secretary to notify the Park Commissioners to that effect. I hope His Honor the Mayor will act accordingly when the matter is brought to his notice.

The PRESIDENT—The order is referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTENSION OF COVE ST.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered the following:—

Whereas, A notice has been filed with the Secretary of State that certain people would petition the Legislature for the repeal of the Cove St. bill,

Resolved, That this body declare itself against the repeal of said law and that it remonstrate against the same at such time and place as the Legislature may see fit.

Passed.

#### PAVING UTICA PL.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment insert in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to pave Utica Pl. in Wd. 7.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### GYMNASIUM, COMMONWEALTH PARK

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in the first loan bill an appropriation of \$10,000 for the furnishing and completion of the gymnasium at Commonwealth Park, South Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### WAITING ROOM, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of furnishing and maintaining a waiting room at the Boston side of the North Ferry for persons waiting for cars.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, for a number of years the members of this body coming from my ward have been endeavoring to get a waiting room for the passengers waiting for the cars at the North Ferry. The present condition of affairs is very hard for the people to endure. They have no room down there in which to wait, and they frequently have

to wait ten, fifteen or twenty minutes for cars. Tonight in coming over here I myself waited fifteen minutes, with perhaps 150 others. As the city provides a waiting room on the East Boston side, I think perhaps the Board of Apportionment might vote \$10,000 for this purpose on the city side.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### FENCE ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R. R. Co. be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a fence along their tracks between the Harbor View station and Byron St., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GATES AT RAILROAD CROSSING.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to take necessary steps to have gates placed at the railroad crossing at Curtis St., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LIGHT ON BREMEN ST.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas light in front of estate No. 370 Bremen St., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY.

The President announced that Mr. Klemm of Wd. 21 was appointed on the Committee on Playground, Wds. 18 and 19, vice Mr. Casey, resigned.

#### CATCH BASIN, MARSHFIELD ST.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to construct a catch basin on the north-easterly side of Marshfield St., near the corner of Batchelder St., Wd. 17.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, ROXBURY.

Mr. BRENNAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His

Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Magazine and Dunmore Sts., Wd. 17.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ASPHALT PAVING OF DUDLEY ST.

Mr. BRENNAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum sufficient to pave with asphalt the easterly side of Dudley St., from Dunmore St. to Woodward Ave., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to enable the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to establish and maintain an emergency hospital in Charlestown and an ambulance in connection therewith.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### GYMNASIUM, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. GIBBONS offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order an amount sufficient for the purchase of land for a playground and for the establishment of an open air gymnasium in Wd. 5.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION AT CENTRAL STATION.

Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Wd. 23 known as Central Station.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.  
Adjourned at 9:23 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. Hibbard of Wd. 24, to meet on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.



**CITY OF BOSTON.****Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.**

Friday, Feb. 10, 1899.

A special meeting was called at 12 o'clock,

noon, to draw jurors, and a quorum was present.

Six additional jurors were drawn for Superior Civil Court, fourth session, under the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

James P. Sullivan, Wd. 1; Talbot B. Aldrich, Wd. 11; John McKinlay, Wd. 22; Edwin G. Schuler, Wd. 3; James F. Curran, Wd. 13; Alvestus A. Howe, Wd. 8.

Adjourned at 12:10 o'clock P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Berwin.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Doyle, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last two meetings.

## NIGHT LUNCH WAGON—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, February 10, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the vote of your Board granting permission to W. F. Healey to stand a night-lunch wagon at the junction of Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St. I felt obliged nearly three years ago to adopt the policy of declining to sign any further permits for lunch wagons, on the ground that as many permits of this character had been issued as it was in the public interest to grant. I feel it necessary to adhere strictly to this policy, unless peculiar and extraordinary conditions seem to afford a reason for granting a permit in some particular place, as might possibly be the case in some outlying district; but I can see no reason for making an exception in this locality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered and on motion of Ald. Codman the message was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## COST OF WIDENING HANCOCK ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Hancock St., Dorchester, from Columbia Road to Freeport St., to a width of 80 feet.

Respectfully, Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Street Commissioners' Office,  
City Hall, Feb. 13, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor:—

Sir: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report upon the order of the Board of Aldermen of January 9, 1899, of which a copy is sent you herewith, that in their opinion the cost of the widening of Hancock St., Dorchester, from Columbia Road to Freeport St., to a width of eighty feet, would require an appropriation of sixty thousand dollars.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners. J. H. Jenkins, Secretary.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. PRESHO presented a petition from the Board of Police for the closing of certain streets to public travel.

Under a suspension of the rule, Ald. PRESHO offered the following, in connection therewith, viz:—

Ordered—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel, on February 16, 1899, between the hours of 9:30 and 11 o'clock A.M., the several streets entering Park Sq., also Boylston St., from Charles St. to Berkeley St., Arlington St., Beacon St., from Arlington St. to Park St., Park St., and Tremont St., from Park

St. to Eliot St., and such other streets as may be necessary; said closing being on account of the reception of the President of the United States.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Silas and Peter Coluci, four barber poles, at 4 Chelsea St., Wd. 5.

Flanders & Hoffman, one sign, at 19 Province St., and one at 14 Chapman Pl.

G. O. Goldsmith, a sign, at 37 Haverhill St., Wd. 6.

John A. Heyl, a sign, at 243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Fred D. Bacon, a sign, at 71 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Ryder & Brocks, an illuminated sign, at 12 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Anna M. Sallaway, for payment to George H. Sallaway of balance remaining from tax sale of estate, 374 Chelsea St.

Catherine A. Macdonald, for payment to Albert A. Teele, or to his attorney, Edgar S. Fisher, of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Granville St.

Harriet B. Preston, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mill St.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Farmers' National Congress, for the use of Faneuil Hall on October 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Licenses.

A. L. Griffin, Manager, for a permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for the week beginning Feb. 13, 1899.

Public Improvements.

H. Burr Crandall, for assessment of damages for lowering grade of McLeilan St., Dorchester.

Woodbury & Leighton, for leave to erect guy posts in North and South Markets Sts., Dock Sq. and Union St.

American Sugar Refining Co., to be allowed to operate and use with cars and engines the tracks on First and Granite Sts., East Boston, a location for which tracks was granted to the Standard Sugar Refinery Co. in 1882.

Railroads.

Timothy D. Sullivan et als., for the removal of the tracks of the North Shore Traction Co., now controlled by the Boston & Lynn R.R. from Walley St.

## PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. The following was passed by the Common Council, and sent up:—

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to provide a flagstaff and flag for the armory of Company D, Ninth Regiment, corner of Lexington and Bunker Hill Sts., Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Armories.

2. Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to remove the car tracks which are not now being used, and apparently will not be needed again, on Cambridge St., between Main St. and Brighton St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

3. Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense of the same, not to exceed twelve hundred (\$1200) dollars, to be charged to the

appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

There being no objection, the Board took up Nos. 4 to 16, inclusive, viz.:-

The thirteen following orders were sent up for concurrence in their reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:-

4. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan order a sum sufficient to repave West Cedar St.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars as an appropriation for a gymnasium on the Wd. 14 Playground.

6. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order an appropriation of thirty-five thousand (35,000) dollars for an in-door gymnasium and bath-house in Wd. 7.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for a gymnasium in Orchard park, in the first loan bill reported to the City Council.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in their estimates a sufficient sum to construct and carry on an all-round-the-year gymnasium in Wd. 5.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan order the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars for completing and furnishing the gymnasium and bath-house now being erected in Wd. 15.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient appropriation to enable the Superintendent of Streets to construct asphalt gutters on each side of Dorchester St., to the width of four feet between Dorchester Ave. and Eighth St.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment insert in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to pave Utica Pl., in Wd. 7.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment report in the first loan bill an appropriation of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for the furnishing and completion of the gymnasium at Commonwealth Pk., South Boston.

13. Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment include in the next loan bill the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for the purpose of furnishing and maintaining a waiting-room at the Boston side of the North Ferry, for persons waiting for cars.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order, an amount sufficient for the purchase of land for a playground and for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in Wd. 5.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to enable the trustees of the Boston City Hospital to establish and maintain an emergency hospital in Charlestown, and an ambulance in connection therewith.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the first loan order a sum sufficient to pave with asphalt the easterly side of Dudley St., from Dunmore St. to Woodward Ave., Wd. 17.

Severally referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

17. Majority and minority reports of the joint special committee on joint rules and orders of the City Council. (Doc. 44.)

The majority report and the draft of rules submitted with said report come up for concurrence.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Colby.

18. The order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating one million (1,000,000) dollars for the construction of sewerage works, and authorizing a loan therefor, which was amended in Common Council February 2 by substituting five hundred thousand (500,000) dollars in place of one million (1,000,000) dollars, and on which this Board, at its last meeting non-concurred with the Common Council, and adhered to its action of January 30, in the passage of said order as originally submitted, comes up non-concurred in Common Council February 9, and adhered to former action.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Doyle, to adhere to its former action, yeas 3, nays 2, Ald. Adams and Presto voting nay.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 19, unfinished business, viz:

19. Action on the appointment of Charles R. Williams to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Adams and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### CHANGING OF STREET NAMES.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to consider Nos. 20, 21, inclusive, unfinished business, together, viz:

Action on certain orders passed by the Board of Street Commissioners changing the names of certain streets, viz:

20. Changing the name of Avon Pl., leading from Washington St. to Chauncy St., to Avon St.

21. Changing the name of Shelton St., leading in continuation of Wrentham St. from Bruce St. to Adams St., to Wrentham St.

22. Changing the name of Bell St., leading from Chestnut Ave. to Lamartine St., to Biltmore St.

23. Changing the name of High St., leading from Water St. to Ericsson St., at Dorchester, to Port Norfolk St.

The action of the Board of Street Commissioners was confirmed.

#### FINANCIAL SITUATION OF CITY.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 24, unfinished business, viz.:-

24. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Board of Statistics in relation to the financial situation of the city. (Doc. 55.)

Sent down.

#### TUNNEL TO EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:-

Boston Transit Commission,  
20 Beacon St.,

Boston, Feb. 9, 1899.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:-

The Boston Transit Commission has received the request of your board for information as to the reasons why work has not been commenced on the tunnel to East Boston, as provided in Section 280 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894 and the Acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto. Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894 gave to this commission discretionary power to construct a tunnel or tunnels from a point on or near Scollay Sq. in the city of Boston, where a suitable connection may be made with the subway or subways provided for by that act, to a point on or near Maverick Sq. in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made.

The appropriation provided in that act was insufficient to build such a tunnel in addition to the building of the subway.

By Chapter 500 of the Acts of the year 1897 the commission was required to construct a tunnel to East Boston so soon as the elevated railway should be authorized

to begin the construction of its railroad over the route first applied for as provided in Section 13 of said Act. For such construction an additional appropriation of \$500,000 was made. This appropriation together with the balance of the original appropriation available for the construction of the tunnel was insufficient to construct a tunnel to East Boston from a point on or near Scolley Sq. under the Act of 1894, but the estimates indicated that it was sufficient to construct a tunnel to East Boston beginning at a point on the surface on or near Hanover St., and the Corporation Counsel was of the opinion that the building of such a tunnel was within the scope and intent of the Act of 1897.

On the 19th of July, 1898, the elevated railway company having been authorized to begin the construction of its railroad as provided in the act, it was

"Voted, that the construction of the East Boston tunnel be proceeded with in accordance with the statute requirements."

The Chief Engineer of the Commission was forthwith instructed to proceed with the preparations of plans and specifications and on Nov. 23 an advertisement for bids for the construction of Section A of the tunnel, being the East Boston entrance thereto, was published.

Before the date fixed for the reception of bids the members of the commission were served with a notice of the pendency of proceedings before the Supreme Judicial Court contesting the constitutionality of the Act of 1897 and the right of the commission to proceed thereunder in the construction of a tunnel and to expend the funds of the city therefor. Thereupon, under the advice of counsel, all work in relation to the tunnel was suspended, pending the hearing and determination by the Supreme Judicial Court upon the questions presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Boston Transit Commission,  
By George G. Crocker, Chairman.  
B. Leighton Beal, Secretary.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Day.

#### STORING OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioners on the petition of E. A. Mutel, for a license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly, or in part, of the products of petroleum, at 37-9 Jamaica St.,—recommending that leave be granted. A license was granted by the Board.

#### COASTING ON HOWARD AVE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter season on Howard Ave., from Dewey St. to Quincy St., under such restrictions as the Board of Police may impose.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 20.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light at the corner of Geneva Ave. and Bloomfield St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### GYMNASIUM, NORTH END.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$50,000 for the establishment of an open-air gymnasium in the Wd. 6 Playground.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF NORTH END BEACH.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$10,000

for the improvement of the North End Bathing Beach.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### REQUEST TO THEATRE MANAGERS.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the managers of the various theatres be requested to have the national air played at the close of every performance.

Passed.

#### PLAYSTEAD, NEPONSET.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$25,000 for the improvement and construction of the Neponset Playstead, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RETAINING WALL, FREEPORT ST.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$5000 for the completion of the retaining wall, Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### PUBLIC LANDING, DORCHESTER BAY

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$1000 for a public landing in Dorchester Bay.

Referred to the Board Estimate and Apportionment.

#### NON-PAYMENT OF CONTINGENT BILLS.

The CHAIRMAN, for Ald. Berwin, offered an order—That the City Auditor be and is hereby requested not to pay any bills contracted during 1898, or before that time, out of the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Contingent Expenses, for the year 1899.

Passed.

#### SEWER IN FISHER AVE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to begin the work of constructing the sewer in Fisher Ave., Wd. 19, as soon as possible.

Passed.

#### "HEATH SQUARE."

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the territory bounded by New Heath St., Old Heath St. and Parker St., be named and hereafter known as Heath Sq.

Passed.

#### IRON FENCE AROUND HEATH SQ.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be instructed to provide a sum sufficient in the first loan order to place an iron fence around the square bounded by New Heath, Old Heath, and Parker Sts.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### LAYING OUT CHICKERING PLACE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board, as soon as possible, the estimated cost of laying out Chickering Pl., Wd. 7, at a width of forty feet.

Passed.

#### CLOSING SILVER ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized

to close the roadway on Silver St., at the bridge of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; said bridge being dangerous for public travel.

Passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 640 newsboys, 34 bootblacks, 4 vendors of songs, and 1 vendor of soap.

Reports severally accepted; licenses approved of by the Board.

(2) Report on the petition of A. L. Griffin, manager, (referred today), for a permit for Baby Blanche and Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for the week beginning Feb. 13—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Rev. J. N. Supple (referred Jan. 9), for license for dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at St. Francis Parochial Hall, Bunker Hill St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Frank A. Feeney (referred Feb. 6), for license to run three passenger barges between Highland, West Roxbury and Spring St. stations and the Dedham and Newton lines, for the present seasons—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

#### ASPHALTING OF BERKELEY ST.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$22,800 as a special appropriation for asphaltting the roadway on Berkeley St., between Tremont St. and the railroad bridge.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### PROPOSED INJUNCTION AGAINST TUNNEL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the City Solicitor to endeavor to secure a hearing by the Court, at the earliest possible date, on the petition that has been filed asking for an injunction against the construction of the proposed tunnel to East Boston.

Passed.

#### HOSPITALITIES TO PRESIDENT.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That a special committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen, including the Chairman, be appointed to wait upon President McKinley upon his arrival in Boston, and extend the hospitality of the city to him.

Passed, and Ald. Codman, Colby, Dixon and Presho, were appointed, with the Chairman on said Committee.

Later in the session the vote whereby the above order was passed was reconsidered on motion of Ald. Codman, who offered the following substitute:—

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to extend the courtesies of the City of Boston to the President on the occasion of his visit to this city, through a committee consisting of himself and such members of the City Council as he may appoint.

Passed.

#### FANEUIL HALL, ETC.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:

(1) Reports that no action is necessary on the Mayor's message vetoing orders, under date of January 30, as follows:

Order to grant to the A. O. U. W. the use of Sammet Hall on January 31, 1899.

Order granting to William Parkman Reberah Lodge, I. O. O. F., the use of Curtis Hall, on the evening of February 7, 1899.

The reports were accepted, the previous action of the Board in passing the orders was reconsidered, and the question came on the passage of the orders, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to pass the orders over the Mayor's vetoes, yeas 0, nays 11.

(2) Report on the petition of Sarah Wise (referred Jan. 23) for leave to maintain a fruit stand in front of the Old Court House on Court Sq.—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(3) Report that the following ought not to pass.

Order granting to Daniel Hersey Lodge, I. O. O. F., the use of Curtis Hall, on the evening of February 16.

Report accepted, order rejected. Notice sent down.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order providing for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of February, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

(Annexed was a list of the beneficiaries.)

The report was accepted and the order was passed, the reading of the names being dispensed with.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3:32 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:54 o'clock, P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Crescent Associates (recommitted February 6) for leave to project two bay windows from building corner of Savin Hill Ave. and Spring St., Wd. 20.—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) when appointed.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(2) Report on the petition of the American Sugar Refining Co. (referred today), to be allowed to operate and use with cars and engines the tracks on First and Granite Sts., South Boston, a location for which track was granted to the Standard Sugar Refinery in 1882—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, March 6, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(3) Report on the report of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders of the City Council (referred today), recommending that the minority report be substituted in place of the majority report. The report was accepted, and the question came on the substitution of the minority report for that of the majority.

Ald. Adams called for the yeas and nays, and the Board voted to substitute the minority report for that of the majority and to adopt the rules as recommended by the minority, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Doyle, McDonald, Presho—5.

(4) Report on the regulation (referred January 9) to amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, in reference to amusement licenses—that the same ought not to pass.

Report accepted; said regulation rejected.

(5) Report on the order from the Common Council (referred Feb. 6) requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide the members of the City Council with a verbatim report of all the meetings of said Board, etc.—that the same ought not to pass.

Report accepted, and the Board voted to reject said order, in non-concurrence; yeas 8, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—8.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Presho—3.  
Notice sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and others (referred Jan. 30), for the repaving of Berkeley St., from Tremont St. to the railway bridge with asphalt—recommending reference of the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(7) Report on the petition of Woodbury & Leighton (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts in North and South Market Sts., Dock Sq. and Union St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following named streets in Wd. 6, viz:

- One opposite 32 North Market St.
- One opposite 24 South Market St.
- One opposite 32 Dock Sq.
- One opposite 1 Dock Sq.
- One opposite 8 Union St.

For use in reconstructing Fanueil Hall. Said posts to be placed in locations satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

The work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(8) Report on the message from His Honor the Mayor transmitting an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on February 3rd for an appropriation of \$15,000 for additional working capital for the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division,—recommending the passage of said order, and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted and the order was approved. Sent down.

### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to erect and remove poles, lay conduits, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Feb. 20, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:

Boston Electric Light Co. (referred Feb. 6), to erect three poles in Washington St., between Ruggles and Vernon Sts.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Feb. 6), to lay conduits in Bay State Road, Minot and Anderson Sts., etc.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Feb. 6), to erect poles in Melville Ave., Wd. 20, Salem St., Wd. 5, St. John and Rockview Sts., Wd. 22, and for leave to erect and to remove poles in Washington St., Wd. 20.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of

Mass., (referred Jan. 16), to erect and to remove poles in Forest Hills St., Wd. 23.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (referred Jan. 16), to erect poles in Chester and Farrington Sts., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (severally referred Jan. 16), for an extension of time in which to erect poles in certain streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. in which to erect poles in the following streets, and under orders passed by the Board of Aldermen, viz:—

Columbus Ave., order passed February 1, 1897.

Columbus Ave., order passed November 24, 1897.

Morton St., order passed October 17, 1898.

Fairview and Corinth Sts., and Roberts-St. extension, order passed October 17, 1898. Princeton St., Wd. 1, order passed August 30, 1898.

Be and the same is hereby extended to May 31, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., and Postal Cable Co., (referred Jan. 16), that permission be granted to said telephone company to attach its wires to poles of said telegraph-cable company on Boston St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to allow the attachment of, and to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach the wires of said telephone company to four poles of said telegraph-cable company on Boston St.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Feb. 6), for leave to erect poles on Monadnock St. and Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20—recommending the passage of that part of the order relating to Moultrie Ave., as follows:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20, 3 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 feet, date of plan Jan. 14, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, just a word in regard to the petition for poles on Moultrie Ave. Moultrie Ave. is a private way, and I don't see that this Board has any jurisdiction in the matter whatever. Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20, is a private street.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that I am not thoroughly posted on that matter, I shall ask to have it assigned to the next meeting.

The report and order were assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(5) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Jan. 30), for leave to erect poles on Hewlett and Hastings Sts., Wd. 23,—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.

to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Hewlett St., Wd. 23, 6 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 feet.

Hastings St., Wd. 23, 5 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plans, Jan. 13, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

#### RECALL OF APPROPRIATION BILL.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the appropriation bill for 1899-1900, together with certain loan orders, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I do so for several reasons. It is not a pleasant matter to get up here and make a motion which is absolutely certain to be defeated, but I believe it is due to the citizens of Boston that certain matters should be brought to their attention, and I see no way other than this of doing it. This loan order was passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 28th day of January. On the 30th day of January it was supposed to be before this Board, but it was stated to us that there had been a mistake on the part of the printer; and, although it came in here on Monday, it was much later than was expected. The only reason why we were not in condition to act upon it, if we saw fit to do so, was that there had been a mistake down in the Municipal Printing Office. I did not suppose such things ever happened there, but they did in this case. Therefore it was perfectly proper to allow the matter to go over for a week, because there are appropriations for the departments of \$13,904,000, and accompanying it were loan orders amounting to \$510,000—

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I understand that the gentleman is speaking on reconsideration. I hardly think that, under the rule, he is entitled to speak on reconsideration at this time, reconsideration having been refused at the meeting at which the vote was taken.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will call the alderman's attention to the fact that Rule 26 provides that a committee of the Board to whom matters may be specially referred shall report within four weeks. At that meeting, a motion was made to reconsider all orders. That motion was lost. These matters are now in the hands of the Committee on Public Improvements, and reconsideration cannot prevail at the present time, all action having been reconsidered by the Board at that time. The time—namely, four weeks, which that committee has to consider these matters, has not yet expired. Consequently, the Chair cannot, under the rule, entertain the motion to reconsider.

Ald. COLBY—I am not at all surprised at that, Mr. Chairman, except that—

The CHAIRMAN—I hope the alderman will remember that the Chair is only working under the rules.

Ald. COLBY—Certainly, the member appreciates the fact that this loan bill becomes a law within thirty days, if no action is taken upon it, and he admits there is a rule which provides that such a matter may be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and kept there for four weeks, that the thirty days within which this will become a law, may expire and nothing can be done about it. If that

is the position of the democratic members of this Board, as one member of the Board, I cheerfully acquiesce in the position taken by the Chair. I admit that when the member raised the point of order there was nothing for the Chairman to do but insist on the enforcement of the rule. If the majority of the Board desire to take that technical position with reference to it, I am ready to accept it, and I trust that the citizens of Boston will accept the situation.

#### LAYING OUT KILTON ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction of Kilton St., from Harvard St. to Talbot Ave., Wd. 20, under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto.

Referred to the Board of Street Commissioners.

#### RECALL OF APPROPRIATION BILL.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if it is proper at any time for a member of this Board to call for a report from a committee?

The CHAIRMAN—It is proper.

Ald. COLBY—Then, Mr. Chairman, if I make a motion to the effect that the Committee on Public Improvements be requested to report that bill, I will ask if that will not be in order?

The CHAIRMAN—Does the gentleman make the motion?

Ald. COLBY—He does.

The CHAIRMAN—It is perfectly in order.

Ald. COLBY—I will now ask if I am not at liberty to state my reasons for asking a report from the Committee?

The CHAIRMAN—The alderman is.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, my reasons for asking for that report are these, that this matter came before the Board on the 30th day of January, and, owing to a mistake in the printing department, was assigned for one week. On the 6th day of February the matter came up and we were advised at that time that there were certain orders which the law department had been given charge of to put through or to draw up, which should have been down here, and, as they were not down here, we were asked to lay this matter over for a week. Now, nothing can be sent in, in my opinion, in connection with that appropriation bill or loan bill, except such matters as were passed upon by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on the 28th day of January, and have the Board of Estimate and Apportionment lost their records? Cannot they find out what they did do on the 28th day of January? Is it necessary that we should wait until the Law Department can say what they did do? I cannot understand why it happened that by the 6th day of February they did not get down the records of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but they did not do so, apparently.

The CHAIRMAN—Will the gentleman allow the Chair to say a word?

Ald. COLBY—Certainly.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment he is governed by the law establishing that board, so far as the floating of this loan and making it legal is concerned.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I have endeavored to the best of my ability, to ascertain the reason for holding it up, and the only reason I can get is that there are certain orders that the Law Department is to prepare, and that when they come down the Committee on Public Improvements will be ready to consider them. Now, I ask again, what can there be that we can consider in connection with this matter that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment did not consider on the 28th day of January? Anything else is another matter, and let them send in

another order covering it. We have now come down to the 13th day of February and are told that the Law Department cannot find the orders, cannot send them in. We shall adjourn presumably to February 20th, letting the matter stand where it is. The next time we come together will be the 20th day of February; Now, let us suppose, what has not happened in the last few weeks, that they should discover the records of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, should discover what they did on the 28th day of January, and that it was of legal effect, and that we should then go ahead and act, passing the bill. Then, suppose our action of the 20th day of February was sent to the Common Council. What happens then? They meet on the 23d day of February, and have only that one meeting in which to act within the thirty days within which such matters can be considered by the City Council at all. I submit that it is not a fair proposition for the Board of Aldermen to take a bill involving some fourteen million dollars and side-track it in committee, hold it there over twenty days of the possible thirty days within which it may be considered by the City Council.

I submit that the Common Councilmen have some rights in the matter, that they are entitled to look it over, that they have as much right to consider it and examine into it as we have. If the Common Council had taken the matter in the first place and held it up nearly all of the possible thirty days, I think they would hear something from the members of the Board. Now, while I may be mistaken in regard to the whole matter, it is open to the suspicion that it is being put into a position where it will become a law in thirty days without any action being taken by either branch of the City Government, and I sub-

mit that that is not a fair business proposition; that we ought, in all good conscience and good faith, to report this bill in some shape or other today and send it down to the Common Council, giving them time to act upon it. For that reason, I insist upon my motion that the Committee on Public Improvements be requested to report forthwith.

The motion that the Committee on Public Improvements be requested to report forthwith was declared lost. Ald. Presho doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were declared ordered.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the yeas and nays have been ordered, and that no debate is in order at this time.

The motion that the Committee be requested to submit their report forthwith was lost, yeas 4, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The CHAIRMAN—One of the aldermen has called my attention to a fact, which I overlooked, that Ald. Berwin is absent. I have asked the alderman whether this question is one on which Ald. Berwin would wish to be paired, and it appears that it is. That being the case, the Chair will ask the Board that I be permitted to be recorded as not voting. I understand that if Ald. Berwin were here he would vote yes; I would vote no. There being no objection on the part of the Board, I will consider my vote as withdrawn. Four members have voted in the affirmative and six in the negative and it is not a vote.

Adjourned on motion of Ald. Dixon, at 5.21 P. M., to meet on Monday, Feb. 20, at 3 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1899.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 7 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Berwin.

The Clerk read the call, as follows:—  
City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,  
Feb. 15, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, February 16th, at 7 P.M., for the purpose of taking action upon the annual maintenance appropriation order, so that the same may be transmitted to the Common Council at its meeting on that evening.

This call is issued at the request of several members of your Board.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Nine additional traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, January sitting, first session, under the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Charles V. Read, Wd. 5; John H. Crowley, Wd. 14; Francis Warner, Wd. 23; Joseph D. Murphy, Wd. 9; Leo McAuley, Wd. 23; Charles M. Hagar, Wd. 3; Morris E. Williams, Wd. 17; Clinton A. Spencer, Wd. 16; Charles E. Fish, Wd. 6.

## INTEREST ON TAXES.

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of six per cent per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if that order is permissible under the call pursuant to which this meeting is held?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule that, this being part of the loan bill, to make the loan bill legal, that it would be in order, as we are considering the loan bill.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, may I ask if that is the long lost order?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair does not understand the gentleman's question.

Ald. COLBY—Well, to make it more explicit, is that the document for which we have been waiting for two weeks?

The CHAIRMAN—I presume that is the document that we were to have at the last meeting, but, unfortunately, we did not get it.

Ald. COLBY—Well, I would like to ask if that is a part of the proceedings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 23?

The CHAIRMAN—It is not.  
Ald. COLBY—Then I would like to ask how that can be a part of the appropriation bill before the Board of Aldermen at the present time?

The CHAIRMAN—This is an order drawn by the Corporation Counsel, to make legal, so far as we possibly can, the appropriation bill which the Board is now considering.

On motion of Ald. Brick, the motion was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On motion of Ald. Brick, it was voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Ald. Brick moved to reconsider the vote, as the Board reassembled.

## SALARIES OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, February 16, 1899.

To the City Council:—

While the Mayor has no executive or financial control over the administration of the Police Department, I thought it proper to send to the Board of Police, for its information and consideration, a copy of the executive circular issued by me just after the annual appropriation order had been approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, directing heads of departments to make a reduction in certain salaries and wages, in order that it might be made possible to conduct their operations under the reduced appropriations rendered necessary by the pressure upon the limited financial resources of the city. I have today received a communication from this Board in which it takes the position that as it "has no authority to reduce the wages, or change the pay of police officers or matrons, without a concurrent vote of the City Council, and as that body has usually taken the initiative in fixing the salaries of such officials, the Board prefers to await the decision and action of the city government" before taking any action in relation to the reduction of the pay of police officers and matrons. The Board further states that two of the commissioners (the third not having been yet consulted on account of his absence) will voluntarily make a reduction of seven and one-half per cent, in their own salaries, and that the clerk of the Board will do the same; and the Board also states that the salaries in the clerical department and the signal service, which it has the sole jurisdiction over, will be reduced substantially in accordance with the direction to other heads of departments.

In view of this attitude of the Board of Police, the question presents itself to me whether to recommend to the City Council to take the action necessary on its part to effect the reduction suggested. While firmly believing that such action would be proper under the financial conditions which confront the city, I cannot but feel that it would be an empty and useless form for me to make such a recommendation, in view of the past and present action of the City Council upon similar matters. It was only a few months ago that an increase in the pay of police officers was adopted by both branches of the City Council, and I can see no reason to believe that either its membership, or the motives which influenced its action, have in the meantime undergone any such changes as to warrant the slightest expectation that it would consent to any reduction in the pay of police officers. I therefore feel that it is practically necessary either to seek some other method of economizing in our expenditures, or to throw upon the Board of Police the responsibility either of living within its appropriation, or of creating a deficit in the City Treasury by using its legal power to draw in excess of it.

It has been strongly urged upon me that in view of the general similarity of the conditions of service in the Police and Fire Departments, it would not be fair to the members of the latter service, who are not upon the whole as well paid, and who are obliged to incur greater risks, to subject them to a reduction in pay from which the members of the Police Department were exempted. That the unanimous sentiment of the members of the City Council would be opposed to any reduction in the pay of firemen might indeed have been expected, and I do not attach any undue weight to it; but it also seems to be the belief of many citizens and taxpayers, who have no political interest in members of the Fire Department, that their services are of such a nature that some way should be found to relieve them from suffering any reduction in their pay. In view of these conditions, and believing that some way can be found to make up to the Fire Department the amount which would be saved by the contemplated reduction in salaries, I desire to inform the City Council that the Fire Commissioner has been directed by me to restore the old rate of pay to the men in his department, and that there is, therefore, no occasion for reducing or striking out any appropriation in the order as it now stands as an indirect method of exerting a pressure for accomplishing this object.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The CHAIRMAN—The message will be sent down.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to know if a motion to have that printed as a city document would be in order? I would like to move that that be printed as a city document.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that if the Board is going to act on the appropriation bill it would be well for this to go with the appropriation bill when it goes to the Common Council to-night.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I don't see the connection between this and the appropriation bill. This is simply a statement of what the Mayor intends to do. It does not affect the appropriation bill in the least.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will entertain any motion.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would move, as there doesn't seem to be any particular hurry about that, and it doesn't seem to be anything except a statement of His Honor the Mayor, nothing for us to act upon, that it be assigned and printed.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will only say that if the Board is going to act on the loan bill tonight it would be advisable for this communication to go with the loan bill.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to having that communication referred with the loan bill, but simply desire to state that, in that case, it had better be referred with the loan bill to the committee on public improvements and then brought back and assigned and printed. I have no objection to that. But I would like to have this printed.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will entertain any motion.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move you that this be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, together with the other document.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on Ald. Codman's motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to having this referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, but it does seem to me at this time that certain members of this Board on the other side—in other words, the Republicans—have seen fit to interject politics into this particular question, and on this floor to infer that the Democratic members of this Board are not taking as good a position as

they are, and if I had the opportunity, under parliamentary rules, I would have shown that the Mayor of Boston and the Democratic members of this Board were in accord with a proposition to have the salaries cut in the Fire Department on the 7½ per cent put back on the original basis. I am sorry to say that certain gentlemen, aldermen on this floor, should put us in such an embarrassing position, and I can say not only for myself but for the seven democratic members on this floor, that they agree with the Mayor of the city of Boston that having the salaries of the firemen of the city of Boston cut 7½ per cent was an injustice to them. I simply say this so that the republican members of this Board shall not have it go forth, as they would like to do,—and I do not say this with any prejudice or partisanship or with a desire to interject politics into this particular matter—and say that they were the sponsors and mentors of the firemen of the city of Boston in saying that they should have their salaries put back to the original basis and that the democratic members were against it and acquiesced in the 7½ per cent cut.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman I presume the same courtesy that has been extended to my brother alderman, to talk in a manner that is entirely out of order, not in reference to any matter that is before this board, will be extended to me, that I can have the same privilege, and say that he has brought to light some things we had not heard of until we heard the Mayor's communication read. The gentleman's memory is peculiar and perhaps intermittent, because he does not remember some things that were, and he does remember some thing that were not. I did not say anything about a 7½ per cent reduction in the firemen's salaries, and if he will refer to my remarks—I take it from the inclination of his head, the tone of his voice and the look of his eye, that he referred to me—I think he will find that I made no remarks in any way except as to the general scheme of tying this bill up for more than thirty days. What the gentleman is trying to do is to tell some things that happened in the Committee on Public Improvements, which were not suggested by any republican there, and only came out after the democrats and republicans had agreed to report the bill and then found out that they were not so sure of themselves as they thought they were and found it necessary to reconsider and tie it up until the powers that be could be seen and an arrangement made. Now, that is the fact in the matter.

As for anything being interjected in the way of politics, I claim that we had no part in anything of that sort in any way, shape or manner. The question of a 7½ per cent cut in the pay of the firemen was not mentioned by us at the last meeting of the Board in any way, shape or manner, directly or indirectly, and it only remained for the democratic member of the Board and His Honor the Mayor to consult together and get up this beautiful document, to meet what they anticipated was going to come. But for the gentleman to draw his imagination and say that we said and did this and so, is entirely a wrong proposition. I will say, however, that even if it were simply a political question, I must confess that I think my party associates and myself had the best of it, because we simply insisted upon it as a business proposition and it will appear by the meeting called tonight and the generous attendance of the members, that our position was upheld, and that we have carried our point.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I hope the motion to refer the communication of His Honor the Mayor to the Committee on Public Improvements will prevail, and when the appropriation bill is reported back to the Board of Aldermen, I will desire to say a few words in regard to the firemen.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I simply want to say, in reply to the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), in regard to the appropriation order, that he came on this floor and asked to have the appropriation bill reported back from the committee. But it does strike me, as he has said—and I have great confidence in the alderman from Wd. 12, because of a little experience I had with him the first of January, and have always thought he was fair-minded, honest and non-partisan, up to this time—that it does strike me, when in connection with this matter he says that he does not interject politics, that his statement is not a fair one. Perhaps he is right, and I have no right to criticise the gentleman in the matter; but it does strike me that when that million dollar sewer bill came before this body it went along for several weeks, two or three consecutive meetings of the Board of Aldermen, and he stood on this floor and spoke against the million dollar sewer loan. It does seem funny to me when it comes to the appropriation bill he should take the stand he does. I will have to admit—because open confession is good for the soul—that I did know to a certain extent when the cut for the firemen was coming that ultimately it would be fixed, but it does seem strange to me that he stood on this floor and was a staunch supporter of appropriations for certain departments which could have gone along in certain directions without anybody being thrown out of work, and when it came to that million dollar loan he stood on this floor and advocated not one dollar for the Sewer Department. It strikes me to a certain extent that he is hypocritical in a certain sense, in advocating the cause of departments that could go along for months. I might say, and being against a particular department that depended upon a certain loan. I cannot understand why he stands on this floor as the great advocate of this appropriation bill, and against that million dollar loan. It simply comes back to the point that I say he is interjecting politics for certain reasons into this appropriation bill and against the million dollar sewer department loan.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman —

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that, while he has given latitude, as he is free to admit, to some of the members of the body, this debate is out of order, and the Chair does not desire to refuse Ald. Colby an opportunity to reply.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I think the statement by the Chair is eminently proper. The only embarrassment under which I labor is the gentleman's reference to me as perhaps a hypocrite, with other allusions to which I might possibly reply under a question of privilege, if I deemed it desirable or profitable to do so. My mental processes are so slow and my intellectual perception so illy defined, that I absolutely cannot follow my brother alderman in his argument. He goes away beyond me, and I cannot keep up with him. But apparently it is based, as I said before, upon a number of things that are not so. For instance, he goes back to ancient history. If I had been a member of the Board last year I suppose he would have referred to something that happened last year. But now he goes back only to the first of the year, on the matter of the sewer appropriation. I defy the gentleman to find at any time, in any way, any remark of mine to the effect that I was opposed to the sewer appropriation, and he knows it. He is honest, and when he is not talking politics I presume he is all right. He knows absolutely well that I never said I was opposed to the sewer appropriation. I simply said that, as a matter of business judgment, I didn't believe it could be negotiated in its present shape. The alderman knows that. What is the use of all this talk of my being opposed to the sewer appropriation? It is all

politics, my friend, and cheap politics. Beyond that in reference to this matter at the present time he says that I am a strong advocate of the appropriation bill, and that I want to vote money for departments that do not need it. How does he know that I would not vote to strike out every item of the appropriation bill, if I thought any good could be achieved by so doing? How does he know what my position is upon any of these financial matters that have come before us this year? The fact is, his premises are purely imaginary, and therefore his whole argument comes to naught. I am, in fact, rather ashamed to get up and reply to him, although you know that even a rhinoceros will sometimes get nettled. It is time, however, gentlemen, that we were honest with each other upon these matters. Whatever stand I have taken upon this matter has been merely that it might be considered as a business proposition, so that we might get it into the shape it ought to be in. I am glad to see that the majority of the members of the Board agree with me in this position, that our only endeavor is to get the matter reported. Any blame in connection with this will have to be laid at the door of those gentlemen who have succeeded in preventing its being brought in.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I see no reason why we should refer this to the Committee on Public Improvements. There is no need of that reference. When we go into Committee on Public Improvements, our whole action is reported to the gentlemen on the opposite side of the house after we leave there. Everything is reported to the gentlemen in the opposite corner there. I will say, Mr. Chairman, that I am one gentleman who is opposed to the appropriations as they stand in the Committee on Public Improvements. I was going to cut down certain departments, to sustain the Fire Department of the city of Boston, gentlemen, and I am opposed now to referring this subject, the Mayor's letter, to the Committee on Public Improvements. Let us fight it right out here before the public, gentlemen.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I simply want to say a word on this question. I think it is eminently proper to refer this, because we may see some means of getting the money. That is, we may see some means whereby the money may be forthcoming, although we may not now see just how it is to be provided. I hope it will be referred with the loan bill.

The communication was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. Dixon doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays, which were taken, and the motion to refer was lost, yeas 5, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, McDonald, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole—6.

The CHAIRMAN—The communication will be sent down.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as I withdrew my motion that this be printed and assigned, so that it could go to the Committee on Public Improvements, I would now like to renew my motion, in this form, that the communication be printed and sent down.

The communication was ordered printed and sent down.

On motion of Ald. Brick, the Board voted to take a recess at 7:46 P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred today) relative to the payment of taxes and rate

of interest thereon—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the message of the Mayor, transmitting the appropriation bill for 1899-1900, with certain loan orders—Recommending the passage of the appropriation bill and loan orders as submitted, and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the appropriation bill and loan orders.

Ald. PRESHO submitted the following amendment to the appropriation bill:—

Ordered, That the appropriation bill for 1899-1900 be amended by reducing or striking out the following items, the following amounts:—

Bath Dept., \$19,500; Municipal Statistics, \$13,000; Art Dept., \$1000; City Record, \$500; Music Dept., \$500; Public Buildings Dept., \$20,000; Electrical Construction, \$7000; Lectures, \$3000, the total amount of the cut-down being \$74,500.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

The board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 8:30 p.m.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I offer this amendment, which will place the sum of \$74,500 in the reserved fund, and I believe that it will render unnecessary a cut in wages of the city employees. The Mayor has stated in his communication that a way will be found so that the firemen will not have to be cut, for which I am sincerely glad, and I have no doubt that with the addition of this further sum, the other city employees can be kept on the old basis. The amendments do not affect any departments which can not afford to be cut down, and in some cases, they affect departments which I believe can well be spared, as they are not an absolute necessity for the good government of the city. I think this very amendment would have been brought in by somebody on the other side to prevent this reduction if they had not been informed of the putting back of the firemen on the old basis. I believe the experience of the past three years alone should show us that we ought to go slowly, and that we ought to provide money before we spend it.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman: I regret exceedingly that the finances of the city are in such condition that compels His Honor to recommend a reduction in the salaries of the city employees. I am pleased with the Mayor's declaration that the mechanics and laborers are not included in this reduction—thus showing his unwavering friendship for the laboring people. His Honor's declaration in the message which has just been received by the Board insures to the brave firemen a restoration of their salaries, and the closing part of the message I shall read: "I desire to inform the City Council that the Fire Commissioner has been directed by me to restore the old rate of pay to the men in his department." This straightforward order will be adhered to by the Commissioner. The attitude of the Board of Police Commission leaves the wages of the policemen just as they have been with no reduction—which is, I believe, a just act. The gallant firemen, ever ready at a moment's notice to respond to the call of duty—who risk life and limb to protect life and property, and who need only to be told and without hesitation respond to the call of duty, and who in one fire save by far more than was proposed in this bill. The gallant policemen, while they do not take the same risk as the firemen do, are the guardians of our peace and home; their uniform is the moral influence that tells the evil doer to beware, and in behalf of law and order they show their true Yankee grit. I am sorry that the City Council has no control, as they assuredly have no responsibility, for this reduction in salaries, at a time when the wave of

prosperity is sweeping all over our land, and I wish to place myself upon record as opposed to the reduction of the wages of the firemen and policemen, and I trust some way will be found to restore the salaries of other hard working employees of the City, who are entitled to it. I remember the great Boston fire of Nov. 9 and 10th, 1872 (the fire was stopped at my house off Purchase St.) when gallant Chief John Damrell was at the head of the fire department, and with his brave men saved this city from being destroyed. Millions and millions worth of property was saved to our citizens. We all remember the great fire at the Pope building on Columbus Ave., when District Chief John Ryan, who had charge of one of the divisions at that fire, by the great ability which he displayed prevented the wall of that building from falling, and no man could tell how many lives would have been lost had the wall fallen; for this excellent work on the part of District Chief Ryan he received the thanks of his superior officers. Who can but remember the fire at Brown, Durrell's, when gallant Eagan hung suspended in mid air on a telegraph wire; when the citizens who were watching the progress of that destructive fire held their breath, expecting every moment to see him fall into the street, which meant instant death. His brave comrades held the net, and he dropped into it, and his life was spared. We all remember the great fire on Kingston St., where brave Eagan and Ryan, and other heroes of the department, saved many lives by ordering the panic-stricken employees to jump for the net. The disastrous Merrimac St. fire will never be forgotten by the citizens of Boston, when brave Eagan and his gallant comrades went down in the ruins. Such heroism was never displayed in any fire department in this country. The poor fellows lost their lives and all Boston mourned over their death; but the grateful people who love the firemen subscribed a liberal sum of money raised by subscription by the Boston Globe and Boston Post for the widows and orphans of these brave men. We have the best fire department in the country, if not in the world. What citizens of Boston would want the pay of these brave men reduced? Not one. I have no desire to antagonize His Honor the Mayor or the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; they have their opinions—I have mine. The men at this Board were elected to legislate for the best interests of the people. No man respects the Mayor more. I have no hesitation in saying that, five years from now, when the administration of Mayor Quincy is viewed in a calm and dispassionate manner, the people not alone of Boston, but the state and country, will look up to him as Boston's great mayor, who had done more to advance the welfare of the people of this city than a generation of his predecessors. I shall vote for the appropriation bill without amendment.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, the alderman's remarks remind me of my school-boy days, and the time when we were reading Caesar. Caesar would give a very graphic description of the battles in which his troops were engaged, and would enlarge on the great skill and bravery of his opponents, and always wound up by remarking that his troops were successful in defeating them. The alderman who has just spoken has eulogized the Mayor and the Board of Apportionment, and has enlarged on their power and ability, and yet he shows conclusively that he has been successful in defeating them, and I think myself that he is entitled to a good deal of credit, and has really represented himself as being larger and more powerful than are they, and should be well satisfied with what he has accomplished. It may not be amiss, however, to state that there are others who would have made themselves

felt in the matter if it had been necessary. No more important matter has been before us this year, or will be during the year, than the matter which we have before us tonight. The financial problem in Boston is one of great importance, and not free from perplexities, and it is admitted on all sides that the present situation is unsatisfactory and unfortunate, and the interests both of the taxpayers and the city employees demand a careful and candid consideration of the matter. It would seem that the present situation is due to bad financing, but it is not for me to say who is responsible for it. I don't think it can be laid to the door of any one man, and while we all agree that it was necessary that something should be done, few of us, I think, would be willing to admit or even claim that the recent attempt to reduce salaries had been a success.

We are told this evening that the pay of laborers and mechanics is not to be reduced; that the Mayor has no control over policemen, and their salaries will remain as heretofore; and now, receding from his former position, the mayor says that the firemen are to receive their usual compensation, so there must be but a very few of us left upon whom the reduction is to work, and, with all those exceptions to the rule, it would seem that the only fair thing to do is to restore the salaries of all on the old basis. If the Mayor found, as we know he did, that it was necessary to reduce expenses, I am of the opinion that if he had called the heads of the departments together and had asked them to indicate how a saving could have been made they could very easily have shown him some method which would not have curtailed the amount of work done, nor reduced the compensation of the employees. Personally I am of the opinion that there are quite a number carried in the pay-rolls who could be dispensed with without any great loss to the city's working force. We must all admit that there are a large number of persons receiving compensation from the city who are indebted to political influence for it. I have great respect for the Mayor, but I am not thereby bound by his views on municipal finance, nor by his views on the administration of city affairs. Some retrenchment is necessary, but I submit that the Mayor has not yet discovered the proper way to bring it about. To me it is somewhat of a humiliating spectacle to have the Mayor of this great city send out an appeal almost personal in its nature asking the city employees to consider the unfortunate financial condition in which the city is, and to kindly contribute a few dollars from each of their salaries to make up a deficiency. This may be socialistic, but it is not, so far as I can learn, received with any great enthusiasm at City Hall. If the present plan is adhered to it seems not improbable that the small contribution boxes now in various parts of the city appealing for help for the various charities may be supplanted by those designed to give the worthy citizens an opportunity to contribute a few cents to the help of the good old City of Boston. The plan suggested by the amendment is perfectly simple. It drops certain items which we believe can be spared without thereby impairing the efficiency of any essential department of the city. It simply strikes out certain things which are in the nature of luxuries; and can only be enjoyed by a party who is able to pay all debts, and as the mayor by his proposition this evening proposes to take enough out of the reserved fund to make out the pay of the firemen, there is sufficient saved by this plan to restore everyone's pay on the old basis, which in my opinion is the only equitable thing to do. I believe the majority of this Board are of the same mind, and would vote for this if they could free themselves from party shackles. It is too much to expect

that they will vote with us, but it remains true that we have offered them the opportunity of straightening this matter out in the only straightforward and businesslike way in which it can be done. I shall vote for the amendment as offered by the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho), and I trust the good sense of the other members of the board will help them to do the same.

Ald. CODMAN—As this meeting was called in order to send this bill down to the other branch, I do not intend to take any more time than is necessary. I presume every one of us would like to express in full his opinion. Practically everything that has been said I coincide in, but it strikes me that these amendments, offered as a whole, are too sweeping to be passed upon by a single vote. Therefore I would like to ask that each appropriation be considered separately, because although all of them are not satisfactory to the members of the Board, yet there are some appropriations, for which cuts have been suggested, which would perhaps meet with the approval of enough members of the Board to substantially make up this amount of \$74,500. I would ask, Mr. Chairman, that the vote be taken separately on these items.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I have no special mission from His Honor the Mayor to defend any action of his, if any defence is necessary, but as he has stated in his communication that the firemen's salaries would be replaced to the figure they were in the past I don't think we need to spend much time on that. I hope this amendment will not pass because it will go a great way to render void some of the greatest improvements that Boston has seen in a number of years, such as the Bath Department, Art Department and Music Department. The great system of Public Baths that His Honor the Mayor has established is something that I believe if left to the public there would be no question as to what their judgment would be. I don't think it would be fair to cripple any of these departments without giving them a fair trial, and I hope this amendment of Alderman Presho's will not prevail. I feel as much pleased as any member of this Board to find that the firemen's salaries are to be put back at the old figure as the Mayor has promised, and I think we ought to be satisfied with that, and I sincerely hope this amendment will not pass.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, following the gentleman from Wd. 12, on the republican side of the chamber, and dropping into reminiscence, the estimate of the character of Lord Randolph Churchill as used by Sir Charles Russell in his argument upon the Irish Home Rule bill occurs to me as peculiarly adaptive to the alderman from Charlestown:—

"Stiff in opinion, often in the wrong;  
Everything by starts and nothing long.  
But in the course of one revolving moon,  
Was green and orange, statesman and buffoon."

This talk is pure and simple politics. It is, under cover of the Alderman from Charlestown, an attack on the Mayor and the administration. There is no sense in it. The financial condition of the city called for a reduction and the Mayor has attempted to reduce. We find that the general trend of sentiment is against the reduction of the firemen, and I yield to no man in my regard for the firemen of the City of Boston. The alderman from Charlestown desires a cut down in the Bath Department of \$19,000. Just where he wants to cut it out I can't imagine. They are given \$69,500 now, and if they are cut down I would like to know where the cut is to be made. If the cut is made in the Music Department that branch of the public service will be cut out. I hope the appropriation orders will pass without the amendment.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to take any part in this debate tonight, but the remarks of the Alderman

from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) have brought me to my feet. He says we are attempting to play politics and that this amendment is not necessary, but I contend that he is the one who has brought politics into the matter, while we would avoid it. I believe that cuts can be made in this appropriation so that no reduction in the salary or pay of any employee of the city of Boston will be necessary. I defy any member of the board to stand up here and say tonight that the interests of the City of Boston would suffer if a cut of \$5000 was made in the Music Department, which reduces it to just the amount we were accustomed to give it two, three or four years ago, when the citizens had a chance to hear considerable music on Boston Common every Sunday afternoon. Then, again, a cut of \$1000 for the Art Department. I fail to see where any interest will suffer if that cut is made. On the cut of \$19,500 in the Bath Department I wish to call the attention of the members of the board to the fact that Mayor Quincy has stated in New York and other places that the Bath Department of the City of Boston can be run for \$35,000 or \$40,000 a year, and I agree with him. I believe that the present bath system can be run for that amount. I do not know that we can build additional bath houses this present year on that amount, but I do say that if the present system can be run on an appropriation of \$40,000, why should we appropriate \$69,500 in this year of financial stringency? Again, take the matter of \$8000 for publishing the City Record. I would like to know who cares whether the City Record is published or not. We get every fact that comes out in it in the daily papers, and it has a list of eight subscribers and is sent around to the members of the city government—\$8000 practically thrown away, and it is absurd to cut down the salaries of honest officials in order to maintain such useless institutions as the City Record, Statistics Department, Art Department, and other departments which really give nothing and add nothing to the pleasure, comfort or convenience of the citizens of Boston. I certainly hope this amendment will prevail, and I fail to see how any member of this board can vote against such an amendment.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, every member of this Board has gone on record as being a friend of the firemen, and I want to take this occasion to rise here and say that I am as good a friend of the firemen as any member of this Board, and I am pleased that their pay is to be restored. I am perfectly satisfied with the intelligence, wisdom and policy of the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, who have given a great deal of time to that bill.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the alderman from Wd. 20 (Ald. Adams) in regard to the Bath Department, I will say that last year was the first year of the Bath Department, and the increase in the number of bathers was remarkable. Frequently there were 6000 or 7000 in bathing at the North End Park on a Sunday, and there was a corresponding increase at L St. and the other houses. Why shouldn't the department expenses and appropriation be increased? They require about ten times as many suits, towels, etc., as formerly, and even last year they did not have bathing clothes enough, and I believe the appropriation should be increased rather than decreased. I do not believe it is fair to come in here at the last moment with such an amendment as this, and I do not believe it is necessary. The firemen's salaries are to be restored, for which I am sincerely glad. I believe they deserve an increase rather than a decrease. I was down at the engine house on Bulfinch St. only the other day, and found they had answered 27 calls this month, and that goes to show whether or not the firemen earn their wages. However, I do

not believe this amendment is necessary, and I hope it will not prevail.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I believe every member of this Board, irrespective of party, is glad to have the firemen's salaries put back, and I don't believe that any one member is the champion of the Fire Department. If it was a question of cutting down appropriations in order to give the firemen their old salaries, I would cheerfully agree to it; but I don't believe it is necessary. I will take the Mayor's word. I think he is responsible, and we will hold him responsible, and if he agrees that the salaries will be replaced, we do not need this amendment; and I hope it will not be carried.

The item reducing the appropriation for Bath Department by \$19,500 was rejected, Ald. Adams calling for the yeas and nays. yeas 3, nays 8—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Colby and Presho—3.  
Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—8.

The item striking out the appropriation of \$1000 for Art Department was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item striking out the appropriation of \$13,000 for Municipal Statistics Department was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item striking out the appropriation of \$6000 for City Record was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item reducing the appropriation for Music Department by \$5000 was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item reducing the appropriation for Public Buildings Department by \$20,000 was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item striking out the appropriation of \$7000 for Electrical Construction Department was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The item striking out the appropriation of \$3000 for Public Lectures was rejected, yeas 4, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The question came on the passage of the appropriation bill as reported by the committee, and the bill was adopted. Yeas 7, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

Sent down.

The question came on the passage of the five loan orders accompanying the bill. On motion of Ald. Colby, the orders were read by their titles, and passed. Yeas 11, nays 0. Sent down.

Ald. DOYLE moved to reconsider all action taken by the Board at the meeting; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Adams, at 9 P.M., to meet on Monday, Feb. 20, 1899, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

## LOCKERS IN EAST BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting a report as to the number, if any, of non-residents who have lockers in the East Boston gymnasium, and also if proper steps are taken to give residents of Boston the preference in obtaining admission to the hand-ball court.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Department of Baths,

Boston, Feb. 8, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, City of Boston.

Dear Sir:

We return herewith the enclosed order of Councilman Bagley of Wd. 1, dated January 9, 1899, and I am requested by the Bath Commission to state that the matter mentioned in the order has been carefully investigated and that no non-residents of Boston have any permanent lockers in the East Boston gymnasium and that, as far as possible, no citizens of Boston are debarred from using the hand-ball courts in this gymnasium by reason of the use by non-residents. While it is true that at times non-residents, working in East Boston, make use of the gymnasium so far as we can ascertain the privileges of citizens are in no way affected.

Very respectfully,

David D. Kearns, Secretary.

Before the reading of the communication had been finished, Mr. Klemm of Wd. 21 said:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, as it seems to the Chair that there is a quorum present.

When the reading of the communication had been finished, Mr. Bagley of Wd. 1, said:

Mr. President, since I introduced that order I have investigated the matter further, and I feel satisfied that everything is satisfactory there, and I hope the communication will be placed on file.

The communication was placed on file.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Message of the Mayor, transmitting communication from the Board of Statistics in relation to the financial situation of the city. (City Doc. 55.)

Placed on file.

2. Notice of non-concurrence in the passage of the order authorizing the use of Curtis Hall, waiving the fee, on the evening of February 16, to Daniel Hersey Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Placed on file.

3. Notice of rejection of the order requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide the members of the City Council with verbatim reports of all the meetings of said board.

The question came on placing the notice on file.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, this order, as I understand it,

was referred by the Board of Aldermen to the Committee on Public Improvements—that bourne from which but few orders ever return, and where the meetings are secret. I am very much surprised, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that the Board of Aldermen should refuse our request, namely, to be provided with a verbatim report of all meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The reports of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council are printed in The Advertiser on the morning following the meeting, but we are not allowed ourselves to have a verbatim report of the proceedings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I do not believe, Mr. President, that this is starting out on the right track. I believe the members of this body, as well as the Board of Aldermen, should know every single thing that transpires in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—especially since the time has now come when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have taken away all the financial powers that formerly were possessed by us. Of course, we ourselves can do nothing in regard to the matter, but I do think it a very unwise move on the part of the Board of Aldermen to refuse us our request.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope that the message will be placed on file. It seems to me that there is no undue secrecy concerning the meetings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. We have a representative on that Board who frequently makes statements to this body in regard to the doings of that Board, and the Board of Aldermen also have a representative, who makes public statements in regard to the doings of the Board to that body, and, in addition, the doings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are printed in full in the City Record. I therefore feel, as I said before, that no undue secrecy attaches to the meetings of that Board, and that we have no more right to pry into the debate of that body than we have into the debates which occur in the Committee on Public Improvements of the Board of Aldermen, or of any other committee. While I am on my feet, I wish to call the attention of the gentleman who preceded me to the fact that the statement was made on the floor of the Board of Aldermen this evening that the doings of the Committee on Public Improvements were not secret, but that they were made public.

The notice was placed on file.

4. The order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a loan appropriation of one million dollars for the construction of sewerage works, amended by this Council by reducing the sum to five hundred thousand dollars, comes down for concurrence with an entry thereon that the Board of Aldermen non-concurred with the Common Council, and adhered to its former action.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule, in reference to No. 4 on the calendar, that under the provisions of section 6 of chapter 324 of the Acts of 1898, no action can be taken by the Council on this order at this time. Therefore, if there is no objection, the Chair will direct the Clerk to send the order and communication back to the City Clerk.

5. The report of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders of the City Council (City Document 44), which was accepted and the rules, therewith submitted, adopted by this Council, comes down for concurrence with an entry thereon that the minority reported was substituted for the report of the majority, and accepted, and the rules and orders, as recommended by said minority report, were adopted in place of those recommended by the majority report.

The question came on receding from former action, and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I

hope that we will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen. I would be the last member of the Common Council to go on record as being opposed to any action of this body which would serve to give this body, or the committees thereof, greater power; but, gentlemen, I contend that the system of committees which has served so admirably for 35 years prior to last year, is one good enough for us in the future. I can see no good reason for increasing the number of members of committees, and I think that the argument advanced in opposition thereto, that it will be next to impossible to secure a majority or a quorum of those committees, is a good one, and one that should be taken into consideration. So far as the power of the Common Council is concerned, I maintain that with joint committees made up of five members of the Common Council and three members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council would have just as much power as it could have under the new proposed rules, and while I am sorry to oppose a report which is unanimous on the part of the members of the committee of the Common Council, I feel that no good argument can give them the support of the proposition to increase the number on the committees. The only argument that was made by the gentleman in the second division was that it would be placing the committees of this body on the same basis as the committees which now exist at the State House. This, I do not agree with. The committees of this body and of the Legislature, cannot be compared as regards their duties, and there is no good reason why the same number of members on each committee should exist in the two bodies. I hope that the minority report will be adopted, and I believe that better work can be done by committees throughout the year composed of eight members than can be done by committees composed of thirteen.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10.—Mr. President, in the absence of the Chairman on the part of the Council of the joint committee on rules, I would move that the matter be assigned for one week.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I move as an amendment that it be assigned to 9 o'clock. Perhaps the member referred to may be here by that time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, being a member of the committee on joint rules and orders, in the absence of the chairman of that committee, that the only changes in the rules as reported by the majority of that committee, and as unanimously agreed upon by the common council members of the committee, were those necessitated by the Board of Apportionment act, in obliterating the committee on finance and the committee on appropriation, and also the sections of the rules which referred to the doings of those committees; the changing of the name of the "committee on inspection of vessels and ballast" to the name "Committee on Vessels and Ballast," and of the committee on "Sealer of Weights and Measures" to the committee on "Weights and measures department." Those, with the change of the membership of the joint committees from four in the board of aldermen to five, and from seven in the common council to eight, were the changes that were made by the committee. The report of the committee, so far as the members of the council were concerned, was unanimous. If there is any further information that any member of the council desires, the Chair will furnish it, in the absence of the chairman of the committee.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9.—Mr. President, out of courtesy to the chairman of that committee, I am in favor of assigning this to the next meeting; but, so far as the rules are concerned, and so far as revising the rules of last year by having the committees consist of eight on the part of the council and five on the part of the board

of aldermen is concerned, Mr. President and members of the Common Council, I wish to state, for the information of those gentlemen who have not served on committees, that there are practically only three or four committees which have any duties assigned to them whatever. Those four committees are Committee on Finance, the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Building Department, and the Committee on Claims. It is true that the Committee on Rules have a few meetings at the first of the year. Practically all the rest of the committees are of no effect so far as I have seen, having had practically no meetings whatever. I have served on eight committees, and the only committees that have had any meetings whatever were the Committee on Building Department. The other committees, like the Committee on Health Department, the Committee on Assessing Department, the Committee on Library Department, and a great many other committees on which I have served, have not had a meeting during the whole year of 1893. Perhaps the new members of this body may think that the members are appointed upon the committees to take action on matters referred to those committees, and that every week they will have some work to do upon those committees. I wish to say that, of the thirty-four committees, there are only four or five which will probably be called upon to act.

So far as increasing the membership is concerned, I wish to say that I have seen time and time again when there was no quorum present, simply because the committee consisted of eleven members. Of course we all understand that last year, owing to the conditions which existed then, it was necessary that the Board of Aldermen should increase the membership of the committees on the part of that Board from three to four, and so of course the Council had to increase their number from five to seven; but I do not see any reason why the number of members of committees should be further increased this year. Eight members on any committee are enough to perform any duties that will come before that committee. I therefore hope that assignment for another week will prevail.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to answer Councilman Kasanof in reference to the statement that there are only five committees which will meet. I do not see how he can look ahead so far as to size up the situation and say that only five committees will meet this year. I believe it is within the province of the president of this body to make all committees meet, by referring all orders to the proper committees. They will then meet. It is true that a good many committees did not meet last year. There are four committees which I have in mind,—the Committee on Vessels and Ballast, the Committee on Engineering Department, the Committee on Registry Department, and the Committee on Elections—which have not had a meeting, as I understand, in three years; and it was my pleasure to be on all those committees during the past year. Now, Mr. President, I believe the question comes first on the motion to assign to nine o'clock. Am I right, Mr. President, in assuming that the question is on assigning to nine o'clock?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question comes first on the longest time, under our rules, and that therefore the question is on assignment of the matter to the next meeting of the Common Council.

Mr. WATSON—Well, Mr. President, I trust that we will vote down that motion, for the reason, if it is voted down, we can then move to assign the matter to nine o'clock. Perhaps then the Chairman, on the part of the Council, will be here to defend his report. I therefore trust that assignment for one week will not prevail, because if we wait a week longer

we will have to wait just so much longer for the committees to be appointed, and we are all getting anxious. I understand, Mr. President, that Mr. Logan, the Chairman of the Committee, is now here, and I hope that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I would respectfully ask to withdraw my motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—No objection being made, the motion will be withdrawn.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to withdraw my motion to assign the matter to nine o'clock.

The PRESIDENT—No objection, the motion will be withdrawn.

Mr. KASANOF—Mr. President, I wish to ask for an assignment of the rules to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the motion out of order as a motion has already been made to that effect and has been withdrawn by unanimous consent.

The question came on receding from former action and concurring with the Board of Aldermen, and the motion was lost.

The Council voted to adhere to former action. Notice sent up.

6. Message of the Mayor transmitting, under the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under said act, at its meeting on February 3, 1898, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on placing said message on file, and passing the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 moved that the matter be assigned for a week, Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 calling for the yeas and nays.

The message and order were assigned for a week—Yeas 38, nays 28.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Jordan, Kiley, Kieran, Leftovich, Linahan, Lorey, MacDonald, McInerney, Midram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Wells, Winslow, Wood—38.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Turnbull, Watson—28.

Absent or not voting—Battis, Curley, Flynn, Giblin, Hibbard, Howard, Madden, Mansfield, Tebin—9.

#### CONVENIENCE STATION, ROXBURY.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz:—

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Bath Commission in reply to the order requesting it to construct and maintain a public convenience station in the vicinity of Roxbury Crossing.

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I desire to say, being the member who offered that order, that I have no objection to placing the message on file, but, in connection with it I desire to offer the following, and ask for a suspension of the rules, in order that it may go upon its passage:—

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in

the next loan bill a sum sufficient to construct and maintain a public convenience station at Roxbury Crossing.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I desire to make a few remarks in regard to that order. This is a matter that we have been looking for for two years. It is a well known fact that at this place where I ask that this station be located the place has become a nuisance. There is a great crowd of people there every night, and it is an unhealthy and very unsightly sight to see in the morning. I hope that when this matter comes before the Board of Apportionment they will see the advisability of making a sufficient appropriation for the purpose.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would be very happy to vote for the gentleman's order if I felt that it really meant what it said. We had a little experience last year in regard to \$20,000 which it was intended to appropriate for that purpose. It appeared finally that there was no intention of using the money for that purpose: If this is intended to be used for that purpose alone, I should be very happy to vote for it.

Mr. NANGLE—For the information of the gentleman who last spoke, Mr. President, I would say that this money is intended entirely for this purpose, and that if we get it, as I hope we will, I will guarantee that it will not be transferred for any other purpose.

The order was passed. Sent up,

#### APPROPRIATION FOR FANEUIL HALL

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz:

8. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-three thousand (23,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, heating, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneuil Hall, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the amendment offered by Mr. Stevens at the last meeting, that the sum of \$15,000 be substituted for the sum of \$23,000.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, my idea in offering this amendment, as I said at the last meeting, was that when the electric lighting work has been thrown open to public bids, and it has become evident that this amount of money will be needed for that work, I shall be very happy indeed to vote for it; but, as a matter of business principle, I see no reason why that part of the work should not be thrown open to bids from reliable contractors just as much as the plumbing, the heating, the ventilating, and the other work, should be. I would be very glad to see that amendment passed, and if, later, they show us that they need \$5,000, \$6,000 or \$8,000, or whatever the amount may be that should be used for that purpose, I should then be very glad indeed to vote for it. I wish to say, however, that I have reason to think that perfectly reliable contractors in the city of Boston will do this work fully as well for considerably less money; and, in the financial condition of the city, I think this is a matter that should be looked into very carefully.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, after listening to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens) it seems to me it is a question of debate on contractors. He says that \$15,000 is enough. Now, if we are to have a debate on the contract question here it would be well for the gentleman from Wd. 11 to have his debate with the engineering department and settle that debate there. It would seem to me, as I said at the last meeting, that \$23,000 is really necessary. The gentleman from Wd. 11 does not know how he feels on the matter. He says pass the \$15,000, and if they need more money let them come

around in six or eight months. This is not business, and I think if we are going to pass the appropriation for Faneuil Hall we should give it to them in a lump sum and not on the installment plan, as the gentleman from East Boston (Mr. Rice) calls it. I believe in passing the bill in one sum or not at all. Therefore, I am in favor of the \$23,000.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I have not one harsh word to say against the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens), who so kindly granted me assignment at the last meeting of the council; but since that time I have taken every opportunity presented to me to look into the matter. I have secured figures on the contract question, and from those in authority on the work, and have looked through the building myself, and I have come to the conclusion that an appropriation of \$23,000 is necessary. That belief is based not only on what I have been told by those in charge of the work, and from a thorough scrutiny of the order appropriating \$23,000, but it is also based on what has been told to me by experienced men in the business which is being carried on inside that hall. The work is being done to the entire satisfaction of the people in the stalls underneath. The opposition of the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens) is entirely confined to the electrical construction division, and I feel that it would be no aspersion on his motives to say that it is due to some antagonism on his part to the electrical construction division. It seems to me that this particular item would not have been picked out if it had not been asked for by that division. I hope, Mr. President, that the appropriation of \$23,000 will pass.

Mr. KASANOF.—Mr. President, I was greatly surprised at the gentleman in the fourth division when he moved to amend this order by reducing the amount from \$23,000 to \$15,000. I think that it would be wise for the members who are interested in the finances of the city of Boston to investigate matters before they go into any figures. The gentleman in the fourth division has stated that \$15,000 is sufficient. I would like to know whether he has obtained figures from any contractors as to the work which is to be done there. I visited Faneuil Hall today with certain members of this Council on the republican side, and they have been satisfied that \$23,000 is not any too much for fixing up Faneuil Hall, as far as electrical construction, ventilating, heating, plastering and plumbing work are concerned. I want to state to those who wish to vote for the \$15,000 that they ought to give the matter more consideration, and go down and see the work themselves, if possible, and not come up here and argue in regard to a matter which they have never seen or made any figures about whatever.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, just a word in support of the amendment offered by my colleague in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens). The role of the bear on the stock market is to bring down the price of stocks. There are those in every walk of life who play the part of the bear. That is my position. The gentleman in the third division has given a very good reason why \$23,000 should be appropriated. He has said that \$23,000 was necessary. Why is it necessary? It is necessary because one of the departments of the city of Boston is going to do the work. If the work had been given out for public competition, I believe that it could have been done for \$15,000. Now, there is no question about that, in my mind. I am satisfied that the gentlemen who are so gallant in getting up here and saying that we ought to spend \$23,000 for this purpose, which is not necessary, if they had an opportunity to go back to their wards and ask the tax-paying element there whether they should

vote for \$23,000 or \$15,000, when it can be done for \$15,000, I believe that those constituents of theirs would say to them, "You go back and vote for the \$15,000." Now, Mr. President, I trust that the amendment offered by the gentleman in the fourth division will prevail.

Mr. MULCAHY.—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Armistead), with all due respect to the gentleman himself and to the contractors from whom he claims he has obtained his figures, I must say that they had very little to do if they drew up figures on a contract of that nature for a gentleman from Wd. 11. Mr. President, he is like his colleague from Wd. 11, who does not know whether the work which it is proposed to do on Faneuil Hall will take \$15,000 or \$23,000. He must confess that there are several items mentioned here in the order—electric lighting work, heating work, plumbing and plastering work. He must admit if he will go down through those items, that they can spend \$23,000—and I am sure he will admit it if he will go to Faneuil Hall and inspect the work. He will see that that amount of money can be spent there, and spent honestly and conscientiously by the engineering department of the city of Boston.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I just wish to say a word in regard to this \$15,000. The gentleman in the third division stood up here in this Council three weeks ago and told us to go down to Faneuil Hall and see how the \$80,000 had been spent. Now, Mr. President, I made it my business to investigate this thing, and I found out, on going to the city engineer's office, that there had only been \$10,000 of that \$80,000 spent as yet. I would like to know what they knew about this thing, and whether they came in here for the purpose of trying to bluff us people or not. They say to us, "You will see the way the \$80,000 has been spent," when really there has not been \$10,000 spent as yet. I say that \$23,000 is too much. I know men who are in this line of business. I don't care to give figures, but I think I have enough information to justify me in stating that \$23,000 is too much money for this work.

Mr. STEVENS.—Mr. President, the gentleman who just preceded me said he had been to the City Engineer's office, and that they told him \$10,000 has not been spent as yet. I think it was one week ago tomorrow that I was in that office, and they told me exactly the same thing. It is a fact, however, that two weeks ago tonight the gentleman from Wd. 11 who is so anxious to see this rushed through, said that if we would go down to that building at that time, two weeks ago, we could see where \$80,000 had been spent, although a week ago the engineer department said there had not been \$10,000 spent. Now, if we can see \$80,000 worth of work where there is only \$10,000 worth, I think we had better look into this very much more carefully before we pass it. As to the remark made by that gentleman to the effect that I said \$15,000 would do this work, I think his hearing failed him then. I stated that I wanted the \$8000 struck out until that electric lighting work had been thrown open to bids of reliable contractors in the city of Boston. I do not care to quote figures, but I have strong reason to feel that \$8000 is quite a good deal in excess of the amount that would be required for doing this work by other parties who know the business just as well as this division, and who have just as reliable a standing before the public. He also made the remark that I seemed to be willing that all the other items should pass. I am very glad to see them pass, for, as I understand it, the work which they provide for has been open to bids of reliable contractors. I think that is business. The only reason I am against this electric lighting work is that it has not been open to bids of reliable contractors. I wish, however, to say that I have no

feeling against that department of the city, or division of a department, or whatever it is called. I have as kindly feelings for it as I have for any department. The gentleman from Wd. 14 seemed to think I was objecting to this purely on that ground. I wish it understood that there is nothing of that nature in it. It is simply a question of business principles. That is what I want, and nothing else.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I believe that under the Board of Apportionment Act, whatever the action of the Common Council is upon this matter, it will probably take effect for the full amount of \$23,000 on the 24th day of February, whether or not we reduce it to \$15,000. Otherwise, there will not be time enough to pass it over the Mayor's veto, if he sees fit to veto it, as he probably would; and all parties having had a thorough opportunity to place themselves on record, I would move the previous question.

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the main question will be put, and when it is put, I ask for the roll call.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I hope the main question will not be put just at present. I see that there are several men who want to express an opinion on this, and as it is something that has aroused a good deal of interest, I hope that all who want to express an opinion will have that privilege. There is nothing on the calendar that will be liable to keep us here very late, and I hope that every man will have an opportunity to express his opinion who wishes to do so.

The question came on the amendment offered by Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens), as also to the gentleman from Wd. 13 in this division (Mr. Linehan). I am afraid that when they were seeking for figures in the Engineering Department, they got into the wrong room. It would seem to me that the gentleman from Wd. 11 contradicts his own statement that he made here a week ago tonight. He said he went to the Engineering Department, and that there was \$18,000 spent. He admits in his argument tonight that there was only \$10,000 spent, although a week ago he stated that there was \$18,000 spent. Now, why should the gentleman get things mixed up in any such way?

The PRESIDENT—The question is on Mr. Stevens' amendment.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to say one or two words in reply to the gentleman in regard to the \$18,000 being spent. When I went in there, the amount of money that Woodbury & Leighton, the contractors, had received, was \$5200. It is customary for the city of Boston to pay 75 per cent of contract work done. That would not leave \$10,000 done. But \$5200 has been paid on that work.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25.—Mr. President, in connection with the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 11, I wish to say that the figures obtained and given to the Council last week were not obtained from any city department. I went to the contractors and obtained the figures—from Woodbury & Leighton themselves. They informed me that they had received an amount of \$5200 from the city. The figures which have been given the Council last week and this week remind me of a story. It seems that there was once a gentleman who wished to cross the ferry. He walked towards the wharf, and as he approached the ferryboat he heard the bell ring. He rushed down and saw that the boat was a short distance out in the stream, five or six feet, and with a mighty effort he jumped and landed on the deck. He stumbled and fell, and after he finally succeeded in getting to his feet he looked around and saw that the boat was fifty or 60 yards out in the stream. Looking back over the distance between the boat and the

wharf, he said "Great Scott! Wasn't that a devil of a jump!" (Laughter.) I can't see why, when a steam plant, etc., could have been put in for \$5400 in 1898, \$23,000 is needed here now. I trust that Mr. Stevens' amendment will prevail.

Mr. STOCKTON of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I hope the amendment offered by my colleague Mr. Stevens, will prevail. So far no figures have been given by any gentleman who has opposed the amendment. The only figures given us on this matter at all were given by Mr. Stevens, and it seems to me clearly, under the circumstances, that the burden is on the other side to show that this amendment ought not to prevail. I therefore hope it will be adopted.

Mr. LEONARD of Wd. 9—Mr. President, it would appear to me that the members are wandering entirely from the real question before the body. We will admit that the contract for \$79,000 has been made with Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton for the performance of certain portions of work on this building. Nobody contradicts that; no person denies it. It is immaterial whether they have performed \$5000 worth of work or \$50,000 worth of work. Their contract calls for \$79,000, or nearly \$79,000. We might go back to last year, when, as several members say, they were approached by every Ancient in Boston in order to induce them to vote on this question. The members of last year's Council will remember that the Consulting Architect of last year, who, I believe, is the same this year, wanted \$100,000 for the repairing of this building, for putting it into the condition into which it is intended to put it now; \$100,000 was what was asked for. The members of last year's council will remember that the \$30,000 was a compromise measure, and did not cover an amount that the consulting architect claimed would be sufficient to repair this building. I don't wish to say whether the mover of the amendment here is consistent or not. He accepts of the items for plumbing, plastering, steam heating, etc., amounting in all to \$15,000, and he wipes out completely the item for electric lighting. Now, Mr. President, if he is honest, if he has received figures which say that this can be done for a less amount than \$3000, why doesn't he add the amount for which he thinks it can be done onto the \$15,000, and prove his consistency to this body? I think that he presents no argument to this body why we should accept the amendment.

As I say, if he is consistent, if he is honest in the matter, why not add the sum he thinks should be spent for the purpose right on to the \$15,000, the amount he claims it will cost to place electric lights in this building? Then I don't know but what I might vote for his amendment, if he can prove that \$8,000 is too much. I will state that, personally, being sick for the last three or four weeks, I had no opportunity to look up this thing. I don't know what has been done, and it is immaterial what labor has been done on the building. As I stated before, \$30,000 is all put out under contract, and whether the work is done or not, that amount we will have to pay. I trust that the amendment will not prevail tonight, but that we will vote in favor of the original order, unless there is another way out of this. If the gentleman wishes, as I said before, to add on to this \$15,000 what he considers sufficient to place electric lights or wiring in this building, that might give us an opportunity to support it.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 16—Mr. President, in answer to the argument of the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Leonard) in regard to the estimate of \$100,000 made by the expert for repairs on Faneuil Hall, I will say that these figures were made when it was intended to turn the tenants out of Faneuil Hall and make the repairs from the foundation. The explanation given by the engineering department at that time

was that the foundations of Faneuil Hall were strong enough to make the necessary repairs, taking the foundations as they were and beginning on the second floor, placing the temporary roof over the tenants in there and not removing them to make the necessary repairs which would be done under this estimate of \$100,000. Figures were then given out by the firm of Woodbury & Leighton, and they took this contract for \$79,000 for repairs. Since making these changes it has been found that the foundation was not heavy enough to carry the building, and there have been certain pillars inserted in the foundation, which made an expense of some \$6,000 or \$7,000 necessary. As I understand this matter today, this amount has been transferred from the sum that was originally set aside to meet the contract given to Woodbury & Leighton and has been spent on this building.

I understand that in this estimate for \$23,000 there is a sum of \$7000 called for for plastering this building. Figures have been given me by a contractor who is interested in this work, showing that there are only 4000 yards of plastering to be done on the building, and anyone who is in the least acquainted with plastering knows that this work can be done for 50 cents a yard. It would only require, at that rate, the sum of \$2000 to do the plastering, and I would like to know where the other \$5000 come in? In regard to the wiring of this building, I have understood from contractors who are familiar with this work, that it is simply to wire the building, that it is not the intention of the city at all to supply the plant for lighting; that they intend to hire the light from electric lighting plants outside. I am at a loss to know where \$5000 can be expended in wiring this building. Now, I am in favor of preserving any old landmarks, such as Faneuil Hall, but I don't wish to see the money of the taxpayers of the city of Boston wasted, unless there is some reasonable excuse given, some plausible explanation of where the money is going to. As I have always understood it, and as it was stated in Council last year, \$79,000 was enough to complete the entire work. If the Council of last year, or the gentlemen who had charge of giving out these contracts did not look into this wiring, etc., I see no way of getting out of it, but by appropriating a sufficient sum of money to complete that work, and I believe it can be done with the appropriation of \$15,000. Unless the gentlemen who have charge of this work can show me where it is going to require more, I shall never vote for an amount above \$15,000.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Leonard) said the contract was for \$79,000, and defied anybody to dispute it. I looked at the book of the Consulting Architect in the City Engineer's office, and the amount is \$78,500—a difference of only \$500—of course, a small item, but there is a little difference. Then he also said that a year ago the consulting architect said it would require \$100,000. Well, we are getting so personal on this matter that we might as well get to the bottom of it. Professor Chandler came into the office where I am within a few days and told me that about \$18,000 has been spent below the floor of Faneuil Hall. When that contract of \$80,000 was made, it was supposed that no expenses had to be incurred above that floor. Today they have spent \$18,000. I don't know whether it has been paid for, but work has been done to the extent of about \$18,000; and my good democratic friend from Wd. 14 who constantly seems to enjoy misinterpreting me, says that I said that \$28,000 has been spent. As I understand it, only \$10,000, or less, has been spent under that contract, but \$18,000 of work has been done outside of that. That is another matter. Now, these figures, I think, are absolutely true. Professor Chandler told me

also that if it had not been for the extra requirement of \$18,000 or thereabouts, the \$80,000 which we appropriated last year would have completed, or very nearly completed, this contract. I hope these figures will be taken just as I have given them. I have not tried to misconstrue them.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I wish to answer my friend in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens). Under the present building law there is a great difference in what has to be done to buildings as compared with the building laws of the past. There have been amendments to the building laws of 1897, 1898 and this year. I wish to remind the gentleman from Wd. 11 that there is a good deal that has to be done under the building laws this year that would not have had to be done last year. When this contract was entered into with Woodbury & Leighton, as I understand, there was no work proposed to be done on the lower floor. But I wish to remind the gentleman that the Building Commissioner and the Building Department, as authorized by the Legislature, have compelled the City of Boston to make certain repairs upon the lower floor, which has been done. Therefore, as I have said, being compelled to comply with the laws, they have gone to an expenditure of about \$18,000 on that account.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, it seems to me we have gone over this matter thoroughly, both at the last meeting of the Council and tonight. I believe every member here is ready to vote on the matter, and I most respectfully move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The previous question having been moved once and rejected by the Council, the Chair is in doubt whether it is a proper motion to make at this time. The Chair will, however, as it is doubtful, leave it to the decision of the Council.

The main question was ordered.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentlemen rise to a point of order? The main question having been ordered, discussion is not in order.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I ask that the roll be called. The yeas and nays were ordered, and Mr. Stevens's amendment was adopted, yeas 37, nays 29:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuder, Donovan, Eddy, Harvey, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sander-son, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Wins-loe, Wood—37.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Sweeney—29.

Absent or not voting—Battis, Collins, Emery, Flynn, Hibbard, Howard, Madden, Mansfield, Tobin—9.

The order as amended was passed.

Later in the session, reconsideration of the passage of the order was refused, on motion of Mr. Stevens.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF MALDEN BRIDGE.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9 assignment, viz:

9. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet; such work to be completed during the year 1899; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in 10

years from their date, to said amount for said purpose (City Doc. 57.)

Q. On passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair, as a member of the Board of Apportionment, desires to make a statement in connection with No. 9 on the calendar. The order provides \$50,000 for the purpose of widening and repairing the draw of the Malden bridge. It was suggested by His Honor the Mayor, on account of pending legislation before the Senate and House of Representatives, a bill concerning that bridge having been referred by both of those bodies to the committee on metropolitan affairs. That bill would compel the city to build a bridge which will cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$200,000 outside of the debt limit. Realizing that the city of Boston is bound by previous legislation to build this bridge and maintain it in proper order, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has passed this order. The question is on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

SALARIES OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN.

A message was received from His Honor the Mayor, submitted to the Board of Aldermen and sent down, relative to the salaries of policemen, and the re-establishing of the salaries of firemen.

(See proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of this date).

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department, when appointed.

MONEY FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to draw a sum sufficient from the reserved fund to make good the deficit now existing in the Fire Department appropriation, so that the wages of the members of the Fire Department may be restored to the 1898 rate.

The rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, before the order goes upon its passage, while I do not wish to antagonize the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Watson), I respectfully ask the gentleman if he will kindly explain in detail what his order means?

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I am aware that the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Hickey) has been more or less antagonistic to all my orders. But, however, I will endeavor to answer his question. My purpose is to have the money come from the proper source. The reserve fund is to be drawn upon in time of necessity, and I am satisfied that if money is not taken from the reserve fund it will be taken from a place where we will all feel it. I offer the order more as a suggestion to His Honor than as a direct order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope that order will not go on its passage. I have never gone out of my way to antagonize any order presented to the Council by the gentleman from Wd. 13, and I do not yield to him in endeavoring to do anything good that we may be able to accomplish for the firemen through this body. When the proposed reduction of the pay of the firemen was brought before this body in the form of a resolution by Mr. Watson objecting to the same, I was ready and willing, as I did at that time, to speak in favor of and support the resolution, and all along I have been against any reduction of the pay of the firemen. But it seems to me that that part of His Honor's letter, which has been just read, which says he

has directed the Fire Commissioner to restore to the members of the Fire Department their former pay, is quite sufficient, and that it is unbecoming members of this body, with our limited knowledge of the finances of the city, to suggest that the Mayor shall take the necessary money from a certain specific fund. I think it should be left to his discretion. He has already directed the Commissioner to restore the old pay to the firemen. That seems to be as far as the matter should go.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to once more call the attention of the Council to the rule which directs that members of the Council shall not use the names of other members in debate. The Chair will request members to use the respectful designation provided by the rules for all other members to whom they refer in debate. That rule has been violated twice tonight; the Chair intends to see that the rule shall be enforced hereafter. The Chair will direct the Clerk to read the order for the information of the Council.

The Clerk read the order. The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I do not object to drawing money from almost any source to restore the firemen's pay. I am heartily in favor of their pay being restored. I think it is a disgrace that the financial condition of the city is such that a cutdown in their wages should be even suggested. I cannot say, however, that I am willing to put myself on record, until I have further information in regard to this, as willing to have money drawn from the reserved fund to pay these men, when in the appropriation bill there are many items which might be cut, which are not necessary. I admit that it is necessary to pay the firemen, but there are a great many things in the appropriation bill that are not necessary, and I would prefer to see the bill come to the Council and have reductions made, if necessary, before we draw on the reserved fund to pay these men. There is no question in my mind but what these men will be paid, for a great many reasons. The Mayor of Boston has sent in this communication so that there will not be any cut made in some departments where he wants to have work carried out. I would like, to see the appropriation bill come to the body and be cut in the right places, not drawing from the reserved fund when we are paying out in other directions money that we cannot afford, for luxuries.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, as regards paying these men from the reserved fund, if I am not misinformed, that is about \$2500 overdrawn now.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, if the information I have is correct, there is \$130,000 there.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the Council, that in the annual budget which has been referred to the Board of Aldermen by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, \$123,000 is included for the reserved fund.

Mr. LINGHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to state, for my part, that I am in favor of drawing the money from any fund to pay those men the money that belongs to them.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to ask the President whether or not at this time a motion to indefinitely postpone the order will be in order.

The PRESIDENT—The motion will be in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I move the indefinite postponement of the order. My reason is this: I think an attempt is being made to secure more political capital out of the matter than any man is entitled to. When the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Watson), introduced his order in behalf of the firemen at a previous meeting of the Council, he found that the members of the Council supported him unanimately.

ly. They all voted in favor of the firemen; there was no division of opinion here. No matter who might recommend a cut in the wages of the firemen, the members stood unanimously against it. Now, the communication which comes to us from His Honor the Mayor states distinctly—so distinctly that it should satisfy the best friends of the firemen in this body—that the Fire Commissioner has been directed to restore the old pay to the firemen. If there is anything else the firemen want, I would like to know what it is. I am willing to go back to my ward and justify my vote against this order. The gentleman is very likely thinking of something sarcastic to say about me, but I have nothing to say against him personally. I am antagonizing his order on principle, and I believe he is looking for more political credit in this matter than is his just desert. When he is with the firemen honestly, he will find the other members of the Council with him.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I cannot think of anything half as sarcastic as the speech of the man who has just taken his seat. However, I will say that there are lots of things the firemen want. They want one day's leave of absence a week—there are barrels of things that they want. I will say to the gentleman from Wd. 2! It is not my fault that the communication from the Mayor has come in at this time. I had my order to introduce, but I had to wait until after that communication was read. I desire to say that the reserved fund is the only fund to take the money from. No matter how much you cut the appropriation bill otherwise, you cannot find any fund from which the money can be so well taken as from that. It has been said that we are a 'debating society.' However that may be, the fact remains that we drove His Honor the Mayor into giving the men the money that rightfully belongs to them. If it were not for the Common Council, the firemen would suffer the 7½ per cent. cut the balance of the year. It is the sentiment we aroused in this body that made him give the men what belongs to them. There is no reason for indefinitely postponing my order. Let it go to the Mayor, and let him do as he pleases with it. Probably he will throw it in the waste basket, as he does all my orders. However, I owe nothing to the Mayor or to the Fire Commissioner for my position in this Council. I am here by choice of the people of Wd. 18, irrespective of the Mayor or the Fire Commissioner. If I look for higher honors in Wd. 18, I am just as likely to get them without their support. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone the order will not prevail.

On motion of Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19, the main question was ordered.

The order was passed. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### SYMPATHY FOR JAMES A. GALLIVAN, ET ALS.

Mr. WATSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Common Council hereby extends its sympathy to the Hon. James A. Gallivan and others who were injured in the fall of the elevator at City Hall this day, and the members also trust their recovery will be speedy.

Passed.

#### EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13, offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow extra compensation to day police officers who are on duty at municipal lectures; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for municipal lectures.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word on that order. Seeing that all the halls are paid for out of that appropriation, that all

the janitors who work in these halls and all the lecturers are paid for, I think it is no more than right that the police officers should also be paid. Men who do duty day times should have some compensation for work done at night.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Mr. LINEHAN offered an order—That a special committee of five members of the Common Council, including the President, be appointed to investigate the cause of the accident to the elevator in the City Hall on this date, Feb. 16, and that said committee report at the next meeting.

The order was passed and the President appointed as said committee Messrs. Linehan of Wd. 13, Logan of 14, Stevens of 11, and Eddy of 16, together with himself, as provided in the order.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, REGENT ST.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Alpine and Regent Sts., Wd. 21, the expense of same to be charged to lamp department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### COASTING ON WEST FIFTH ST.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That coasting privilege be granted on West Fifth St., from Dorchester St. to E St., between the hours of 7 P. M. and 10 P. M., subject to the regulations of the Board of Police.

Passed. Sent up.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, HYDE PARK AVE.

Mr. BRODERICK, of Wd. 23, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to substitute electric lights for the gas lamps on Hyde Park Ave., between Walk Hill St. and Mt. Hope St., Wd. 23.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LAYING OUT OF CUSTER STREET.

Mr. BRODERICK, of Wd. 23, offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Custer St., from South St. to the Parkway, Wd. 23.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. ROEMER, of Wd. 22, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove tree in front of premises 252 Lamartine St., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, BOYLSTON ST.

Mr. ROEMER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a sufficient number of electric lights to properly light Boylston St., between Washington and Amory Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SKATING AT WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioners to take immediate steps towards putting Wood Island Park in good condition for skating and that they keep it so during the rest of the season.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAYING OF CONDOR ST.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Appor-

tionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill the sum of \$10,000 to be used in paving Condor St., Wd. 1, with granite blocks, from Meridian St. to Brooks St.  
 Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**FIRE ESCAPE FOR SCHOOLHOUSE.**

Mr. SIMPSON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill \$2500, to provide the Chapman Schoolhouse, Wd. 1, with suitable means of escape in case of fire.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**MACADAMIZING OF PRINCETON ST.**

Mr. SIMPSON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill the sum of \$10,000 to be used for macadamizing Princeton St., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

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**HAND RAILS FOR TUNNEL.**

Mr. ROLAND of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the

Mayor, to provide suitable hand rails in centre of stairway at each entrance of the Franklin St. tunnel, Wd. 25, in addition to those on the side.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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**NUMBER OF BUILDING INSPECTORS.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, of Wd. 12, offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, report to the Common Council on or before March 2, 1899, the number of men he employs as building inspectors under the authority of Chapter 8, Section 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and under what or by whose authority more than the legal number are employed.

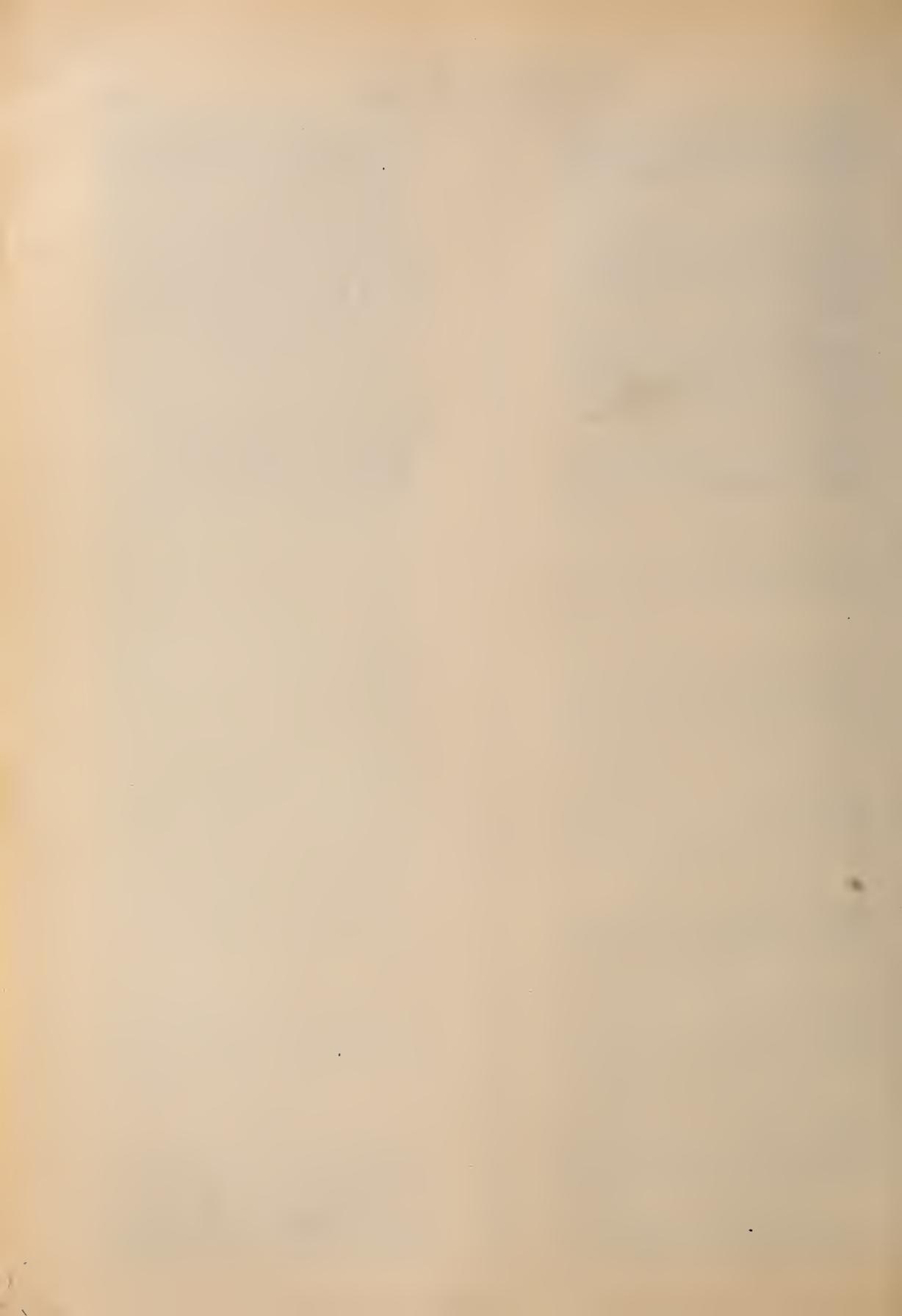
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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**PASSAGEWAY AT STOPPING PLACES.**

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to keep a passageway clear at their different "stopping places."

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Adjourned at 9:15 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4, to meet Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 20, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Berwin.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## VETO—CLOCK ON POST.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, February 17, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith with my approval the order authorizing erection of an iron post, surmounted by a clock, in the sidewalk in front of the estate No. 163 Tremont St., partly for the reason that there is already a similar clock upon this street not far from this point. It seems to me that permits of this character should be granted very sparingly, and only for locations where the convenience of the public will clearly be served and where the character of the street is not unsuitable for the purpose. Tremont St., in its present condition, should be preserved as one of the finest business streets in the city, and I do not believe that the city should permit it to be disfigured with clocks erected within the lines of the sidewalk—and chiefly for advertising purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby leave was granted was reconsidered and the question came on granting permission, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 3, nays 8.

## OPINION REGARDING TRACKS IN SO. BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 20, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I enclose herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in reply to your order asking for a report as to "what right, if any, the American Sugar Refining Company has to use and operate railroad tracks in and upon First and Granite Sts., South Boston."

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall.

Boston, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In accordance with the inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen inquiring "what right, if any, the American Sugar Refining Company has to operate and use railroad tracks in and upon First and Granite Sts., South Boston," I beg to inclose copy of opinion received from the Corporation Counsel.

Yours very respectfully,

Benjamin W. Wells,

Supt. of Streets.

City of Boston, Law Department, Tremont Building, 73 Tremont Street, Rooms 730-741.

Boston, February 13th, 1899.

Benjamin W. Wells, Esq., Superintendent of Streets.

Dear Sir:—I am informed that the tracks spoken of in the within communications are held by the American Sugar Refining Company, as they claim, by virtue of an assignment from the Standard Sugar Refinery. If this is all the right they have

to maintain and operate said tracks, I think they have no legal right to maintain and operate the same. Respectfully,

(Signed) Andrew J. Bailey,

Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

## HEARING ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, February 20, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Solicitor in relation to the order passed at your last meeting requesting him to secure a hearing by the court on the petition for an injunction against the construction of the proposed tunnel to East Boston. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Law Department,  
Boston, Feb. 20, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Dear Sir: I return herewith the request of the Board of Aldermen. On motion made to the Court last week the bill in equity brought by Causten Browne and others to restrain the building of the tunnel to East Boston has been set down for a hearing this week.

It will probably be heard Thursday or Friday. Very respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson, City Solicitor.

Placed on file.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Frank Lally, for leave to project one bay window over the corner of Bennington and Putnam Sts., from building, 153 Putnam St., Wd. 1.

2. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect three poles in Washington St., between Ruggles and Vernon Sts.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

3. For leave to erect poles in Melville Ave., Wd. 20, Salem St., Wd. 5, St. John and Rockview Sts., Wd. 22, and for leave to erect and to remove one pole in Washington St., Wd. 20.

Mr. B. B. Whittemore, representing residents on Melville Av., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition on the ground that the erection of poles would render the street unsightly and injure the property. It was a beautiful street and the residents of it wished to keep it so.

Messrs. Edward C. Wheeler, William L. Terhune, Frank W. Whitcher, Edward S. Farwell, James Smith and Lewis S. Adams, all residing on Melville Av., also objected. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

4. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Forest Hills St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. For leave to erect poles in Chester St. and Farrington Av., Wd. 25.

Mr. William M. Farrington, residing on Farrington Av., appeared for the residents on said avenue and objected to the granting of the location on the ground that it would render the street unsightly.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

6. For leave to lay and maintain underground conduits, etc., in Bay State road, Minot and Anderson Sts.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

New Broom Company, 55 Fulton St., Wd.

6. J. E. Peckham & Co., 35 Hartford St., Wd. 7.

William H. Crone, an illuminated sign, at 18 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Qung Lee, for leave to project a sign at 109 Cambridge St., Wd. 4.

#### Building Dept.

Collas, Whitman & Co. Limited, for leave to build a wooden addition on wharf rear 329 Marginal St., Wd. 2.

#### Claims

Augusta A. Way, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 161 Morris St. Wd. 1.

Thomas B. Wells, for compensation for damage to estate 2 Hammond Ave., Wd. 8, caused by an excavation.

Washington Press, for compensation for damage to estate 18 Essex St., caused by the bursting of a water main.

Armstrong Transfer Express Company, to be paid for damage to one of its coaches caused by one of the teams of the city.

J. B. Foster, to be paid for personal injuries caused by a defect in Gibson, Dorchester.

John B. Martin, et al., executors, to be refunded a part of the amount of a liquor license paid for by Patrick Raftery, deceased.

#### Electric Wires.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., of Mass., viz:

For leave to erect and to remove one pole in E. Second St., Wd. 14.

For leave to remove six poles in Providence St., Wd. 11.

#### Licenses.

Edwin Read, manager, for a license for a biograph and an exhibition of paintings in store 170 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

#### Public Improvements.

I. Mandlstein, for leave to box a tree at 126 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Bay State Real Estate Association, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 36 North St., Wd. 6.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. COLBY submitted the petition of the Bay State Real Estate Association for leave to locate basement floor of building 36 North St., at grade 5.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Colby, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. PRESHO submitted the petition of Silas and Peter Coluci, for leave to project four barber poles at 4 Chelsea St., Wd. 5.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Presho, and leave granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. O'TOOLE submitted the petition of Ryder & Brooks, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 12 Essex St., Wd. 7.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Ald. McDONALD presented the following petitions for signs, viz:—

J. H. Carlton, V sign, 103-5 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Mrs. M. G. Weber, four V shaped signs, 37 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

John N. Rieger & Co., V shaped sign, 36 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Beacon Lunch Co., illuminated sign, 7 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Dr. H. C. Edwards, two tablet signs, 15 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

M. P. Sadler, sign, corner Washington and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20.

Ald. McDONALD moved a suspension of the rule, that leave might be granted.

Ald. DIXON—That should go to the Committee on Building Department, shouldn't it?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that is the committee they would usually go to.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, my reason for asking a suspension of the rule, that the petition may be granted, is the fact that this gentleman is a sign painter located on the avenue, and he has been waiting since the first of January in order to put out these signs. As there has been no committee on Building Department appointed, it seems too bad that this gentleman should be obliged to wait until the Committee is appointed before he goes to work. That is the only reason why I ask that the prayer of the petition be granted at this time.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, there is a joint committee of both branches of the City Government, I don't see why that committee should not consider the matter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my motion and move reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, viz:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be appropriated for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, at a width of not less than fifty (50) feet, such work to be completed during the year 1899; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

8. Message of the Mayor transmitting order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of (A) twenty-three thousand (23,000) dollars (B) be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department to meet the expense of the electric lighting, heating, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneuil Hall, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The foregoing order was altered by the Common Council February 16, by striking out the words and figures between (A) and (B) and inserting instead the words and figures "fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Codman.

9. Ordered, That coasting privilege be granted on West Fifth St., from Dorchester St. to E St., between the hours of 7 P.M. and 10 P.M., subject to the regulations of the Board of Police.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would suggest that that order go to the Committee on Public Improvements. The Common Council has no right to pass orders of that kind. If this is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, that committee can, if it is considered necessary, bring in a new order.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

10. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to draw a sum sufficient from the Reserved Fund to make good the deficit now existing in the Fire Department appropriation, so that the wages of the members of the Fire Department may be restored to the 1898 rate.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Ald. Adams. Notice sent down.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to in-

clude in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to construct and maintain a public convenience station at Roxbury Crossing.

Passed in concurrence.  
The three following orders came up for reference in concurrence to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

12. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars to provide the Chapman Schoolhouse, Wd. 1, with suitable means of escape in case of fire.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know what that order means. The Chapman Schoolhouse is in my district. I went there this morning, went up to the top of the building, and saw the fire escapes. There are five fire escapes on that building, and they seem to be in perfect working order. I propose to introduce later an order that will cover that, anyway. If passed it will do away with the necessity for anything of this kind; and, until I can get some information as to what this means, I move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to consider Nos. 13 and 14, together, viz:

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars to be used for macadamizing Princeton St., Wd 1.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars to be used in paving Conder St., Wd. 1, with granite blocks, from Meridian St. to Brooks St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in concurrence.

15. The minority report of the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, which was accepted in place of the report of the majority, and the Rules and Orders, as recommended by said minority report, which was adopted in place of those recommended by the majority, and sent down for concurrence February 13, comes up endorsed: "In Common Council, February 16, 1899. Non-concurred and adhered to former action."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

**POLES ON MOULTRIE AVE.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 16, unfinished business, viz:

16. Order granting the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts permission to erect three poles in Moultrie Ave., Wd. 20.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, after investigating this matter I find that Moultrie Av. is a private way. Consequently I believe the Board has no jurisdiction in the matter. I therefore move that the order be rejected.

The order was rejected.

**INFORMATION FROM TRANSIT COMMISSION.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 17, special assignment, viz:

17. Communication from the Boston Transit Commission giving reasons why work has not been commenced on the tunnel to East Boston. (Doc. 53.)

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, that communication from the Transit Commission is not satisfactory to me, nor is it satisfactory to the people of East Boston. It is true that the Commissioners answer plainly and explicitly the question this board asked them, but in doing so they have written themselves down as hostile to the East Boston tunnel. They have stopped work on this tunnel, work that the Legislature ordered them to do. The act of the Legislature was mandatory and they had no discretion in the matter at all,

and the only reason why they stopped was because certain parties petitioned for a hearing in connection with an attempted injunction against the tunnel. There has been no injunction granted, no hearing has been held, the date for a hearing has not even been set; and yet they have stopped work in this manner.

When the sewer appropriation came before this board it was suggested here that there were proceedings in the court that might render that illegal, but this board went along and paid no attention to proceedings in the court. We did what the legislature gave us the power to do and left the court to take care of itself. In this case it seems to me that the Transit Commission ought to have done its work, and if they had gone ahead building the tunnel there could have been a temporary injunction granted and they would have had to stop them. But what we object to is their stopping when there was no need of it, when they had full power and authority to proceed until the court did act in the matter. Now, it is pretty generally conceded that all law is made for the protection of property. In old times property used to be protected by force of arms. That was too expensive and dangerous, so people then resorted to trial by jury. That has since been continually improving. But it seems to me this is going a step too far, because these people stopped working on this tunnel under authority given them by the legislature simply because a certain association asks for a hearing. Without giving any reasons at all, they stopped and shut us out from the benefits of rapid transit. The association that petitions for the hearing is organized, apparently, for the purpose of hiring a very able gentleman to oppose anything that East Boston wants. We don't know when this hearing is to be granted, and in the meantime the people of East Boston are to lose the benefit intended to accrue from the Act as completely as if an injunction had been issued. The work has been stopped. It may be possible that the hearing will be delayed so long that there will not be an East Boston man in the speaker's chair at the Legislature, and then it will be a good deal easier to substitute "may" for "shall" in that bill, shutting out the people of East Boston from the benefits of rapid transit. Every other section is getting some benefit in that direction today. But they have denied us entrance into the subway, have taken up the tracks on Tremont St., and are now trying to prevent us from having a tunnel. They are not using us fairly in this matter. I know this Board cannot do anything in the matter, and I am sorry that it cannot. We have asked the Mayor, through the City Solicitor, to push for a hearing on the matter—that is all we want. If a hearing is given, we don't think any reason can be shown for granting an injunction. I know the members of the Board are in favor of the East Boston tunnel, to benefit the people of East Boston, and I am only sorry that we have no jurisdiction in the matter. I am perfectly satisfied to let the communication take the usual course.

The communication was placed on file.

**CLERK HIRE.**

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of sec. 2, chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office, that the work had been performed, and that the same was necessary to the amount of \$1807.71.

Approved by the Board.

**CHANGES IN NAMES OF STREETS.**

Communications were received from the Board of Street Commissioners, notifying the Board of Aldermen that, subject to its approval, orders were passed changing the names of the following streets:—

(1) Dalmatia St., leading in extension of Woodcliff St., from Howard Ave. to Blue Hill Ave., to be changed to Woodcliff St.

(2) The ways known as Hunneman St., Yeoman St. and Norfolk Ave., in Roxbury and Dorchester, forming a continuous thoroughfare from Washington St. in Roxbury to East Cottage St. in Dorchester. be changed to Franconia St.

Severally laid over under the rules.

#### EXTENSION OF DORCHESTER LINE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to continue its Dorchester line of tracks on Washington St., Wd. 20, to Dorchester Lower Mills.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

#### HEARING ON REPAVING "DOWNTOWN" STREETS.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be hereby requested to appoint a time and place, and duly advertise the same, for a hearing of persons interested, relative to repaving the streets in the business section of the city.

#### EDGESTONE ASSESSMENT RE-SCINDED.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved December 28, 1898, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$218.65 against St. Philip's church, on East Lenox St., be, and the same is hereby, rescinded. Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### REMOVAL OF ICE AND SNOW.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have the snow and ice removed from the sidewalks surrounding Blackstone and Franklin Sqs. Passed.

#### BUILDING OF CHAPMAN SCHOOL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to remodel the Chapman school building and to add a six room wing to it, also to widen the corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitariums for the boys and install a system of heating and ventilation and report their opinion to this Board at their earliest convenience.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, that is a very important matter, and I would like to say just a few words, in order to call public attention to it. In that district there are 250 children who are housed in hired buildings, in quarters not intended for school rooms. I am familiar with the school, am a graduate of the school and my parents before me, and I have two children in that school today. I have been up there and investigated the schoolhouse and know just the condition it is in. They need six more rooms there; the building should be remodeled; the corridors should be widened, being very narrow. I stood there today and watched the children as they filed out, and certainly if a fire occurred there, a great many children would be hurt. With a large mass of pushing and struggling children in that corridor, under the influence of excitement, it is unavoidable that a great many would be hurt and perhaps killed. Whenever a man walks down those stairs they shake. They have already dropped two inches on one side. They are not safe for a class of heavy boys to go over. The sanitary for the boys is simply disgraceful and a nuisance to the whole neighborhood. The flow from the sanitary is one and one half feet from the bottom, and a foot and a half of filth stays there and is not cleaned out more than once a year. It is not a fit condition of things to allow to remain in that

school. The ventilation is very bad, old-fashioned, the ventilation not having been changed for a great many years. The teachers are obliged to open the windows, and I have had my own children catch cold there. I don't blame the teachers—they have to open the windows, to get fresh air, and the result is a draft and a great many children are catching cold in that way. The heating apparatus is very old, much of it having been there for twenty years. In the last snowstorm the janitor got there at two o'clock in the morning, and at nine o'clock he got the place heated to only fifty degrees, so that the pupils had to be sent home. A committee of the School Committee in 1894 said that these things were needed, and it would seem that, if public attention is called to the matter and they will only investigate it, they will see that the present state of affairs is remedied. The order was passed. Sent down.

#### RAILROADS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred Feb. 6), of Newton & Boston and Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Companies, for locations for tracks and overhead electric system—Recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, March 13, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 19 newsboys and 1 bootblack. Approved by the Board.

#### WARD ROOM, WARD ONE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment provide in the next loan bill the sum of \$20,000 for a ward room in Wd. 1, and that they also be requested to give a special hearing on the same.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:50 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5:12 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred Feb. 13), that coasting be allowed on West Fifth St.—that the same ought to be passed in concurrence.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

(2) Report on the report of the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders of the City Council (referred today)—recommending that the said report be recommitted to the said joint committee.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Report on the order (referred today) passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on Feb. 9th, appropriating \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge—recommending the passage of the same in concurrence with the Common Council and the Board of Apportionment.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence.

(4) Report on the order (referred today)

passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 24th, appropriating \$23,000 for electric lighting, heating, plumbing, painting and plastering work on Faneuil Hall—recommending the passage of the order, as amended by the Common Council (by reducing the amount to \$15,000).

Report accepted; said order passed, as amended, in concurrence with the Common Council.

(5) Report on the petition of the Bay State Real Estate Association (referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Bay State Real Estate Association to construct, maintain, and use an area 18 feet by 7½ feet with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 36 North St. as shown on a plan dated Feb. 10, 1899, on file in the permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending that leave be granted to project signs, as follows:

M. P. Sadler, at corner Washington and Bowdoin Sts., Wd 20.

Dr. H. C. Edwards, 2 tablet signs, at 14 Temple Pl., Wd 7.

Beacon Luncheon Co., an illuminated sign, at 7 Charles St., Wd 11.

John A. Reiger & Co., a V-shaped sign, at 36 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Mrs. M. G. Weber, 4 V-shaped signs, at 37 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

J. H. Carlton, a V-shaped sign, at 103-105 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(7) Report on the petition of J. Mendlestein (referred today), for leave to box a tree at 126 Sumner St., East Boston—Recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES—ORDER OF NOTICE

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect and to remove one pole in East Second St., Wd. 14—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 27th, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

#### BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT ACT.

Ald. PRESCHO offered the following:—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board Chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898 entitled "An Act relative to the finances of the city of Boston," otherwise known as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment Act, should be repealed.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, I offer this resolution not in any partisan spirit, but for the best interest of the city as I conceive it, according to my own light. It was well known here last year that both republicans and democrats in this Board united and went to the Legislature to oppose the passage of this act. I believe this act belongs to that class of legislation known as special legislation. I have now been in the hall going on six years, and I have seen a great many acts of this kind advocated at the State House, simply because some Mayor wants to do something. I don't care whether the Mayor is a republican or a democrat—he will go to the Legislature and ask for one of these special acts. I don't believe these acts should be passed so readily by the Legislature. I believe the referendum should be applied to all acts affecting any great principle of government in the city of Boston. The great curse of American

legislation, especially legislation by the States, is the great number of special acts that are passed and that is the great argument that has carried biennial sessions in a great many States. This is distinctly a special act—an act giving into the hands of the Mayor of Boston, to a certain degree, all the financial power. It robs that power from the popular branches of the city government. Here we have 12 aldermen elected at large and three councilmen from each ward, a popular representation, and what have they to do? Practically nothing. They have no power to increase items of appropriation; they can simply reject or strike out. Under the provisions of the act, the Mayor practically shapes the action of the Board of Apportionment. He has practical control, and a shrewd mayor holds the situation in his own hands. He is enabled to get control of the City Government, so as to carry out his own ideas. I believe that is contrary to the best principles of government. The people should have a chance to express their opinion, and how are they going to do it if the members of the popular branch have nothing to say about it? What have we to say this year? Simply nothing. I don't say it of Mayor Quincy especially, but this is the only instance where we have had an opportunity of judging of the effect of the act. Here is a budget brought in this year by the Mayor, and before the bill is passed he has been obliged to reverse his policy. He started in with a salary cut, and he comes in at the last meeting of the Board and acknowledges that he will allow the old pay of the firemen to stand, practically reversing his policy. Now, I have never seen anything of that kind in connection with any budget brought in by any appropriation committee since I have been a member of the Board. I believe the Legislature, in enacting this legislation, turns back upon its own principles. During the last two or three years the tendency has been, in connection with any legislation of this kind, to recognize the minority.

The legislature of Massachusetts has acknowledged the minority principle in a great many charters. I don't believe there has been a charter granted by the legislature in the last ten years that has not had some provision for minority representation—just as we have one feature of it in our method of electing the Board of Aldermen. But in this Board of Apportionment the minority have no rights. Of course, I am a republican and it perhaps grinds me this year, but I am speaking without any partisan bias, as we spoke together last year without any partisan bias, and I say it is a wrong principle. I believe the minority should have something to say. Here is a fairly strong minority in this government, not represented in this board. Of course, in either branch, if party lines are drawn strictly, they can be completely crushed. That is a bad principle. If it were arranged in some way so that the minority had representation upon the Board of Apportionment, there might be some fairness about it, but, as it is, the whole thing is simply an instrument for the Mayor to carry out his will. He can direct things practically as he wants to. A shrewd mayor can direct things practically to suit himself. For instance, some year there will be a mayor who is not a father of the bill. Of course, the present mayor will smooth things over greatly, because he is the father of the bill and does not want to have any friction or anything brought up that will be against the bill, when the matter comes up tomorrow. But take some time when there is a mayor, an independent fellow, who has a strong party behind him, and he will say "I will have this thing done in such a way," and he will get one branch to hold up his budget until thirty days have expired, when it will go into effect without the sanction of the City Government. How does this minority come in then? I say

it is not a fair bill, and I have introduced this order feeling that there are some men at the State House who feel as I do. I simply wish to enter a protest from one of the popular branches of the City Government. We are a popular branch; we are elected by the people by just as direct and popular a vote as the Mayor is, and we ought to have something to say. Are we to sit here as figureheads doing nothing, our power disappearing from year to year, or shall we make a determined stand against the Board of Apportionment before the Legislature?

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move that that resolution be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Ald. Adams doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, O'Toole, Presho—5.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of members of the board, that in the absence of Ald. Berwin, at the request of Ald. Presho, I am to stand paired with Ald. Berwin. I will ask the clerk to withdraw my vote, and the vote will then stand 5 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative. The motion to assign is lost. The question comes on the passage of the resolution.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope the resolution will not pass at this time. Despite the assertion of the alderman from Charlestown, it does strike me that there is politics in this resolution, his disclaimer to the contrary, notwithstanding. This act has been passed, and whether for good or ill there has been very little trial to show. There are in other cities of this nation boards of apportionment, and they have had their trial. What its effect will be here we cannot tell, because we have had but two months of it. If the aldermen from Charlestown had intended to bring this subject up so as to throw some light on it, he might at least have given us some notice in the Committee on Public Improvements, where we would have had some opportunity to talk it over and discuss the question. While at this time I do not say that I favor the Board of Apportionment, I am reluctant to vote for their resolution without an opportunity to think the matter over more than I have been able to do up to the present time.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that the Alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) should take the stand he has today on this matter. One or two meetings ago the gentleman who has just spoken introduced a resolution here asking for the relaying of the tracks on Tremont Street. Now, those tracks were removed by an act of the Legislature, and the same argument would apply to that particular matter as to this—that is, that the act had not had sufficient time to be tried to the satisfaction of the people of Boston. He spoke in favor of the repeal of the act, and his resolution was passed here by a unanimous vote. We ask here today to bring up precisely the same matter. We ask for a repeal of the Board of Apportionment act, because we believe the act will work a disadvantage to the citizens of Boston. There have been hearings held here this week before the Board of Apportionment, and I have heard members of all parties and beliefs, both republicans and democrats, condemn them and say they are a perfect farce, and that the Board of Apportionment under this act is an instrument working to the disadvantage of the whole city. We have certainly seen that we, as members of this Board, really have very little to do here under this act. We simply have an opportunity to act on a few minor matters. I believe this resolution should be passed at this

time. If it is to do any good at all before the Legislature it must be passed at once, as the matter is coming up.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, while I am not at all clear as to what the outcome of the Board of Apportionment will be, I am not prepared to say that the act establishing that board should be absolutely repealed. The act as at present drawn is not in my opinion, working just as it should. For instance, the act was drawn at a time when it was believed that there would be a single chamber in the Government, and (here are certain things in reference to the act, looking at it from that point of view, which are not working well in connection with the two branches. Certainly, in my opinion, the bill should be amended; it should not be left in its present form. I am not, however, prepared at this time to go on record as saying I believe that the act itself should be repealed—for this reason; it is bad enough to have special legislation, but it is worse, it seems to me, to keep running up to the legislature at every session and continually doing things and then undoing them. This act, good or bad, is on the statute book, and I believe it should stand there until it has worked out some logical conclusion. While the alderman is perfectly right in saying that the effect of the act is to give the Mayor substantially absolute power, I am not so sure, under all the circumstances, but what it is just about as well that he should have the power given by the act. That is to say, the Mayor is elected as Mayor, and he, if anybody, is responsible for the financial policy of the city; and I am not so sure but what it ought to be fixed in some way so that there shall be no divided responsibility. If, at the end of the year the outcome is not what it should have been, the citizens will be able to look at the Mayor and say: "You have had this money in your charge, have handled it entirely, and we blame you and nobody else. If it is arranged so that the responsibility can be divided, then all the Mayor has to say is "Well, I wanted to do this and so, but I was prevented from doing it." While it is unfortunate for us who are in the minority that the Chief Magistrate of the city is not of our persuasion politically, I am not so sure but what it is about as well for us politically to allow him to have full swing, and then we can turn to him and say: "You are responsible, and no one else." I quite agree with the alderman in saying that the bill is not satisfactory in its present form. That statement I cheerfully subscribe to. But I cannot go on record now, at this early stage, as saying that I am in favor of a repeal of the act.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I want to say a word on this matter. I voted last year with the other members of the Board unanimously in favor of going to the Legislature against the apportionment bill. I stand in that same position today. I believe it is about time that the members of the City Government of Boston should have some power. Now, I argue differently from my friend from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) and say that his party is responsible in the Legislature for this abominable act. It is immaterial who advocated the act before the Legislature—his party had the votes there. They put it through, and it then went on the statute books. I agree with Ald. Colby of Wd. 12 that perhaps certain amendments may be made to that apportionment board act that will better it; but, taking it all in all, I want to state my position as going on record against the apportionment act. I have every confidence in the gentlemen who make up that board. One of them has served in the state senate, has been in the Governor's council; has been in the Boston Board of Aldermen. He is acquainted with the finances of a municipality like this. Then there is on that

board a gentleman who was President of the Common Council for a great many years and who is chairman of this year's Board of Aldermen. He is acquainted with the finances of the city. Another gentleman on that board is a man of business, a man no doubt thoroughly conversant with financial questions. One of the members also is, the President of the Common Council of this year. I want to strike the bottom facts in regard to this bill, and I think it is about time, irrespective of politics, that democrats and republicans should stand on this floor and oppose by voice and vote any such act as this Apportionment Board act. It takes away all the powers of the city government—those of the upper and lower branches. The gentleman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) has well said that both branches of the City Council have but little power. I strike back again and say that I am not interjecting politics into this matter when I say that his party is responsible for it. For years on Beacon Hill they have opposed certain measures pertaining to the betterment of the City Council, in the line of giving us more power. They have done just the opposite. I don't want to stand on this floor and say anything against the Mayor of Boston. I have been a strong advocate of the Mayor, and I have every confidence in his financial ability. I do want to say again, however, that I am emphatically against this Apportionment Board act, and I will vote in that way. The gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) has taken a certain ground in regard to it. I don't believe in being discourteous to any member of the Board. This is a large undertaking. Anything we may say today will have no influence. I will assure the gentleman from Charlestown, upon the Legislature, because we did this same thing last year prior to the matter being acted upon by the committee, and it had no influence whatever. As I understand, it was subsequently advocated by a full committee. I will now move reconsideration of the vote on assignment, trusting that it will prevail.

The motion to reconsider was declared carried. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration was carried, yeas 6, nays 4:—

Yeas—Ald. Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on the passage of the resolve, and the Clerk will call the roll.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I will ask if the question is not on assignment?

The CHAIRMAN—The motion to reconsider prevailed. The subject is now before the Board, and the question comes on the passage of the resolve.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved that the matter be assigned to the next meeting, which motion was carried, yeas 6, nays 4:—

Yeas—Ald. Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Presho—4.

**REMOVAL OF ELECTRIC LIGHT POLE.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Boston Electric Light Company be directed to remove the pole of said company located at the corner of Dudley and Washington Sts.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

**ERECTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place electric lamps at the following locations: One on Centre St., opposite Allston St.; one at Park St., opposite Greenbriar St.; one at corner of Greenbriar and Tonawanda Sts.; one at corner of Greenbriar and Bloomfield Sts.; one at corner

of Cushing Ave. and Sawyer Ave.; all in Wd. 20.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

**FUNDS FOR NEEDED NEW SCHOOL-HOUSES.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill the additional amount asked for by the School Committee, to be used in the construction of additional new school buildings in those districts needing new school-houses.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**SALARY OF FIREMEN.**

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow the men employed in the department the amount of salary which they lost in the period between the reduction of their salaries and their restoration.

Passed. Sent down.

**CARS TO STOP AT UPTON STREET.**

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to make a stopping place for their cars at the corner of Upton and Tremont Sts., Wd. 9.

Passed.

**CARLETON ST. FIRE.**

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, if he deem it advisable, to extend thanks for the citizens of Boston and the fire department to W. D. Ross, an engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, for his prompt action in giving the alarm and his efficient assistance at the recent Carleton St. fire.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place fire-alarm box No. 98, corner of Columbus and Massachusetts Aves, on a lamp-post with a red signal light.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, probably the members of the Board, through the press this morning, saw about a very serious affair in a residential neighborhood of the ward in which I live. It was stated in the papers that the fire was on Carleton Park. As a matter of fact, it was on Carleton St. The name of that street must have a familiar sound to those who have been in the City Government in the past and who have known about various items for Carleton St. which have been proposed in several loan bills. The Carleton St. question is also being considered by this year's Board of Estimate and Apportionment. As a matter of fact, this private way is in a very serious condition, and the fact that the engines could not get through the street assisted in the direful results of the fire. A word of reference to the fire box there may not be out of place. I think at most of the corners at the South End where the boxes have been placed, a lamp post surmounted with a red signal has been used. But it so happens that the one in this district has not been changed; and it is on the lee side of a very large pole or stick of timber, almost hidden from view from three-quarters of the horizon. There was considerable delay by reason of nobody being able to find the box and ring in the alarm. As far as thanks to the railroad engineer are concerned, while I suppose it is the duty of every good citizen who sees a fire to give the alarm, as a matter of fact this engineer, when going through there, saw the light and stopped the train, although it was a good ways above when it stopped, and he succeeded in making such a noise with the bell and whistle on the locomotive that he aroused the whole neighborhood. He then got off his engine and

climbed over the fence and got at the fire in good shape. I think when anybody does as much as he does he is entitled to recognition at the hands of the Fire Commissioner.

The orders were passed.  
Sent down.  
Adjourned at 5:45 P.M., on motion of Ald. Brick, to meet on Monday, Feb. 27, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, February 23, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Killey in the chair.

## LIST OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston.  
February, 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information, and with the suggestion that the same be printed as a document, a classified statement of the number, designation and salary of officers and employees of the different departments, not including mechanics and laborers.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Annexed was the list referred to.)

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR POLICEMEN.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston.

February, 23, 1899.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in regard to your order requesting the Board to so amend its regulations as to permit two (2) days leave of absence a month, without loss of pay, to each member of the Police Department.

Respectfully yours,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Police Department.

Office of the Board of Police.

February 21, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.—

Dear Sir: The Board of Police is in receipt of an order passed by the Honorable Common Council, requesting this department to amend its regulations so as to permit two days leave of absence a month to each member of said department without loss of pay.

In reply, would say: The Board has given this matter careful consideration and finds that it would be impossible to comply with this order without great detriment to the efficiency of the department, or, adding very largely to its annual expenditure.

There are now 1129 officers of all grades in the police department, and if the provisions of this order were carried out, allowing 24 days leave of absence for each man and maintaining the same standard of efficiency by increasing the number of men in the department, as we should necessarily be obliged to do, it would cost \$31,440 per annum. This, in addition to the ordinary absentees on account of sickness and leave of absence, which would average to number about 50 men per day, would cripple the efficiency of the department unless some provision were made to increase the number of men on duty.

Notwithstanding the increase in the number of patrolmen during the past few years, there is a constant demand for more police officers, not only for ordinary patrol duty, but for special work such as protection for street crossing and other special details.

In view of these facts the Board does not see how it would be justified in complying with the request made in this order of the Common Council.

Very respectfully,

A. P. Martin, Chairman.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the councilman who offered the order is not present, I move that the communication be printed and assigned to the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

## ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Feb. 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

The unfortunate and alarming accident occasioned by the falling of one of the elevators in City Hall on February 16th, was at once made the subject of investigation by the City Engineer, at my direction, and also by the Building Department in the course of the regular performance of its duties. I now transmit herewith, for your information, communications from the City Engineer, from the Building Commissioner, and from the Whittier Machine Company, which had inspected the elevator.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall.

Feb. 20th, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with your request an examination has been made of the westerly elevator in the City Hall and its appurtenances, which were wrecked on Thursday, Feb. 16th last, and I find that the piston rod, the cross head and the travelling sheave yoke connected with the same are broken, and the sheaves pulled toward the elevator well by the ropes connected to the car. In my opinion the fall of the car was caused by the breaking of the piston rod cross head and connecting yoke.

Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Whittier Machine Company, Elevators.

Boston, Feb. 17th, 1899.

Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—At the request of City Architect, Mr. Howard, we have examined the west elevator at City Hall Building, with a view to ascertaining the cause of the recent accident. We are of the opinion the accident was caused by the breaking of the connection between the piston and the yoke carrying the travelling sheaves. The break occurred at the end nearest the sheaves. There are indications of a slight fracture, but it is impossible to say what caused it. The safety apparatus on the car failed to operate from the fact that the hoisting ropes were taut during the descent of the car. The car was found about 8 inches from its lowest position and the safeties set, thereby holding the car firmly in this position. We can account for this from the fact that when the car struck the buffers at the bottom of the wellway it rebounded, thereby slacking the hoisting ropes and allowing the safeties to operate.

Yours truly,

H. P. King, Treasurer.

City of Boston—Building Department.

Office of the Building Commissioner.

Old Court House, Feb. 23, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I enclose herewith for your information, the report made to me by three of the building inspectors of this Department in respect to the elevator accident which occurred at City Hall on Feb. 16th.

Respectfully,

John S. Damrell,

Building Commissioner.

City of Boston—Building Department.

Office of the Building Commissioner.

Old Court House, Feb. 17, 1899.

John S. Damrell, Esq., Building Commissioner.

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your instruction, the undersigned have invest-

igated the accidental fall of the westerly elevator in City Hall, on Thursday afternoon last, and beg leave to submit the following report:—

The hoisting machinery is located in the basement of the building, and is operated by hydraulic power, supplied from tank pressure. The apparatus consists of a horizontal cast-iron cylinder, nine feet in length and twenty-six inches internal diameter, within which a piston is actuated by a flow of water that is regulated by the movement of a rope inside the passenger car. The piston is attached by means of a hollow cast-iron tube, seven inches external, and six inches internal, diameter, to traveling sheaves carrying four metallic cables  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. diameter, to which the car is suspended. The tube or piston rod is connected with the sheaves by means of a yoke or cross head that serves to maintain the sheaves in position and to communicate motion. This apparatus raises the car by a pulling force upon the cables that are set in motion by the application of water within the cylinder which forces the piston outward and causes a force to be exerted by means of the piston rod against the sheaves, which are thus given a horizontal movement, each sheave at the same time revolving independently and thus drawing the cables over stationary pulleys located overhead in the elevator shaft, and raising the car to the height desired. The descent is accomplished by gravity when the valve is opened to allow the escape of water from the cylinder, the column of water in which cylinder supports the car and permits its stoppage whenever the valve is closed.

At the time the accident occurred the elevator was ascending and had nearly reached the second landing. It contained six passengers, besides the operator, all of whom were injured and several quite severely.

The operator reports that he noticed no difference in the action of the car until it began to fall. It fell a distance of about thirty feet, and is apparently uninjured, except that the glass windows and chandelier are broken. The piston rod is broken at a point near the cross head, which also is broken and detached. The broken end of the piston rod rests upon the concrete floor and the other end is partially torn from the piston head. The movable sheaves were forced against the end of the cylinder, which they must have struck with some power, for the flanges are broken and they are thrown out of line. It is evident that the car began to fall when the ruptured piston rod no longer held the sheaves in place. Their freedom from the supporting column of water in the cylinder left nothing to prevent the fall of the car, the weight of which caused the cables to unwind.

We find that the car is provided with a safety appliance that is not carried into action except by a slackening or breakage of the cables. In this instance, however, the weight of the falling car maintained the cables taut, and thus prevented the engagement of the safety device. That this apparatus is in good condition is manifest from the fact that the car is now held by the safety appliance, having rebounded when it reached the limit of descent and thus slackened the cables which no longer prevented the engagement of the said appliance.

It seems reasonable to infer that the speed of the falling car was somewhat checked before it completed the descent, the cables having become caught upon the broken and ragged end of the piston rod, which was forced outward so as to bring a restraining force into operation by means of the entangled cables. This is conjectural, but in this singular case conclusions must be reached by inference and conjecture. The cause of the accident itself must forever remain in doubt, al-

though it is quite apparent that it is attributable to a well defined flaw in the metal comprising the piston rod, at the point of fracture. It can never be certainly determined that the initial rupture was where the flaw exists, but presuming that the derangement first occurred at this point of weakness, it is not difficult to account for what followed, while upon any other theory the conditions cannot so easily be explained, even if they admit of explanation.

The imperfection to which the accident may be attributable extends for several inches lengthwise of the piston rod and inward to a depth of from  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. to  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., or half through the shell of the tube. Parts of the metal seem porous and structurally weak, without texture or cohesive strength, and from a superficial examination it can be determined that the quality of the iron is itself defective and unsuitable to be employed in the manufacture of vital parts of machinery upon the integrity of which human life depends. In this instance had the metal been of better quality and in greater quantity the accident might not have occurred.

In conclusion we place on record the conviction that the defect so easily perceptible after the accident could not have been detected by any provision within the grasp of human thought or by any power of human perception. Were it suspected or known to exist, its discovery would have been improbable by the ordinary methods of inspection, or by any method in vogue to discover impairment in metallic substances.

P. H. Costello,  
Fred C. Floyd,  
Thos. J. Lavery,  
Building Inspectors.

Referred to the special committee on elevator accident.

#### REPAIR OF FANEUIL HALL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 23, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith, for the information of your body, a communication addressed to me by the Consulting Architect, in reference to Faneuil Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Engineering Department,  
Architectural Division, 70 City Hall.  
February 3rd, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, Boston.

Dear Sir:—I have thought it best to lay before you the exact condition to date of all matters relating to the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, for the purpose of enlightening the members of the Common Council, if you see fit.

No member of that body has visited this office for information on the subject and the discussion in the Council last Thursday evening was based on utterly wrong premises.

In March, 1898, Messrs. Woodbury & Leighton gave this office an approximate estimate for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, provided that this reconstruction need only include from the ceiling of the market floor up. They felt that the old work below this line was strong enough even to carry safely the heavier iron and plaster work of the new construction. Under these conditions the estimate for the entire work was about \$80,000 and on this estimate an appropriation was immediately asked for to allow this office to at once prepare for actual operations.

I personally explained to the Committee on Finance that this was only an estimate which I then considered too low, and asked for \$100,000, which I felt would be necessary to properly complete the work.

The matter of preserving the old sub-structure was next referred to the Engineering Department and they strongly ob-

jected to let any of the old work stand unless every column was examined as well as its foundation. The result of this examination was that the Engineering Department decided that 50 of the old columns must be replaced. This, of course, greatly added to the cost of the undertaking, but on this new basis, specifications were written and estimates invited. It was found that one item, the examination of foundations below cellar floor, and the strengthening of the same if necessary, had better be left to day work, for bids for such work would have to be made by guess work and the contractor would certainly estimate high enough to protect himself.

Seven estimates were received as follows:

Woodbury & Leighton.....	\$73,500.00
James Fagan.....	84,337.00
J. S. Jacobs & Son.....	84,943.00
Gerry & Norcross.....	91,773.00
Norcross Bros.,.....	97,000.00
E. Noyes Whitcomb.....	99,800.00
Connery & Wenworth.....	101,000.00

The estimate of Woodbury & Leighton was accepted. This included everything about the building with the exception of heating and ventilation, plumbing and electric lighting, and the day work on the foundations, if the same was found necessary.

As the appropriation made by the City Council for the work was but \$80,000, and as the contract estimate was \$73,500, it was deemed advisable at the time to deduct from Woodbury & Leighton's contract such items of work as need not be done until the last thing. Therefore a reduction amounting to \$7,000.00 was made for painting, plastering, etc., with the agreement with the contractors that the same amount should be added to the contract again when an additional appropriation was made.

This extra sum allowed us to make borings to determine the condition of the soil, to take care of the pictures and other works of art in the building, and to do any preliminary work on plumbing and heating which, if postponed later, would mean unnecessary cutting and jobbing of completed work.

The work was started in September, 1898, and to date there has not been a single unforeseen extra incurred, and only one payment to the contractor has been made, amounting to \$3,325.50.

The additional appropriation of \$23,000 asked for at this time is to entirely complete the building, and it is to take care of the following matters:

Heating and ventilation.....	\$5,000.00
Plumbing.....	3,000.00
Painting and plastering (originally deducted),.....	7,000.00
Electric work.....	8,000.00

This last item of \$8,000.00 for electric work is the estimate furnished by the Electrical Construction Division.

I should be very glad to have all our drawings, specifications and contract, as well as the conduct of this work examined by any member or members of the Council. If any just criticism can be made I shall be very glad to hear it.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect.

Placed on file.

PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed—Communication from the Boston Central Labor Union in favor of the passage of an ordinance to establish the Building Construction Department.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of order requesting the Mayor to draw from the reserved fund a sum sufficient to make

good the deficit now existing in the Fire Department appropriation.

The question came on placing the notice on file.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am perfectly satisfied to have the communication placed on file. As the one who introduced the order, I will simply say at this time that I understand the Mayor intends to take the money from that fund anyway, and I am perfectly willing.

The notice was placed on file.

2. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place fire-alarm box No. 98, corner of Columbus and Massachusetts Aves., on a lamp-post with a red signal light.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to remodel the Chapman School Building, and to add a six-room wing to it, also to widen the corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitaries for the boys and install a system of heating and ventilation and report their opinion to this Board at their earliest convenience.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, the only objection I have to this order is the fact that it does not ask for a new schoolhouse altogether. This school is one of the worst buildings probably in the city of Boston that is used for school purposes. It is a building perhaps forty-five or fifty years old, and it is in a tumble-down condition. The corridors are about nine feet wide and the scholars, of which there are about a thousand, have to hang their coats in the corridors for lack of room. They also have to occupy buildings in that district that are not built for school purposes. This order, in asking for a six-room wing, does not ask any too much. The building is in dreadful shape and should be replaced by a new one, in my opinion.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, the building referred to in this order is not in my ward, but is in the district which I have the honor to represent in part, and the order was presented to the Board of Aldermen by the alderman from that district. I desire to say that the building, from my own personal knowledge of it, is thoroughly dilapidated and thoroughly unfit to be used for the accommodation of the school children of that district. According to the statement made by the alderman in the Board, over 250 children living in that immediate vicinity, have to attend school in rooms hired by the city outside of any regular school building. The sanitary condition and the ventilation of this building are also a disgrace to the city of Boston. I hope the order will pass.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I would like to add one word in regard to this order. This being a school in my ward, close to my home, I am interested in seeing it remodeled. In fact, I would like, as the first speaker has said, to see a new school there. It is something that should be put there, really. This school has been there for fifty years. I attended the school over twenty years ago myself, and there has been nothing done to it since, so far as I can see—nothing in the way of remodeling. I trust that the School Committee will take the matter in hand and will remodel and make this a good building. I know a great many of the school children have to attend school in rooms hired outside. I have a child of my own who attends a school in a building outside, because he cannot be accommodated in any of the schoolrooms in this building. I trust this order will pass.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I want to say just a word in regard to this building. I called there today and examined its condition. The building is in a very dilapidated condition. The floors are very poor, dangerously so, and the plastering is liable to fall down at any

time. If something is not done within a short time, a disaster may occur there. I trust the School Committee will act favorably upon the request.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to allow the men employed in the department the amount of salary which they lost in the period between the reduction of their salaries and their restoration.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, if he deem it advisable, to extend thanks for the citizens of Boston and the Fire Department to W. D. Ross, an engineer on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, for his prompt action in giving the alarm and his efficient assistance at the recent Carleton St. fire.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the Appropriation Bill for 1899-1900, as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 23, together with five orders for loans, also passed by said Board on the same date, to be appropriated as follows:

\$410,000 for extension of water mains.

\$55,000 for making plans of territory or sections of land under provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto.

\$25,000 for working capital, Public Buildings Department, Repair Division.

\$10,000 for working capital, Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division.

\$10,000 for working capital, Printing Department.

The above bill and orders are contained in City Document No. 42, and come down from the Board of Aldermen without any alteration.

The message was placed on file, and the question came on the passage of the appropriation bill and loan orders in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd 12 offered the following amendment:

Amend the appropriation bill as follows:

In the item for Art Department, strike out \$1000, and insert \$200.

In the item for Bath Department, strike out \$69,500 and insert \$50,000.

In the item for Children's Institutions Department, strike out item for Marcella St. Home, \$1400 making appropriation for said department \$153,600.

In the item for Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, strike out item for Free Public Lectures, \$3000, making the appropriation \$24,800.

In the item for Music Department, strike out \$10,000 and insert \$5000.

In the item for Public Buildings Department, General expenses, strike out \$150,500 and insert \$140,000, and strike out Electrical Construction Division, \$7000, making appropriation for said department \$140,100.

Strike out item for Statistics Department, General Expenses, \$13,000, and City Record, \$6000, total \$19,000.

In the appropriation for Street Department, Sanitary Division, strike out \$570,000, and insert \$522,000, making total appropriation for said Department \$1,945,650.

In the appropriation for Lamp Department, strike out \$670,000, and insert \$660,000.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12.—Mr. President—In making a few remarks upon this amendment I trust that I shall be allowed the same latitude of parliamentary courtesy as has been given gentlemen of this body at the two last meetings of the Council.

Since 1885, Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Council, the tendency has been in this city to centralize the financial power formerly possessed by the City Council in the hands of the Mayor.

Last year Mayor Quincy succeeded in

passing through a hypnotized legislature an act creating the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. When at divers times the Mayor has had occasion to refer to this act, he has gloried in the fact that the time had at last arrived, when the financial affairs of the city had been taken out of the hands of the politicians and placed in the care of business men. Before taking up the Appropriation Bill for 1899 to 1900—the first act of importance that has come to us from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—I wish to state the facts as they are in regard to the greatest imposture ever perpetrated upon a municipality—that is, this so-called Business Men's Board.

Who comprises the Board of Estimate and Apportionment? First, Laurence Minot, representative of the tax-payers of the city and a business man. Unwitting tool of Mayor Quincy. Second, John H. Sullivan, quasi-banker, a gentleman who will father any and all schemes, providing East Boston gets the lion's share. Professional politician; tool of the Mayor. Third, David F. Barry, representative of the poor laboring man, but who did not utter a word of protest when the question of the reduction of the wages and salaries of city employees was before the Board. Professional politician; everlasting seeker after office; tool of the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I think there is a rule—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. BRADLEY—Yes, sir.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. BRADLEY—I think there is a rule of this Council, and I also think it is only common courtesy, that we members of the lower branch of the City Government should refrain from alluding to the members of the other branch of the City Council in the manner in which the gentleman in the third division has.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, and will ask the gentleman from Wd. 12 to confine himself within the bounds of parliamentary practice.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Fourth, His Honor, Mayor Quincy, representative of Josiah Quincy and as unrepresentative of true Democracy as the Board of Directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad or Herr Most of Chicago—the Socialistic Anarchist, Fifth, Daniel J. Kiley, representative of this body—the only one who had the courage to protest against the pernicious Appropriation Bill that we now are considering, which led to the Mayor's outrageous, unnecessary cut in wages and salaries of the city employees.

The employees of the city of Boston are worthy of their hire, and although there may be, in many departments an unnecessary and burdensome number, many that are there do their work well and are necessary. That these employees, receiving but fair wages for their labor, should be reduced in salary to support departments such as the Statistics Department, Music Department and the Bath Department, which are distinctly municipal luxuries and socialistic contrivances of an unsound mind, is indefensible and worthy of the strongest public condemnation.

Far be it from me to prevent Boston from having a thousand bath houses if the citizens desire them and the money in the treasury admits. Far be it from me to prevent every square, street and lane from ringing with the sonorous swell of Mozart, Wagner and Bach, if such be the demand of the people, and such be the condition of the treasury as to pay our municipal pipers; but with a limited and contracted purse, meat, bread and clothes must be bought before debts are contracted for baths, music, art and the intellectual ecstasies of lectures by such a man as our present Mayor.

When, these departments must be maintained at the expense of a reduction of seven and a half per cent of the salary of the honest wage earners in the employ of the city, I say, without equivocation, and challenge contradiction that it is unsound, unwise, unprincipled and thoroughly wrong, and, if the proposition were submitted to any man in Boston, except the crowd of hirelings which depend upon the bounty of Mayor Quincy, his verdict must assuredly be that the proposition that I have stated is undeniably and irrefutably true.

It has been said that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was composed of men who possessed opinions of their own, who were endowed with individuality and with sufficient courage to withstand the withering influence of the Mayor's domination. That three of these men do not possess these characteristics, and are as clay or plaster, under the fingers of a potter or moulder, is abundantly shown in an analysis of the proceedings of the said Board when it produced this ill devised bill which we find before us. The proof of my assertion is found in this, that when there was involved the expenditure of the enormous sum of nearly \$14,000,000 among fifty departments, with innumerable items, the recommendations of the Mayor were accepted by these same three men without question, criticism or dissent. Have these men even common individuality, the courage of a craven or the ideas of a school boy? They had no suggestion to make and no criticism to offer. The Mayor's will was theirs, the facts prove it, and they allowed a seven and a half per cent. reduction in salary to be made in order to support departments which I have characterized before, I hope, with sufficient strength.

Any one at all familiar with affairs at City Hall knows that in almost every department money is wasted every year. It is a matter of public knowledge that much of the money paid by the tax-payers of this city for public improvements and necessities has been squandered on political ward heeters—paid in many instances more money in a single year than they have honestly earned in a lifetime.

The principal reason offered for the establishment of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was that the City Council was incapable of understanding the first principles of financial wisdom. By an analysis of the appropriations made last year and those made this year let us see by what startling improvement and what exemplary financial wisdom the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shows itself superior to the City Council.

The Assessing, Auditing, Building, Cemetery, City Clerk, Collecting and the Election Departments have all been reduced by from two to \$10,000.00, yet the business they have to do is one of the greatest necessity and commanded by statute and their needs have increased and not decreased.

The fire department was reduced about \$50,000, Children's Institutions \$15,000, Insane Hospital \$15,000, Paving Division of the Street Dept. \$35,000, Deer Island Institution \$30,000, and House of Correction \$15,000. All these departments meet municipal needs which are of long standing and whose service should not be reduced, but extended.

On the other hand the appropriation for Public Baths has been increased by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to \$69,000, where they received \$35,000 last year,—a department purely created for the gratification of a whimsical Mayor,—his own department. But to establish Baths the Board of Health must suffer a serious inroad in their appropriation. Where is the reason, where is the sense?

The Music Department has received an appropriation of \$3000 more than it did last year. Another personal creation and fancy of the Mayor. The Printing Plant, another

hobby, stands with substantially the same appropriation as it had last year. The Statistics Department has received an increase of \$4000. Again a department created by the Mayor to expend money and give false information to the city's expenditures.

If this is a proof of the financial wisdom of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, if this shows that the Board is sounder and more sane in its disposition of city funds than the City Council, may I be struck dumb and blind, for then, indeed, I am bereft of reason and the world becomes inverted. The results are plain and simple. In the bill before us we see nothing but the unsound individuality of the Mayor. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is he and he alone. The Legislature of Massachusetts has put it in the power of one man, no matter how irresponsible that man may be, either in finance or in reason, to control absolutely the expenditures of the entire revenue of this municipality, for this bill becomes operative in 30 days' time after it is received by the City Council, whether the representatives of the people agree with it or not.

I have offered the amendment which is before you for consideration with this intent and in this spirit, that, whether it becomes effective or not, it expresses our opinion of how the money should be spent and makes an issue between the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Common Council, for the people to decide which is the soundest, which is the sanest, which is right, Mayor Quincy or the City Council.

The amendment that I have offered, Mr. President, cuts out entirely in some instances the total appropriation. I do not claim it to be an ideal amendment; far from it. But I have cut out substantially enough to enable the Mayor to restore the old wages and salaries to the city employees outside of the Police and Fire Departments.

Strike out \$800.00 from the Art Department,—we have artists enough in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment Burlesque Company.

Even this Business Men's Board were amazed at the amount of money, desired mostly for salaries, by the Bath Department, about \$169,000, and they actually had the audacity to reduce the appropriation \$100,000. The Mayor has stated that the Baths could be run this year for \$35,000. We will allow him \$15,000 more than his estimate for he may need some gymnasia or public convenience stations before the year is over, and, of course, he can transfer the money from the surplus left in the Bath Department.

Erase entirely the \$1400 for the Marcella St. Home, for the wages of a man in charge of an empty house. Sell the property and, with the money thus realized, provide decent accommodations for the poor children at Rainsford Island.

Wipe out the \$3,000 for Free Public Lectures. That is a waste of money when the Board of Strategy is at all times willing to furnish lecturers on any subject from "How to Discharge a Faithful Employee" to "The Ease with Which Public Money Can be Wasted." These lectures are to be given in school houses and halls owned by the city. Each lecturer is to be paid but \$10.00 for his services, but I understand that \$2,500 was appropriated for these lectures last December. This \$3,000 would seem to be, on this statement of facts, not only unnecessary but for a purpose entirely different from that alleged,—perhaps to give a reunion wine supper to last year's Legislative Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, in celebration of the magnificent work done, in creating the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which was favorably reported upon by the aforesaid Committee, and this would be but a poor requital for their service.

Strike out the \$7,000 for the Electrical

Construction Dept.—the department that is usually awarded a contract without competition, is maintained for political purposes and whose chief occupation is in repairing work that it has but just finished.

Abolish the Statistics Department with its \$13,000—a department to which I have referred, I hope, sufficiently before.

Erase the appropriation of \$6,000 for the "City Record." It was not started for the purpose of giving news—even news a month old—but to furnish work for the Printing Plant gold brick and to be a flattery sheet for the Mayor.

Strike out \$10,000 from the Lamp Department—in looking over the records of the Lamp Dept. for the past ten years I find that the expenses of said department have increased much faster than the length of streets during the same period of time. The Lamp Dept. can well spare a \$10,000 reduction.

And finally, eliminate the appropriation of \$47,400 for the contract with the "New England Sanitary Product Company," under the head of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department. That is a contract that Mayor Quincy made with his old friend and business associate, Mr. W. W. Gooch, whom most of you have probably heard of before. Why, gentleman, that contract is a regular gold mine for Gooch, but a regular gold brick for the city. The city furnishes men and teams who cart the refuse matter of the city to scows. Mr. Gooch has merely to tow these scows up stream to his works and there subject this material to a process which tries out all the oils, ammonia and the like which it contains. This constitutes a very valuable product and ought to pay very handsome dividends. The procuring of this refuse matter in itself ought to be worth something, but the city gives this free and then throws \$47,400 into the scows.

This amendment, therefore, strikes out altogether \$123,600. As I have said before, substantially enough to restore former salaries and wages to those employees whose salaries or wages have been reduced.

If the reduction in salaries was necessary to meet the demands of sound municipal needs, the only just and fair principle was that enunciated by the Mayor in his first proposal of a reduction, namely, an equal and lateral cut in each and every department alike. A discrimination would be unfair and I cannot see any defense for exemption, as we well know that the salaries of the Police Department could not be reduced, and, with a lack of firmness thoroughly consistent with his character, the Mayor, under popular indignation, has retreated from his original proposition to reduce the salaries in the Fire Department.

Men in all the other departments, in their way, do as necessary and vital work no doubt, for the municipality, as the Firemen and Policemen, although their duties do not bring them so conspicuously before the public. Their salaries by unfair discrimination should not be reduced, and with our help they need not be. If the amendment that I have suggested be adopted, sufficient money will be saved to go a long way in preventing a reduction in these other departments.

I am aware, Mr. President, that I shall be followed by gentlemen from the other side, whom I certainly respect, but who I feel would blindly follow the Mayor wherever his uncertain steps may wander. And in closing, I will say, in all charity, in anticipation of a personal attack, "Forgive them, Mr. President, and fellow-members of the Council, for His Honor the Mayor has spoken, and they know not what they do."

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the appropriation orders in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope that the same measure of extreme latitude which has been given my friend

from Wd. 12 will also be accorded me in the discussion of this question. I do not know, Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to correct an error which he may have made. The question is on the adoption of the several amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12, Mr. Chamberlain. Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 has the floor.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope those amendments will not be adopted. I have no lengthy type-written speech to deliver to the members of the Council tonight. I have no words prepared by myself or anybody else to deliver, whether for myself or somebody else, but I want to say, and I will stake my character upon it, that although George Holden Tinkham is not a member of the Common Council this year, he knew exactly what was being read from that paper. If it was not he that prepared that paper, it was Martin M. Lomasney. It was either one or the other, and whichever it was, he deserves credit for having such a tool to present his arguments for him. The paper deserves criticism, first of all, and it does not deserve the support of any member of this Council, for the simple reason that it begins what is presumably an argument with a personal attack upon men of high repute in this city. I want to ask the men who represent East Boston in this chamber tonight if they will uphold this man when he attacks the Hon. John H. Sullivan—a man whose charity and whose public career have endeared him to every public-spirited citizen of East Boston. He attacks David P. Barry in a personal manner—a man who for years presided over the deliberations of this body, with far more dignity and ability than some of his successors, who need not be mentioned. He attempted to prove that Laurence Minot is a mere puppet in the hands of the Mayor, and while in certain portions of that speech, which is written for him, he seeks the support of Laurence Minot, other portions of it are calculated to force Laurence Minot to desert his party. I have no doubt but that they will prove unsuccessful. He was chosen for the position principally on account of the experience which he had in the Board of Statistics in this city. He was well acquainted with the statistics of the city. He deserved the position, and he has filled it honorably since he secured it. The gentleman makes reference to the Board of Apportionment act, passed by a hypnotized Legislature. It was not a hypnotized Legislature that passed that Act, Mr. President. It was a Republican Legislature that, not only last year, but every year, for years past, has interfered with the workings of the city of Boston, and regardless of who asked for it, it was only one of those things which a Republican Legislature continually perpetrates upon the city of Boston.

He refers to the laboring men of this city—and I ask the laboring men, if there are a few of them here, if they are in love with the way he has designated them, when he calls them a crowd of hirelings, depending upon Mayor Quincy? I ask those men who represent laboring constituencies in this Council if they are willing to go back to their constituents and justify themselves in voting for an order presented by a man who refers to the laboring men of this city as a crowd of hirelings, depending upon Mayor Quincy? He says the appropriation bill which has come to this council, came without criticism on the part of the Board of Aldermen. I would like to ask the gentleman how he knows that? The only thing I had against this bill tonight was the fact that it had been detained too long and given too much time and too much criticism in the Board of Aldermen. I was pleased to see that after a lengthy debate the Board of Aldermen agreed with the Mayor in

the appropriation which he has sent them.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that heretofore he has refused to tolerate allusions to the Board of Aldermen. No allusions of that character have been made tonight, and the Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 2 to kindly refrain from making such allusions.

Mr. HICKEY—The gentleman speaks about the fire department salaries, and then he accuses the Mayor of retreating. I want to tell the gentleman who read that speech—and I would like to make a motion that speeches could not be read in this body—that the reference he made in that speech to the firemen of the city and the retreating action of the Mayor in restoring their old pay, is something which I think will not hold water, when brought into the light of what has transpired at the recent meetings of this body. There is no truer friend of the firemen in this body than I, and I showed that at the last meeting. Every member of this body was with the firemen, and no discord can be created by the insertion of such a clause as that into the gentleman's speech. I want to say, Mr. President, in conclusion, that throughout the arguments presented by the gentleman in front of me (Mr. Chamberlain) there appeared to me to be nothing except a discussion of the advisability of continuing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. That is not a party question. In the Board of Aldermen we have already seen a split on that. That is a question that can best be decided after the Board of Apportionment has been given a fair trial. The parts of his speech which relate to figures cannot perhaps properly be repiled to at this time, for the reason that he has read a speech of five or six typewritten pages, which has been thoroughly prepared, while anybody who rises to answer him cannot produce figures on the spur of the moment. But outside of the figures, I ask as a matter of courtesy, decency and good judgment, that the gentleman who read that speech be not sustained. The gentleman has cast aspersions upon citizens of Boston who are held in high repute, as they should be, in this community and in this body. Such men as now compose the Board of Estimate and Apportionment should not be maligned in this body by a gentleman whose only aim, in my opinion, is to be the republican leader of this body—something that he is not fitted for mentally, if he is physically.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refrain from personalities as much as possible during the debate in the Council Chamber.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, it is somewhat surprising that the same references were not made to the preceding speaker when he was on his feet. I would like the same latitude—in fact, I demand it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that no previous speaker this evening has referred in an improper manner to any member of the Council. The Chair desires to ask all members of the Council to refrain from improper and undignified personal allusions to other members of the Council.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I would like to call attention to the fact that it is not very many meetings since the President of this body interrupted a member of the body and told him that no reference to a member of the co-ordinate branch would be proper or in order. Tonight he has permitted such reference to be made, reflecting on the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen. If that is not a case of inconsistency, I should like to ask what it is?

Just a word, Mr. President, in regard to what the gentleman said in his closing remarks, when he stated that those who would rise here after him would follow blindly the Mayor and do what he says. I want to repeat what I said on the floor

of this body before, that I have never yet, since I have been a member of this government, seen the Mayor of Boston personally or asked his advice on any single subject. I have never gone to him, except in the midst of a delegation from my ward, asking favors for my ward. I have never seen him personally. I am not here to do the Mayor's bidding or anybody's else. I am here, as representing in part the people of Wd. 2, and I feel that the interests of the people of East Boston will not be conserved by the passage of the gentleman's amendments. I hope the amendments will be defeated, principally on the ground that they are scurrilous in their nature, reflecting on highly respected citizens of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he has not tolerated any allusion to a member of the Board of Aldermen as an Alderman. Certain statements have been made characterizing the Board of Apportionment, who drew up the appropriation bill submitted to the Council tonight for its consideration, and the Chair believes that the members of that Board are subject to criticism for their acts as members of the Board of Apportionment. The Chair will not, however, tolerate undignified and improper allusions either to members of the Council or to members of the Board of Aldermen, a co-ordinate branch of the City Council. The question is on the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, and fellow-members of the Council, I desire to state in the start that I am not in favor of all of the amendments offered by the member from Wd. 12. I move to amend by having a division of the amendments—that is, to vote for one at a time. Mr. President, I believe the cutting of the salaries of the employees of the City of Boston was unjust and unnecessary; and let me say here and now that, while I agree with some of the statements made by the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) I do not agree with all. I will say here and now that I will agree with him that the Mayor crawled on the matter of restoring the firemen's salaries. It was the unanimous action of the Common Council which made him do what he did. Now, it is not fair to cut some salaries and not to cut others. For instance, I understand that the public library trustees, over whom the Mayor has no control, will not cut any salaries. I understand that the same is true of the City Hospital—not one salary has been cut. The same is true of the street laying-out department and the inspection department. I ask the members of this body if that is fair? That is unjust, as you will all agree. It is not fair to cut the salaries of clerks in the Auditor's office and fail to cut the salaries of the employees of the public library, a majority of whom receive magnificent salaries. The same is true of many doctors at the City Hospital—may receive large salaries, and only those receiving \$700 and over will be affected. It is not fair to leave them exempt. It is not fair to leave the clerks of the street laying-out department exempt—men not living in Boston and receiving the magnificent salaries of \$25 to \$75 per week. The same is true of the collection department—same is true of the election department—\$1000 a year. Why should they be exempt, while all the employees of the Treasury Department are cut 7½ per cent? Is that justice?

Now, I desire to speak about this bill submitted by the Board of Apportionment. There are many items here. For instance, here is an item for the Art Department. What does that mean? Who is it for? There is not a member of this Council who can answer that question. But even if there is nobody there, I am willing to give them \$200 to spend for something. (Laughter.) Now, I believe we could curtail expenses in many departments. I believe the

bath department could be put under the control of the health department and could be conducted on proper lines. That would cut down the expense of that department. I believe in the abolition of the repair and electrical divisions. I believe in proper mechanics being put to work there and proper salaries being paid.

I don't believe in a ward-heeler being put to work as a skilled plumber, when he knows nothing about the business, and receiving \$4 from the City of Boston, while he also receives \$3 a day for serving on a jury, and not being caught. I say it is an injustice. I trust that when the vote is taken on these different amendments it will be taken on one amendment at a time, because there are some that I am in favor of and others that I oppose. I make that as a motion.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the amendments will be divided.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6—Mr. President and members of the Common Council, the gentleman in the third division, who introduced the amendment (Mr. Chamberlain) has been very profuse in his remarks and concluded quite dramatically, when he says "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Now, I say here tonight, and I am perfectly familiar with the department about which I am to speak—that when Josiah Quincy was nominated for Mayor in 1895 he promised the people of this city in his inaugural that he would endeavor to furnish free public baths all the year around. Last year the Bath Department was accordingly established, and as a special attack has been made on that department tonight I think it is a duty that we owe our constituency to do what we can to perpetuate this free system of public bathing. The Bath Department is at present under the direct supervision of an unpaid commission, composed mainly of men and women prominently identified with all projects of municipal reform and improvement. They have bettered the social condition of the people of this city so much that it has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. We have today but one all the year-round bath house, and that is the Dover St. bath house. It is centrally located and is within easy reach of 90,000 persons. It is a magnificent piece of architecture, and is the finest bathing establishment of its kind in the United States today. The North End beach, located in my own ward, I am perfectly familiar with, and I know the undeniable source of benefit it has been to the people of that section—not only to the people of that section of the city, but to people residing in Charlestown, East Boston and the West End. They have all freely patronized it, and it has been a source of benefit to all. The beach during the summer months has been a favorite resort of mothers with their ailing babes, and, sitting under a protecting canopy, they have enjoyed the blessed privilege of breathing pure, fresh air. The percentage of deaths and illness resulting from the excessive summer heat has been greatly diminished since the introduction of bathing to the extent that has prevailed of late in this city, as has been attested by the resident physicians of the district. It is the most closely congested district of the city of Boston today. It has a population of 30,000, and this fact alone should have a bearing on the question of the desirability of perpetuating the bathing system in that section. The dwelling houses there are of an obsolete character and are unequipped with baths, and therefore the only resource the people have is that supplied by the North End Beach. Therefore a reduction to \$50,000 would be decidedly unfair. The poor people directly benefited by this money would greatly suffer thereby; and I hope and trust, gentlemen, that this item in particular will not be reduced.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the adoption of the several amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I have no doubt that tonight we will go on record as opposed to extravagance in the expenditure of the city's money. The Council has gone on record before as opposed to extravagance and against the reduction of salaries of city employees. I believe that when the Common Council and Board of Aldermen were created it was the intention of those creating them that they should be a check on the Mayor of Boston, and when the question of whether they wanted the Common Council abolished was submitted for decision to the voters of the city they voted to still retain the Common Council.

In so voting, they expressed the opinion that they wished that the Common Council should be retained and that it should have a voice in the government of city affairs. At the present time, I would like to ask any member of this body what power any member of the Common Council has? Our position here must certainly seem ridiculous to persons on the outside. It must certainly seem so to His Honor the Mayor. He can realize how much effect any debate we might have here would have on a financial order. I have heard it often said, without contradiction, that the minute a matter meets the approval of the Board of Apportionment it is a law without any action of the city government. That is certainly getting it down to one man power. That is, we are virtually having the Mayor of Boston act as the city government of Boston. He is virtually the city government. My friend here from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) goes on and criticises the Board of Apportionment. I don't wish to indulge in any personalities, but I was before the Board of Apportionment a short while ago advocating different matters relating to South Boston, and I could realize how much the members of the Board of Apportionment would really have to do in making up a loan order or any money order. When you get down to facts, the Mayor of Boston will make up any and all loan orders, and he knows now pretty nearly where the money is to be spent and who will receive it. I believe that that statement may go without contradiction.

Any person who has been before the Board of Apportionment, and who has seen how the different matters are considered there, has seen how completely matters are in the hands of the Mayor, and knows how he will frame all financial bills throughout the year. So I say without fear of contradiction that the Mayor is really the city government of Boston. We might argue week after week in favor of or against any financial item, or against anything which he might lead us to do, but it will have no effect. What we should do, and what we would be justified in doing, would be in adjourning and going up to the Legislature and sitting there until we got more power. I do not see how any action we take can have any effect. If we go on and cut down items, the items will be referred back to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, and they will there be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements—that blind committee, where all our matters go to. I believe that we would be justified, Mr. President, in returning a like visitation to the Board of Aldermen when they send matters here for concurrence. That has not been the custom, however. I believe that if we do cut down any items, the matter will go back to the Board of Aldermen and will there be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and the items will become a law in their original form. I would favor cutting down expenses. I know what it is to stand a little mite of the taxes of the city, and I realize that unless we discover some way to reduce the financial expenses of the city, there will certainly be something happen in the future—probably another

reduction in salaries—so that I wish to go on record as being in favor of cutting down the appropriation order.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the appropriation bill of 1899-1900 calls for an expenditure of money amounting to \$13,904,000, with additional loans aggregating \$510,000, making a total sum of \$14,414,000. These figures may not be accurate, but they are approximately so. Our friend in the third division has offered an amendment here to the members of this body for the purpose of cutting down the appropriation bill. On this matter, Mr. President, I take the stand of an economist. I agree with him fully. I believe that this is a matter that the tax-payers of Boston demand at our hands the most careful and serious consideration. I do not agree with the gentleman, however, in his remarks, so far as the character of the different members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is concerned. So far as that goes, I have no word of comment. I believe them all to be gentlemen of good repute; but I must ask you, when the appropriation bill was before those gentlemen, where was their individuality? Every recommendation which came from His Honor the Mayor received the sanction of those gentlemen without any protest on their part whatever.

I will make one exception, however. The honorable gentleman who presides over this body did have the courage of his convictions. But the other gentlemen did not say one word against any proposition which was brought before them in regard to the appropriation bill for 1899-1900. They acquiesced in all the requests of His Honor the Mayor, without one word of protest. This, I will admit, so far as I can see, does not seem to be just right. We are not considering, gentlemen, an expenditure of our money, but of that which has been entrusted to our care. Therefore, let us use discretion about this matter. Let us be careful and not vote to give away money for needless and wasteful expenditures. We are told that the bill will become a law at the expiration of the thirty days, regardless of any act we may do. This I admit to be true, but it does not hinder members of this body from exercising what little right or power the law does give us, and that is simply the power to cut down appropriations. It does not hinder us from doing that, and I hope the members of this body will stand by the amendments offered by the gentleman in the third division for two reasons. My first is: It means economy; my second is it means a saving of thousands of dollars to the tax-payers of the city of Boston. I believe that those two alone are sufficient to justify my vote in regard to this reduction. All the real, substantial departments in the city of Boston have been cut in their appropriations, while the other departments, the pet schemes of His Honor the Mayor, have had their appropriations increased. Gentlemen, can you, or will you, tolerate this? I admit the fact that His Honor the Mayor, who is in all authority, has allowed this thing to come about; yet I believe it is a duty that we owe ourselves and to those whom we represent to vote against the passage of this bill. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope the amendment offered by the gentleman in the third division will prevail.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the amendments be laid on the table, for the following reasons: My friend from Wd. 12 knows very well that the amendments which he has offered here tonight to cut down different appropriations is nothing else but a song and dance here which he had to deliver tonight. It has been typewritten by a member of last year's Council, I believe. Now, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, you all know well that the Board of Aldermen has concurred in the appropriation bill, and that even the representative

in the Board of Aldermen of the district which my friend from Wd. 12 represents voted for the appropriation bill. Therefore, I do not see any necessity here of delivering any song and dance which is practically of no use. If the Board of Aldermen had cut the appropriation bill down we might then have the power to concur with them. But as long as they have not done so, I don't see why we should cut the items down. It is practically of no use for us to do so.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the motion just made by the gentleman from Wd. 9 is not in order. The question is on the adoption of the amendments moved by the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12 will prevail. It is not a matter of depriving the citizens of Boston of any benefit. It is a matter of cutting down the expenditures of the departments. If I am informed rightly, this Dover St. bath house—the only one thing they can point to—has been founded after the New York bath house. We find, however, that it is costing thousands of dollars every year more to run it than it does the bath house in New York. They point with pride to the great bath house given us, but they lose sight of the terminal station that has been given to the robbing railroad corporations at the same time, involving millions of the people's money. They talk about our bathing facilities! Why, Mr. President, we are behind the times! All over England and Scotland and in European countries we find baths attached to almost every schoolhouse.

But what has the Mayor been doing? He has been depriving the school committee of every dollar they have been looking for, and compelling the children to spend hours in school houses that are reeking with filth, bad sanitation and bad ventilation. Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the amendments will prevail.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 6, in the first division, who spoke on reference to the bath department, said that it was something with which he was perfectly familiar. If it is allowable, I would like to ask him a question, or two questions, for information. On page 5 of document 42, is the letter from the bath department to His Honor the Mayor, signed by Thomas J. Lane, Chairman, they request \$168,740.20, for the financial year 1899-1900 for baths. One item there is the "Dover St. bath house, \$7845," and another "Dover St. laundry, \$8,840." It is something that I intended to inquire about at City Hall, but have not done so, and as the gentleman says that he is perfectly familiar with that department, I would like to inquire if that \$8,840 that they request for the Dover St. laundry is intended for the laundry in the basement of the Dover St. bath house, or does that mean that they want \$16,688 for the maintenance of their laundry? I ask for information.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope that the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12, but with the man from Wd. 12, will not prevail. Mr. President, while listening to his speech and the attacks which he has made upon representative men I must say that the men whom he has personally attacked are his superiors, in my judgment. Mr. President, the Board of Apportionment is an intelligent body of men, provided for by statute, enacted by the Legislature, and is composed of persons elected by the people of this city of Boston. The gentleman's attack upon this Honorable Board was disgusting to me, to listen to. I should also hope that it was to every reasoning class of people. Mr. President, the amendments that he offers here relate to various departments. Departments which are of interest to the people, and to the city. The sanitary division, the bath department,

the electrical construction division, the lamp department, and several other departments. Mr. President, if you desire a continuance of those departments at their present efficiency, you had better vote for the appropriations given them in the appropriation bill for 1899-1900. Mr. President, I think the speech was not drawn up by the gentleman from Wd. 12, but with the assistance of a few men who are interested—probably the Chair and probably other men on the outside. Now, Mr. President, he went on and attacked personally the different members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but when he came to the presiding officer of this body, he reflected honor upon the gentleman who desires to cut the appropriation for the sewer men to \$500,000, when the loan calls for a million dollars to keep them at work. That is the honor which belongs to the Chairman of this body, who represents us in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to be in order.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I desire as much latitude—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement. The Chair will request the gentleman to confine himself to the discussion of the amendments which are before the Council, and to refrain from any disrespectful allusions to the Chair.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, the gentleman does not think that he is casting any disrespectful allusions upon the Chair. The gentleman also desires the Chair to allow him as much latitude as the gentleman from Wd. 12, in his lengthy speech—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will allow the gentleman all reasonable latitude possible under a proper discussion of the amendment, but will not tolerate any disrespectful allusions to any member of the Council or to the Chair.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, it seems that the Chair did not start in that way this evening. Now, Mr. President, I hope that the members of this body—if we do make a division of this question—as democrats will vote for each individual measure as it is in the appropriation bill and for the amounts that the appropriation bill calls for.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President,—“For His Honor the Mayor has spoken and they know not what they do.” I did not think, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Common Council, that the wanderings and ravings would be so intense. In reply to the gentleman from Wd. 2, I would say that neither Mr. Tinkham, Mr. Lomasney nor any one else wrote a word of my speech. I am perfectly capable of writing any speech that I may deliver, and I am also not so ungentlemanly as to accuse any man in this body of not being able to write any speech which he sees fit to deliver. I will not speak of anything that has been said by the democratic members on this floor in their many wanderings and ravings, except a part of what was said by the gentleman from Wd. 2, in which he said I classed laboring men as “hirelings.” There is a passage in the Bible, where speaking of idols it refers to them as “having eyes and yet see not, and having ears and yet hear not,”—and any gentleman of this body who will so misconstrue my statement as to say that I classed laboring men with the Mayor’s hirelings, I shall have to refer to this passage in Scripture.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I desire at this time to reply in a few words to the gentleman from Wd. 14, who preceded the last speaker. He referred to the \$500,000 for the sewer men, in some manner, and I desire to mention the fact to him that the million dollar loan, which I voted for, has become a law, at the expiration of the thirty days, and yet not more than 50 sewer men are at work today!

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I have no objection to forcing the question, and I do not intend to detain the Council any length of time. I wish to make a few remarks, however, mainly in reply to the Biblical student in this division. I wish to call the attention of the Council to the fact that there is a wide difference in the speech which he delivers without the aid of typewritten paper and the speech with which he opened up this debate. It is a very easy matter to read off a speech, but it is an entirely different thing—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he asked the gentleman to confine himself to the discussion of the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12, which are now before the Council for consideration, and not to ramble or wander off to questions foreign to these amendments.

Mr. HICKEY continuing—It is an entirely different thing for a member to read a speech in this Council from what it is for members of this Council to stand upon the floor and make an adequate and proper reply in regard to matters which are brought before them, as has been done by the democratic members of this Council. The gentleman from Wd. 13 called our attention to the fact that the people of Boston voted for the retention of the Common Council. I want to say to that gentleman that no republican ward in this city, nor did Wd. 8, vote for the retention of the Common Council. Wd. 8 and the Republican wards of the city were drawn up in opposition to the Common Council at that time; and Wd. 8 and the Republican members of the Council may possibly be drawn up—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair once more wishes to call the gentleman’s attention to the fact that the question before the Common Council now is upon the amendments offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12. If the gentleman persists in violating the rules of the Council, the Chair will be forced to carry out the powers vested in him by the Rules of the Common Council.

Mr. HICKEY—So far, Mr. President, as any threat you may make may be concerned, I wish to assure you, in advance, that it will have very little weight with me. I want to reply in a few words to the gentleman from Wd. 11—my friend from Wd. 11—who has raised the cry of economy. I want to tell him that this same cry of economy could be raised against any item in the appropriation bill and with just as good effect. The gentleman from Wd. 11 also speaks of the individuality of the members who constitute the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I would like to ask him if our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment showed individuality merely because he did not coincide with the Mayor? I want to say, in conclusion, that I hope the amendments will not be adopted.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, after the glittering array of personalities that have been indulged in tonight, I trust that the Council is about ready to get down to a discussion of the merits of the present order. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment in making up the annual budget, considering the present composition of the Board, could not be expected to indulge in open discussion. Of course with members, four of whom are together, they caucused or log-rolled until they came to some agreement before they came into open session of the Board, and we could not expect that they would have any public discussion there as to the merits of the various items in the appropriation bill.

The aldermen, of course, do not pretend to give any public discussion, but refer everything to the Committee on Public Improvements, and after discussing it in secret until they have definitely decided

upon their action, they then come in and pass the necessary votes. The measure has passed through those various stages, and, by the way, it was considered so important that the board of aldermen found it necessary to take up three weeks of the 23 days which are allowed under the law for the two branches to consider this matter. After they have discussed it at that length, we have just one opportunity left to consider the merits of the question in the short time which is left to us for this discussion. I feel that the Mayor was influenced in sending his message to the board of aldermen asking them to hold a special meeting by the probable effect which it would have upon the Legislature if this branch of the government had no opportunity to discuss this question. There is no doubt whatever that without the Mayor's interference that matter would never have come before us. As it was, they passed this measure without a single word of public discussion. The democratic members voted solidly in its favor, and the republican members against it. As regards the merits of the proposed amendments, I would say, as to the appropriation for the art department, I think there is no one more appreciative of the advantages of art for the people than myself; but I do not think that we can consistently, and as representatives of the people say that we wish to put the cultivation of art before the cultivation of the ability to get bread and butter for their families.

It seems to me that is what it means, that for a thoroughly aesthetic advantage we are willing to cause the employees to have their pittances cut down and thus have the bread taken from their children's mouths. I do not think that any of us, either republicans or democrats, can take that position here tonight. I trust that that item will be cut out unanimously. Then, there is the appropriation for the bath department. There, again, I am exceedingly fond of all kinds of bathing sports, and I would not take a position contrary to a liberal appropriation for that department; but I do know that in that appropriation of \$69,000 is included appropriation for new convenience stations sanitary arrangements, and so forth, under that department, and I do feel that the need of those improvements can be deferred another year, until the finances of the city are in better condition. The next amendment proposed, I believe, is that relating to the free public lectures. Of course the cultivation of the people and the elevation of the people's taste is a great matter and an important matter; but, here again, it seems to me there is legitimate ground for economy. It seems to me the city, in its present financial state, cannot afford this item of \$3000, which is put there in order to allow the people to hear His Honor the Mayor give his views on the rights and duties of the municipality as an employer of labor. The appropriation for the music department, I am partially in favor of. I do not say that band concerts during the hot months in our parkways and park, which provide a legitimate and welcome diversion for the people are not a good thing, and that any amount expended in that direction does not well repay us, but I do say that I do not favor the municipal chamber concerts.

I think at the present time we may sympathize with the Mayor's attempts to gild the cage in which he has enthralled the people, and realize that under the same conditions we might realize the need of municipal chamber concerts. In regard to the electrical construction division, I am glad to say that I coincide heartily with the gentleman from Wd. 18 in his position. I believe that we should make our appropriations apply to bona fide mechanics and not to hirelings—I beg the pardon of my honorable councilman from Wd. 2 for that expression. I will say that I believe in expending our ap-

propriations for bona fide mechanics, and not for political jobbers and heelers whom it is desired to put to work at critical stages of the political season. As for the statistical department I think it is needless for me to call your attention to that. We all know that anyone can take a set of figures, and by manipulating them arrive at any result that he sees fit. We can say that two and two make four, and that therefore the moon is made of green cheese, or we can reason out anything that we choose to from a set of figures. I do not think that any of us can appreciate or do appreciate or need to appreciate the value of the board of statistics. We are all favored with a copy of the City Record, and I do not think that there are two of us who look over its pages. If we do, we appreciate the farcical endeavor of the city to run a weekly paper which is composed principally of clippings from papers which we have already read. I understand that that paper has eight subscribers, and that at an expense of \$6000 annually. I think there is no necessity for that appropriation, and I trust that all those amendments will prevail.

The question came on the adoption of the amendments offered by Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12, and, a division of the question having been called for, the question first came on striking out the item of \$1000 for art department and inserting \$200 in place thereof.

The amendment was declared adopted. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered and the amendment was adopted, yeas 40, nays 32:

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Midram, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—40.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbins, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—32.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Miller, Peck—3.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost.

The question came on the amendment offered by Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12, to strike out the appropriation for bath department \$69,500, and insert \$50,000.

The amendment was declared carried. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were declared not ordered. Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 further doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, and the yeas and nays were declared ordered.

The amendment was rejected—Yeas 36, nays 36.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Midram, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—36.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—36.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Miller, Peck—3.

Later in the session Mr. Chamberlain said:—

Mr. President, I move you, sir, a reconsideration of the bath department amendment vote whereby that amendment was rejected, hoping the same will prevail.

Reconsideration was carried.

The question again came on the adoption of the amendment, and the Clerk called the roll. When Mr. Leftovith's name was reached he said, "I don't know on what I am voting." (Mr. Leftovith subsequently voting in the affirmative.)

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—the gentleman said he did not know on what he voted. The Chair did not answer the gentleman.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that the gentleman voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, the gentleman stated that he did not know the question on which he voted.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he does not know any member's mind, but that the gentleman has voted in the affirmative. The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

The amendment was again declared rejected, yeas 35, nays 35.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—35.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—35.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Flynn, Miller, O'Brien, Peck—5.

The question next came on the adoption of the amendment striking out the item of \$1,400 for Marcela St. Home, making the appropriation for children's institutions department \$153,600.

It was voted, on motion of Mr. Kasanof of Wd. 9, that the vote be taken by yeas and nays.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 37, nays 35.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—37.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—35.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Miller, Peck—3.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN moved to reconsider; lost.

On motion of Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11, it was voted that the votes on the subsequent amendments be taken by yeas and nays.

The question next came on the amendment of the appropriation for Mayor, public celebrations and lectures, striking out item for free public lectures, \$3000, and making the appropriation \$24,800.

Before the roll was called the President cautioned members to be seated and to answer in the affirmative or negative when their names were called.

The Clerk called the roll with the following result:—

Yeas—Armistead, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, McDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—42.

Nays—Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—27.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Bennett, Flynn, Miller, Mulcahy, Peck—6.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Forty-two members having voted in the affirmative and 27 in the negative, the amendment is adopted.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Isn't it customary, on the part of the Chair, under the rules of the Council, to ask if any gentleman in the body has not voted and desires to vote?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is the custom when members are not asked to be seated and to answer when their names are called. The Chair saw the gentleman standing in the passage-way, and he deliberately refused to vote when his name was called. The question was on the adoption of the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12. The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that any gentleman rising in his place and desiring to vote before the vote is announced has the right to be recognized and should be recognized by the Chair, and should have his vote recorded as he desires.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as the Chair did not recognize the gentleman until after the result had been announced.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of the last vote, hoping the same will not prevail.

Reconsideration was declared lost. Mr. Connolly doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the President, before the roll was called, said:—

The Chair desires to call the attention of the Council now to the fact that members are requested to be seated and to vote. The Chair will not hereafter be responsible for members who have not voted after the roll is called. The Clerk will call the roll.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has directed the Clerk to call the roll.

Reconsideration was lost—yeas 26, nays 44:—

Yeas—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—26.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—44.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Collins, Flynn, Miller, Peck—7.

The question next came on the adoption of the amendment striking out \$10,000 for Music Department and inserting \$5000.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 44, nays 27:

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, O'Brien, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—44.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Fenton, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—27.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Flynn, Miller, Peck—4.

The question next came on the amendment to strike out from Public Buildings Department, general expenses, \$150,500, and insert \$140,000, and to strike out electrical construction division, \$7000, making the appropriation for said department \$140,100.

The amendment was adopted, yeas 37, nays 33:

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Roemer, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—37.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Rolland, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—33.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Flynn, Miller, O'Brien, Peck—5.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost.

The question next came on the amendment to strike out item for statistics department, general expenses, \$13,000, and City Record \$6000; total, \$19,000.

The amendment was adopted—yeas 39, nays 27—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—39.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—27.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Carroll, Collins, Flynn, Gibbons, Miller, O'Brien, Peck, Rice—9.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost.

The question next came on the amendment to strike out in the appropriation for Street Department, Sanitary division, \$570,000, and insert \$522,000, making the appropriation for said department \$1,945,650.

The amendment was rejected, yeas 32, nays 35—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Casey, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard,

Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—32.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doye, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—35.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bordman, Flynn, Miller, Lydon, O'Brien, Peck, Stockton—8.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; declared lost. Mr. Chamberlain doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were ordered, and reconsideration was lost—Yeas 30, nays 36.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, McInerney, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—30.

Nays—Badaracco, Bordman, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—36.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Flynn, Mansfield, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Stockton—9.

The question next came on striking out in the appropriation for Lamp Department \$670,000 and inserting in place thereof \$660,000.

The amendment was rejected, yeas 31, nays 34—

Yeas—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—31.

Nays—Atwood, Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—34.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bordman, Collins, Flynn, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Stockton—10.

Mr. Mulcahy moved to reconsider; lost. The question then came on the passage of the bill as amended.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to offer this amendment in connection with it.

Mr. Stevens moved to amend the appropriation order so that the appropriation for Reserved Fund will read \$85,000 instead of \$123,779.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in 1898 there was a reserve fund of \$74,461. In 1899 they ask for \$123,779. Now \$75,000 was considered sufficient the previous year, and I think an allowance of \$80,000 is generous the present year, under existing circumstances.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Stevens's amendment.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope the gentleman's amendment will not prevail. It seems to me that, with the amount of claims coming in during the year, which we have not the least idea of, that the amount appearing here is none too small, and that it should not be made less. I hope the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 will not prevail.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I trust that the amendment will not prevail. In the first place, as has been stated by Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, the Mayor of Boston intends to take from the reserve fund—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to keep within the rule, which says that no member shall be spoken of by his name during debate in the Council chamber. Mr. Connolly.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, the gentleman from ward 18, who has been fighting for the firemen in the Common Council of the city of Boston has stated here tonight that the Mayor intends to take the money to pay the firemen from the reserve fund. If the Mayor of Boston intends to take that money and pay the firemen of the city, that is one reason why the reserve fund should be increased over what it has been in the past year or two. If that is a fact, and I believe it is—I think that his Republican colleagues from Wd. 11 will bear me out in saying that the amendment should be defeated and will vote against his own amendment, seeing that the Mayor of Boston has \$130,000 for the reserve fund.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I am very glad that the previous speaker referred to this subject. I see no reason why the Mayor should take these funds necessary for the firemen from the funds which we vote for the "payment of claims, executions of courts, expenses of the several departments and for transfers." According to the act establishing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the City of Boston, in section 4 we have the following:

"Said board, by similar vote and signature, and specifically in the case of a loan order, may at any time during the year, at the request of the Mayor, prepare and pass one or more appropriation orders, containing such appropriations as they may deem the public necessity may require."

Now, if the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, are short in their funds by reason of the restoration of the 7½ per cent. they will have plenty of opportunity to bring in an order later to pay the firemen from the fund to which it belongs. That is the reason why I offer this amendment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to answer the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly). He states that I said the Mayor intended to take the Firemen's salaries from the reserve fund. I said I had reason to believe he would do so. I desire to be placed right before the Council. If he wanted to give me a little credit,—as I know he did—in connection with the firemen, I think he should have stricken out as much of his speeches as referred to "the gentleman from Wd. 18, the firemen's friend." He might then place himself on an even footing with me. But I think by his remarks, as they appear on the record, it will seem as though he is looking up to me.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, with all due deference to the gentleman in the Fourth Division, who introduced the amendment (Mr. Stevens), I hope it will not prevail. It seems to me the gentleman in this division from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) has offered a very good argument, when he says the money necessary to restore the old pay to the firemen may have to come out of the reserve fund. It was the well-nigh unanimous opinion of the Council at the last meeting that the money might have to come from that fund. That there may be no mystery in the mind of the gentleman in the Fourth Division (Mr. Stevens) as to the effect of our action reducing the appropriation items before us tonight, I will simply remind him that our reductions have not yet become law, and that possibly the money to pay the firemen may not be taken from the reductions thus made. I think the question of the firemen's pay

can very properly be raised again here, and I think anyone who intends to see the firemen reimbursed and the instructions of His Honor the Mayor to the fire commissioner properly carried out should vote against this amendment. The amount of money that will have to be paid to the firemen will just about account for the difference the gentleman from Wd. 11 speaks of in his opening remarks—namely, \$49,000.

Mr. Stevens's amendment was declared adopted. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the amendment was adopted—yeas 34, nays 33:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonaid, Mansfield, Milldrum, Moore, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—34.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblein, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—33.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Collins, Eddy, Flynn, Jordan, Kiley, Miller, Peck,—8.

Mr. Stevens moved to reconsider; lost.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I offer a further amendment—that the appropriation bill be further amended by striking out in the bath department appropriation the sum of \$63,500, and inserting in place thereof the sum of \$51,000.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the amendment will not prevail, and I hope this Council will deal a death blow at this time to any such dilatory tactics. I hope after the opinion the gentleman has expressed to this Council in regard to the bath department, no such amendment as this will be allowed.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the amendment will not prevail. My reasons are that previously in the evening this Council voted not to amend the bill so as to cut the item for bath department down to \$50,000. I am satisfied that this is merely a parliamentary move, and I think the Council is getting tired tonight. I want all the members to understand that I have voted tonight as my conscience dictates, and that it is my intention to vote "no" on this amendment. I sincerely trust the Council will vote the amendment down.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope this amendment will not pass. I have sat in my chair for the last four meetings and have not said a word. I will now say that, in my four years in this council, I have never before seen such disgusting actions by either democrats or republicans as I have in this year's council. I am not surprised at the press coming out every day and belittling this body. I am surprised at the orders and amendments that have been offered here this evening by the gentleman in this division (Mr. Chamberlain), I presume, representing Wd. 12. I did have more respect for the gentleman previous to tonight. I am surprised to see the tactics he has pursued tonight, knowing that this same amendment has come up once before this evening. We voted upon it and rejected it. We then asked for reconsideration, which prevailed, and we then beat him again. Who he goes out and gets his information from I don't know, and neither do I care; but I believe I am right when I say the gentleman from Wd. 12 is taking

opinions and instructions from somebody else. I don't believe the speech he came tonight prepared with ever originated in his own brain. I will say that without fear of contradiction, I hope this amendment will not pass this evening.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I wish to say a word at this time in relation to the amendment. We have voted upon this amendment before, but, inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 12 has seen fit to bring it in in another form, I don't see that that is any reason why an attack should be made upon him by any gentleman. So far as the Council befitting itself is concerned, some members of the Council have indulged in personalities, but the Council has not misbehaved, as a whole, in any way. I believe that the gentleman from Wd. 12 had a perfect right to introduce the amendment which he has. I do not believe that it is hardly right for any man to get up here and say that the proceedings are disgusting, when he himself is only adding the disgusting part of it.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that the Council do now adjourn.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote which was taken, and the motion to adjourn was lost, 20 members voting in the affirmative, 38 in the negative.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Watson moves the previous question. The question is: "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to say just a word, and that is with the idea of calling the attention of the Council to the fact that if this order is permitted to come in here under the guise of an amendment, it will be well nigh impossible for this council to restrain any member introducing any other amendment of that kind, similar in every respect, except the amount of money involved. Mr. President, I hope the previous question will be put.

The main question was ordered, and the question came on the adoption of the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 12.

The amendment was declared adopted. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the amendment was rejected, yeas 26, nays 35—

Yeas—Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lydon, Mansfield, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—26.

Nays—Badaracco, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, GIBLIN, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Lagon, MacDonald, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tohin Turnbull, Watson—35.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Atwood, Bennett, Bordman, Bradley, Eddy, Flynn, Lorey, Mildram, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer—14.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President—The PRESIDENT—Debate is not in order, the main question having been ordered.

The question came on the passage of the appropriation order with the several amendments, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The appropriation order, with the amendments, was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—yeas 41, nays 29:

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Casey, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram,

Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—41.

Nays, Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, GIBLIN, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—29.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Collins, Flynn, Miller, O'Brien—5.

The question next came on the passage of the loan order appropriating \$500,000 for the extension of water mains, and it was passed in concurrence.

The question then came on the passage of the loan order appropriating \$55,000 for making plans of territory or sections of land, under the provisions of chapter 323 of the acts of 1891 and acts amendatory thereto, and it was passed in concurrence.

The question came on the passage of the loan order appropriating \$25,000 for working capital, public buildings department, repair division, and the order was declared rejected in non-concurrence. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was declared rejected, 29 members voting in the affirmative, 35 in the negative.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I further doubt that vote, and ask for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the order was rejected—Yeas 33, nays 37.

Yeas—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, GIBLIN, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—33.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—37.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Flynn, Miller, O'Brien, Sweeney—5.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider; lost.

The question next came on the passage of the loan order appropriating \$10,000 for working capital, public buildings department, electrical construction division.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that we take up the order appropriating \$10,000 for working capital for the printing department and act upon it together with this.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, although the hour is late, I trust that that will not be done. It seems to me that \$10,000 for the electrical construction division—

The PRESIDENT—Objection having been raised, the motion cannot be entertained.

The question was put on the adoption of the loan order appropriation \$10,000 for working capital for the public buildings department, electrical construction division, and it was declared rejected. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was declared rejected, 27 members voting in the affirmative, 35 in the negative.

Mr. CONNOLLY rose and addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 further doubts the vote and asks for the yeas and nays.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I do not desire to have the President make my motions for me. I am willing to make

them myself. I intended, in the first place, to make a motion that the yeas and nays be called, but the President put a motion into my mouth that I did not make.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the gentleman from Wd. 17 arose and sat down again, and the President then put the motion, supposing that was what he meant.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was rejected—yeas 31, nays 35:—

Yeas—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblein, Hickey, Horrigan, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull—31.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Walker, Watson, Winsloe, Wood—35.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Brauer, Flynn, Johnson, Martin, Miller, Newhall, O'Brien, Wells—9.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN moved to reconsider; lost.

The question then came on the passage of the loan order appropriation for working capital for printing department.

The question was put, and the order was declared rejected. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was rejected—yeas 29, nays 34.

Yeas—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblein, Hickey, Horrigan, Kasanof, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—29.

Nays—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Walker, Winsloe, Wood—34.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Collins, Flynn, Johnson, Martin, Miller, Newhall, O'Brien, Wells—12.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN moved to reconsider; lost.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider the vote whereby the appropriation order, with the several amendments, was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; lost.

7. Ordered, that all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of six per cent, per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 moved reference of the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, my reason for asking for assignment to the next meeting is as follows: Heretofore all loan

bills have been submitted to the City Council by the Finance Committee. Now that we have the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, they submit an appropriation or a loan bill, but they have not the power to submit an order calling for the levying of taxes; therefore the Board of Aldermen at their last meeting passed an order calling for the levying of taxes and the payment of interest. I understand that the legal opinion of the Corporation Counsel is that the law is somewhat wrong, or rather, that there is not sufficient law to allow the Board of Apportionment to introduce such an order and pass it, and therefore the Board of Aldermen did it. In order to legalize it, we will have to concur with the Board of Aldermen, and I would like to look into the matter a little further, and I have moved assignment for that reason. I would like to get some law upon this point.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I dislike very much to enter into this debate at this time, the hour being so late, but I just desire to state that a statement made by the chairman of the Board of Aldermen at the last meeting was to the effect, at the time when he introduced this order, that it was offered in order to properly legalize the appropriation bill; and from the character of the debate in the Board of Aldermen—the only criterion by which I can judge—I should say it is a financial necessity. I can say, on authority, that the order was drawn by Corporation Counsel Bailey and, inasmuch as it is of vital importance in connection with the appropriation bill, I hope it will not be assigned.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, that the Chair sent this evening for the City Auditor to confer with him in regard to No. 7 on the calendar; but the City Auditor was away, and therefore the Chair was unable to talk with him in regard to the matter.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I move that we do now adjourn.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that his attention has been called to the fact that one of the members of the Council has a report of a committee which he desires to present, and, if there is no objection, the Chair will consider the motion withdrawn.

#### JOINT RULES.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 submitted the following:—

The Committee on Joint Rules and Orders, to whom were recommended, by the Board of Aldermen, the majority and minority reports of said committee submitting the rules for the year 1899, having further considered the subject, respectfully recommend the adoption of the joint rules as previously reported by the majority of the committee.

(Ald. Colby dissents from the foregoing report.)

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I move that that be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I hope that that motion, made by the gentleman from Wd. 17 will not prevail. The arguments for and against the acceptance of this report have been heard at the last two meetings of this Council, and I think that the matter has been sufficiently gone into without its needing any words from me. The reason why this report should be adopted is that, with its adoption, the Council may then get down to business; and I can assure the gentlemen with reasonable certainty, that, if the Council will accept this report tonight, the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting will concur

with us in our action. I sincerely hope that the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 17 will not prevail.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, for information I would like to ask whether or not this bill holds to the appointment of thirteen on the joint committee—eight and five?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that it does.

Mr. HICKEY—Then, Mr. President, I am opposed to the adoption of the report, and I hope that it will not be accepted. I am still opposed to appointing thirteen members on that committee. It is my firm belief that the business of this Council can be carried on with better advantage, and with much more reasonable expectation of securing a quorum on the regular committee, if there are eight members on the committees instead of thirteen. Last year, on account of the deadlock in the Board of Aldermen, it was found necessary to increase the committees in that body to four members, and on account of the increase in the number that constitutes the committee on the part of the board of aldermen, it was also found necessary to increase the number in the Council to seven, making the number of members on joint committees eleven—more than they have been for thirty-five years previously. Now, I can see no argument at all in favor of increasing further the number of members on joint committees. As I said before, I believe the business of the city can be done much better with committees composed of eight members than with committees composed of thirteen. It is my belief that there is a scheme behind this,—possibly to allow the President to fulfil pledges already made.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman not to cast any disrespectful aspersions upon the chair.

Mr. HICKEY—I did not mean that as a disrespectful reflection upon the chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair considers it as such and requests the gentleman to refrain from so doing.

Mr. HICKEY—I hope the committee will not be increased to 13.

The move to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was lost, and the question came on the acceptance of the majority report.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I hope the report of the majority of the committee will not be accepted, for the following reasons: If we accept this report and vote to increase these committees, it will be voted down in the Board of Aldermen, and we are only delaying the appointment of the committees from week to week. As has been stated here before, we were unable to secure quorums of a committee of 11 last year, and how are we to secure quorums of a committee of 13? I believe it is a fact that 8 members are sufficient to transact the business of the City Government. There are a great many lawyers in Boston who desire to place claims before committees of the City Council, especially before the Committee on Claims, and the non-appointment of these committees is delaying that business. Another committee which is very important is the Committee on Building Department. Permits for the construction of various buildings are now before the building commissioner, and cannot be acted upon until they have been favorably reported by the committee of the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen. Now, it seems to me that we should act upon this in an intelligent manner. We know that the Board of Aldermen will not grant us the additional increase in membership, and if they will not grant it, how are you going to get your committees. I want to tell the Republican members that the longer they hold off the appointment of committees, the longer the power can be held over them by which they will be

compelled to vote against their will for measures which may come before this body. The Chairman of the Committee on Joint Rules knows that the committee itself voted to have the committee consist of five and three, and that the presiding officer of this body was at that meeting, and that when he found that the committee had voted to have the committees consist of five and three, he insisted on another meeting being called, and that they reverse their vote, and make the joint committees consist of eight and five. I hope you will not accept the report of the majority, but will concur with the Board of Aldermen.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state for the information of the Council, that but one member of the joint committee on the part of the Board of Aldermen dissents from the report, and that the chair has been given the assurance that the Board will concur in the acceptance of the rules at its next meeting.

Mr. BORDMAN—Mr. President, I would merely say that probably the republican members will take their choice as to who they will receive their advice from as to how they shall vote. I move the main question.

The main question was ordered, the majority report was accepted, and the rules were adopted. Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEBT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz.:

8. Message of the Mayor transmitting, under the provisions of chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898, the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under said act, at its meeting on February 3, the same coming down without alteration:

Ordered, That the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars be appropriated to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file, and the question came on the passage of the order, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires, in connection with this order, to make an explanation of his vote as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Chair, as a member of that Board, voted against this as well as the other loan orders on the calendar tonight, for similar purposes, believing that the same were proper subjects for current expense, and not legal subjects for loans. The question is on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The question was put, and the order was declared rejected. Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was rejected—yeas 26, nays 33:

Yeas—Badaracco, Brennan, Broderick, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horrigan, Kasanoff, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Tobin, Turnbull—26.

Nays—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Millgram, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Watson, Winslow, Wood—33.

Absent or not voting—Atwood, Bennett, Bradley, Brauer, Carroll, Donahoe, Flynn,

Johnson, Lorey, Miller, Newhall, O'Brien, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Wells—16.

Mr. Winsloe moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up for concurrence.

#### RESOLVE AGAINST CREMATION.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered the following:—

Resolved, that, in the opinion of the Common Council, the cremation of pauper's bodies as proposed by the cemetery trustees is inadvisable.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Watson.

#### PAYMENT FOR FEBRUARY 22.

Mr. WATSON, for Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 3, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to pay the employees of the Sewer Department for Washington's Birthday, in part compensation for services rendered, said compensation to take effect on employees suspended on Tuesday evening, February 21st.

Passed. Sent up.

#### REINSTATEMENT OF SEWER EMPLOYEES.

Mr. WATSON, for Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 3, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to reinstate all suspended sewer department employees who are members of labor unions.

Passed. Sent up.

#### NEW SUPT. AT LONG ISLAND.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered the following:—

Whereas, It appears that the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions of the City of Boston have tendered the position of Superintendent of said institutions to a resident of Ohio Falls, Indiana, and

Whereas, This great city of Boston, the Hub of the Universe, has always been able to produce from among its citizens, men and women who have always been leaders in reforms among educational, conventional, eleemosynary, and philanthropic movements; and

Whereas, We believe that there are a number of worthy citizens in this municipal-

ity who have the ability, experience, character and honesty to perform the duties of Superintendent of the Pauper Institutions with credit to the city and with benefit to the inmates, and

Whereas, We are firm believers in the principle that citizens of Boston should be given the preference in all public employment, whether it be scientific or otherwise, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council emphatically protests against the action of the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions in engaging for the responsible position of Superintendent of said institutions an unknown citizen of an unknown municipality, and

Resolved, That the Common Council requests His Honor the Mayor to disapprove the action of said Trustees, and that he suggest to them the advisability of selecting a citizen of Boston for said position.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to His Honor the Mayor and to the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, no word of mine can explain that resolution. I think it speaks for itself. There is only one thing that surprises me, and that is that instead of the trustees trying to secure the ex-Mayor of Brazil, Indiana, they did not go down to Brazil, South America, and try to induce the Governor of it to come here.

The resolution was passed.

City of Boston,

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine,

An ordinance to amend chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section twelve by striking out the words "the United States in all cases and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "Boston in any capacity."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Winsloe of Wd. 21, at 11:25 o'clock P.M., to meet on Thursday, March 2, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 27, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, March 13th, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

Jonathan P. Dodson, Wd. 2; David J. Dannahy, Wd. 20; Wm. S. O'Brien, Wd. 13; Michael P. Colwell, Wd. 25; Wm. Kenney, Wd. 19; James C. S. Taber, Wd. 11; Charles A. Kelley, Wd. 22; Ignatius S. McDonough, Wd. 18; George H. Garside, Wd. 8; Walter J. Holland, Wd. 16; Wm. J. Higgins, Wd. 16; David Mortimer, Wd. 17; Howard L. Coburn, Wd. 10; Winthrop C. Winstow, Wd. 11; Dennis Callahan, Wd. 24; John Smith, Wd. 4; Dwight Baldwin, Wd. 25; Thomas H. Newby, Wd. 1; Horatio B. Alden, Wd. 20; Thomas B. Morrill, Wd. 3; Dennis J. Kiley, Wd. 8; Wm. T. Harrington, Wd. 3; Theodore L. Keppler, Wd. 20; Michael J. Slattery, Wd. 15; Walter H. Sutton, Wd. 7; Edward H. Emery, Wd. 5; Wm. H. Bowdler, Wd. 23; Wm. B. Driscoll, Wd. 15; Edward H. Wise, Wd. 22; Theodore J. Mignault, Wd. 15; Daniel D. Tierney, Wd. 20; John Q. Adams, Wd. 8; Thomas W. Penhallow, Wd. 10; George W. Drew, Wd. 22.

LOAN ORDER.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall.  
Boston, Feb. 27, 1899.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith the general loan order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898.

The total amount covered by the order is \$709,000, out of a total borrowing capacity at the present date of \$1,650,080.26, leaving an unused borrowing capacity of \$941,080.26. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has, however, voted that it is prepared to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for new primary and grammar school buildings whenever it is furnished by the School Committee with a statement of the proposed distribution of this amount in the different districts of the city.

If this amount is added to the amount carried by the present order, there would only be left \$41,080.26 of the borrowing capacity for the current year. The law provides that not exceeding four-fifths of the total estimated borrowing capacity can be exhausted by a general loan order, but the board has thought it necessary to reserve a somewhat larger amount on account of the case now pending in the supreme court to test the sewerage assessment law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Feb. 27, 1899.

Ordered, that this Board, having received the requests for loan appropriations furnished to the Mayor by the several departments, and submitted to the board by the Mayor, on January 31st of the present

year, having prepared the following general loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes, as this Board deems the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet such appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to the total amount of such appropriations, viz:

Bath Department.	
Convenience station, at or near Park St., additional.....	\$5,000
Convenience station, Roxbury Crossing .....	2,000
Commonwealth Park, gymnasium, additional .....	8,000
Gymnasium, Wd. 9.....	15,000
Gymnasium, Paris St., East Boston, new bathing facilities.....	5,000
Public Landing, Dorchester Bay.....	1,000
Gymnasium, Elmwood St. Ward-room .....	2,000
Summer baths, permanent improvements .....	10,000
	\$48,000
Cemetery Department.	
Filing cabinets and safe.....	\$1,700
Mount Hope Cemetery, improvement of entrance.....	1,500
Mount Hope Cemetery, greenhouses .....	5,000
	8,200
Children's Institutions Department.	
House of Reformation, reconstruction of work, damaged by storm..	\$8,000
House of Reformation, improvement of graveyard.....	500
Parental School, drainage of land..	5,000
	13,500
Fire Department.	
Veterinary Hospital, additional....	5,600
Hospital Department.	
Hospital buildings, improvements...	\$20,000
Ann White Vose Building, equipment and furnishings.....	22,000
Ambulance station and equipment, South Boston.....	10,000
	52,000
Insane Hospital Department.	
Electrical plant.....	7,000
Music Department.	
Purchase and improvement of Mechanics' Hall organ.....	\$2,000
Park Department.	
Christopher Gibson playground, construction .....	\$7,000
Billings Field, construction.....	4,600
North Brighton playground, construction .....	7,000
Mystic playground, construction....	1,500
Neponset playground, construction..	5,000
Neposet St. playground, construction .....	1,000
Land for playgrounds, executions, etc. ....	12,000
	37,500
Pauper Institutions Department.	
Almshouse, Long Island, new power house and equipment.....	60,000
Almshouse, Long Island, barn, improvements in.....	3,000
	63,000
Penal Institutions Department.	
Deer Island, hospital for contagious diseases .....	15,000
Deer Island, electric lighting plant, extension of.....	5,500
Steamer "John Howard," reconstruction .....	8,000
	28,500
Public Buildings Department.	
Elevator, Old Court House.....	5,000
New Elevator, City Hall.....	3,200
Ward Room, Wd. 2, improvements in..	1,500
Ward Room, Wd. 17, improvement of lot .....	1,500
Ward Room and gymnasium, Wd. 8..	30,000
	41,200
Public Grounds Department.	
Fence around storage lot, and storehouses .....	4,000
Fence around square bounded by Old Heath, New Heath, and Parker Sts.	1,000
	5,000

Street Department.

Harrison Ave., between Kneeland and Bennet Sts., asphaltting.....	6,000
Milton St., Wd. 8, asphaltting.....	1,200
Talbot Ave., completion of.....	50,000
Retaining wall, Marcella and Centre Sts. ....	2,500
Atlantic Ave., Dewey Sq. to Oliver St., paving.....	38,000
Federal St., Dewey Sq. to Milk St., paving .....	18,000
Devonshire St., Milk St. to Water St., asphaltting.....	3,800
Kingston St., from Bejford St. to Beach St., paving.....	11,000
Genesee and Oswego Sts., asphaltting.....	8,000
Leverett St., Minot St. to Craigie's Bridge, paving.....	15,000
Congress St., Atlantic Ave. to bridge, paving .....	19,000
Princeton St., East Boston, construction .....	10,000
Prescott St., East Boston, construction .....	5,000
Blackstone St., Hanover St. across North St., paving.....	10,000
	197,500

Street Laying Out Department.

Rutherford Ave., widening, in accordance with Chapter 275, of the Acts of 1898.....	200,000
Total .....	\$709,000

Passed, and we certify that said appropriations do not exceed in the aggregate four-fifths of the estimated amount which can be raised during the present municipal year by loans within the debt limit of this city, as certified by the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

Josiah Quincy.  
David F. Barry.  
Daniel J. Kiley.  
John H. Sullivan.  
Laurence Minot.

We certify that no item contained in the above loan appropriation order is to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy.  
David F. Barry.  
Daniel J. Kiley.  
John H. Sullivan.  
Laurence Minot.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Board, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect one pole on East Second St., between Land M Sts., Wd. 14.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double tracks on Washington St., between Newcomb and Ball St., in place of the existing tracks of said company.

No objection. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

3. On petition of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company for a location of tracks from South St. at Ashland St., through Ashland and Oakland Sts. and Blue Hill Ave., to the line of Milton; also on Washington St., from a point about 1,500 feet south of the railroad bridge at Forest Hills to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St.; also for the right to use the overhead electric system on the same.

Mr. Charles F. Jenney, representing the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Co., objected to the granting of the petition at least in part, where the tracks would cross the Norfolk Suburban tracks in Matapan, thereby making a grade crossing.

There being no further objections the matter was recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and

were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Wing Kee, one sign, at 1728 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Garlock Packing Co., a sign, at 12 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

Majestic Dental Parlors, a sign, at 699 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James Bonanzinga, three barber poles, at 236 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Sing Lee, three signs, at 53 Harvard St., Wd. 7.

Tony Chiuccariello, a sign, at 297 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

J. Breithwaite, a barber pole, at 159 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

J. Rosen, an illuminated sign, at 42 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Geo. S. Daniell, for payment to James W. French of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mountfort St.

Albert Morse Estate, that the city pay a bill for labor for connecting a barn with the sewer in Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

Dennis A. O'Neil, for compensation for injuries sustained by his wife, Johanna O'Neil, on account of a fall in front of 10 Dalton St., on Feb. 9, 1899.

Electric Wires.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Atherton St., Wd. 22.

Licenses.

G. H. Batcheller, for a permit for Ben Mowatt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre, during the week beginning February 27, 1899.

Cyrus Walker, for a license for musical, dramatic and literary entertainments at Walker's Hall, 735 Washington St., Wd. 7, for the season ending August 1, 1899.

E. P. Morrill, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments, at Vine Rock Hall, corner Baker and Spring Sts., W. R., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899.

Police. (Ald.)

Ellen W. Smith, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

Wm. H. Faunce, for leave to erect a hitching post in front of premises 3 Wayne St., Wd. 21.

Daniel J. Murphy, for a periodical stand at the Franklin Schoolhouse near Dover St.

Hugh J. Morrison, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the square at Field's Corner, between the hours of 7 P. M. and 4 A. M.

George A. Fuller Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Utica, East, South and Essex Sts., Wd. 7.

Holbrook, Cabot & Daly, for leave to erect guy posts in Swett St. near the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented to the Board and a suspension of the rules was asked for, viz.:-

Ald. Colby presented the petition of John A. Heyl for a sign at 243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Ald. Doye presented the petition of the Press Cycling Club for leave to project a lantern in front of 6 Dartmouth St., Wd. 12.

Ald. Presho presented the petition of George J. Stevens for leave to project a sign at 17 Main St., Wd. 5.

Ald. Berwin presented the petition of Mlanders & Hoffman, for leave to project two signs, one at 19 Province St. and one at 14 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

The rule was suspended and leave was granted on the several petitions, on the usual conditions.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

4. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to reinstate all suspended sewer department employees who are members of labor unions.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to pay the employees of the Sewer Department for Washington's Birthday, in part compensation for services rendered; said compensation to take effect on employees suspended on Tuesday evening, February 21.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Report of the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders (Alderman Colby dissenting) renewing its recommendation for the adoption of the joint rules as previously reported by the majority of the committee. Said joint rules, as contained in Document 44, were adopted in Common Council February 23.

The question came on the adoption of the joint rules as reported by the majority, in concurrence.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I ask for the yeas and nays.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I find myself in a somewhat peculiar position on this matter, as I have on some previous matters. It will appear that I am obliged to take a position different from that which will be taken by my party associates, if not by those opposed to me politically. We are all quite familiar with the situation. The question may be raised, whether the whole matter is of sufficient importance to warrant the contest that has been waged with reference to the size of these committees. In my opinion it is, for this reason. There are certain committees which are entrusted with quite important duties, and that those committees may properly and effectually do their work, they should not be too large in size. The committees of two years ago were eight in number. The number was increased last year, and I am told with those familiar with the proceedings of last year that it was almost impossible to obtain a quorum. And now the suggestion is made that they be increased still more. Nobody that I can find contends for a moment that there is any good reason for increasing them, other than the fact that the presiding officer of the Common Council would be glad to have them made larger—and that appeals to some of my party associates, who say it is a question of politics that they ought to play. I am not much of a politician, but, at the same time, I can play a political game if it is necessary, and I can see through it, provided it does not interfere with the city's business. But when it comes to a question between the interests of the city and playing politics, I am obliged to line up on the side of the good of the city. If anybody can advance any good argument showing why the city's interest will be subserved by increasing the size of the committees, he is much more astute than I am.

I certainly have had no good reason advanced for it yet—in fact, none that will stand for a moment. Therefore, while it is unfortunate to have this difference with the Common Council, I say that those who take a position upon this matter which they feel is right ought to stand by it, no matter what the consequences may be. And I will go so far as to say this, that I would not have kept the matter tied up by my vote if I had not made a fair proposition to Mr. Killey, that if he would make a few of the important committees of a proper size I would not care how many members were appointed on the other committees—even if he appointed the whole Common Council upon them, because their duties would be such that it would make no difference whether they could get a

quorum or not. But there are committees which should be composed of a small number of members, so that they can without difficulty get a quorum to do business. Those committees should not be increased in size. Consequently, if those favoring this increase are not willing to come half way on a fair proposition, I think we ought not to recede from our position until a fair arrangement can be made. I hope the Board will not concur.

Concurrent action was refused, yeas 5, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

Adhered to former action. Sent down.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration, trusting that it will not prevail.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I certainly hope that question will not be put until Alderman Berwin can be present. He will probably be here before long, as I understand that he has simply stepped into the Mayor's office. I sincerely hope that question will not be put until he comes back, so that he may have a chance to record himself on the subject.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I am glad at any time to extend any courtesy; but the Board is in session, and if a member is absent from the chamber I don't know that any particular courtesy need be extended. Business is business.

The CHAIRMAN—The Alderman has been away for some time, and perhaps he wishes to see the Mayor on some business. He probably may not have another opportunity.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I will suggest that his vote would not make any difference, because if he voted with the minority the result would be simply six to six, which would not bring reconsideration.

Ald. PRESHO—I said I simply wanted to give the alderman an opportunity to record himself.

Reconsideration was lost.

7. The appropriation orders for the financial year 1899-1900 come up from the Common Council, concurred, with the following amendments:

In the item for Art Department, strike out \$1000, and insert \$200.

In the item for Children's Institutions Department, strike out item for Marcella-St. Home, \$1400, making appropriation for said department \$153,600.

In the item for Mayor, Public Celebrations and Lectures, strike out item for Free Public Lectures, \$3000, making the appropriation \$24,800.

In the item for Music Department, strike out \$10,000, and insert \$5000.

In the item for Public Buildings Department, General Expenses, strike out \$159,500, insert \$140,000, and strike out Electrical Construction Division \$7000, making appropriation for said department \$140,100.

Strike out item for Statistics Department, General Expenses \$15,000, and "City Record,"—\$6000,—to a total \$19,000.

In the item for Reserve Fund, insert \$85,000 in place of \$123,779.

The Board, on motion of Ald. Brick, voted to adhere to its former action. Notice sent down.

8. The loan order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitted with the appropriation bill, appropriating twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars to the Public Buildings Department, Repair Division, for working capital, came up indorsed "In Common Council, February 23, 1899. Refused to concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the passage of the above order."

The Board, on motion of Ald. Brick, voted to adhere to its former action. Notice sent down.

9. The loan order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment transmitted with the appropriation bill, appropriating ten thousand (10,000) dollars to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Con-

struction Division, for working capital, came up indorsed "In Common Council, February 23, 1899. Refused to concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the passage of the above order."

The Board, on motion of Ald. Brick, voted to adhere to its former action. Notice sent down.

10. The loan order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, transmitted with the appropriation bill, appropriating ten thousand (10,000) dollars to the Printing Department, for working capital, came up indorsed "In Common Council, February 23, 1899. Refused to concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in the passage of the above order."

The Board, on motion of Ald. Brick, voted to adhere to its former action. Notice sent down.

11. The order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating \$15,000 to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital, came up indorsed "In Common Council, February 25, 1899. Refused to concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the passage of the above order."

The Board, on motion of Ald. Brick, voted to adhere to its former action.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole and Presho—9.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby—3.  
Notice sent down.

#### CHANGING OF STREET NAMES.

The Board proceeded to take up unfinished business, No. 12, viz.:

Action on orders passed by the Board of Street Commissioners changing the names of certain streets, viz.:

12. Changing the names of the ways known as Hunneman and Yeoman Sts. and Norfolk Ave., in Roxbury and Dorchester, forming a continuous thoroughfare from Washington St. in Roxbury to East Cottage St. in Dorchester, to Franconia St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

The Board proceeded to take up unfinished business, No. 13, viz.:

13. Changing the name of the way at Dorchester and Roxbury known as Dalmatia St., leading, in extension of Woodcliff St., from Howard Ave. to Blue Hill Ave., to Woodcliff St.

The action of the Street Commissioners was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen.

#### REPEAL OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT ACT.

The Board proceeded to take up special assignment, No. 14, viz.:

14. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, chapter 434 of the Acts of the year 1898, entitled "An Act relative to the Finances of the City of Boston," otherwise known as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment Act, should be repealed.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move the indefinite postponement of No. 14.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope the gentleman will kindly give us some reason for that motion.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I think perhaps it might lie with the alderman from Charlestown to give some reasons for the passage of the resolution. If I needed any confirmation of my opinion, that this Board of Apportionment should be given a trial for a year, I would obtain it from reading the minutes of the Common Council of last Thursday evening, in which a young gentleman, almost as new in politics as myself, proceeded to abuse and malign those whom I have held in especially high regard. It struck me that at least the personnel of the Board of Apportionment, if not the act establishing the Board, was above vituperation, and the language which was used by the Councilman from Wd. 12 in his arraignment of the Mayor and the Board of Apportion-

ment, was such as to convince me—with-out going into it at length—that this Act, whatever its faults may be, should be given a fair trial. We should know whether it works either good or ill, whether it is for the best interest of the city or not; and I don't think, and I had a chance to work itself out, that we will know.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I must say that the alderman's reasons seem insufficient to me, especially as he asked last week time to consider the question. It seems as though after the special assignment, we ought to have something more striking in the way of objection to the resolution. I certainly want to reaffirm my position of last week and to say that I believe this Board should take a stand for its own rights and powers. Last year every member of the Board of Aldermen, no matter what his political party, signed a paper which was presented to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, and a Republican and a Democrat from this Board went up before that Committee and presented the position of the Board on the matter—our feeling that the proposed act was an encroachment upon the powers of the Board of Aldermen, and that it would make mere dummies out of the representative in both branches of the Government. I am willing to take my share of the responsibility in this matter. I am not one of those who wish to shirk it. I am sent here by my people and I must be sent here for some purpose. I am supposed to represent them. I am sent here with nine councilmen to state my views as to what the people of Charlestown want. I am also sent here by the people of Boston to state my ideas of what the whole city may want.

I am supposed to examine into the workings of existing laws and statutes and to form whatever opinions I may form and arrive at whatever ideas I may possess as to the workings of those laws and statutes. It is also my duty to consider and pass judgment on financial matters affecting the citizens of Boston. I think it was a great mistake to take away from this Board and from the Common Council the power of supervision over loans and appropriations. It was a suicidal mistake, and the members of the Government felt so last year. I remember reading the very strong arguments of ex-Ald. Charles and Lott before the legislative committee last year upon the subject, and I remember the strong paper that we, irrespective of politics, sent up there opposing this act. Whether it is the case that some members of the present board are closer to and more identified with the machine than the members of last year's Board I do not know, but it would certainly seem so. The members last year took a broad and non-partisan position, and I claim that their position, whatever may be said elsewhere, was in the best interests of the citizens of Boston. That is the position I took then, and that is the position I maintain now. I am here expressing my opinion without any regard to party prejudice, and I feel that if the yoke were removed from other members in this chamber they would vote just the same as I.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I ask the Alderman from Charlestown, through the Chair, if he endorses the statements of the young man in the Common Council, made last Thursday, as his reasons for the abolition of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment?

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I think my position, as stated two meetings ago, is sufficiently clear for any except an extraordinary obtuse intellect.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, as I usually say, I hardly think I can advance any argument which will change the position of the members as shown by the votes we have had heretofore, or that will in any way affect the result this afternoon. But I was opposed to the act creating the

Board of Estimate and Apportionment from the very outset, and I am opposed to it today. It was a reflection on the intelligence of this honorable Board—the idea that twelve men elected to the Board of Aldermen by the people of Boston are unable to deal with the affairs of the city as well as this Board of Estimate and Apportionment! I believe that will be against the best interests of the city of Boston; and I am reminded that in the last campaign the Republican party made every effort previous to its convention to induce certain men of very high standing in the community, regardless of party affiliations, to accept a place on the ticket, and that, by reason of the belittling of this Board by that act, they refused to have anything to do with it. Finally we drafted two gentlemen, and I am sorry to say they were not elected. However, we have had sufficient evidence of the workings of that Board, and we find today—at least, I do—that practically everything His Honor the Mayor desires he gets. The propositions submitted to the Board are, in my opinion, engineered by him entirely, and whatever the Chief Magistrate suggests the Board of Estimate and Apportionment seems to recommend. I don't believe there is a grain of virtue in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment's scheme. Speaking as a business man, I honestly believe if the distribution of the finances of the city of Boston were left to the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council we would have as fair a distribution as we can get through the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Another matter occurs to me: the Chief Magistrate in his inaugural address, if my memory serves me right, said in substance that he proposed to submit items indicating the various things for which the money was to be appropriated. I don't believe any member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—with no reflection on the honorable Chairman of this Board—knows anything more about the appropriations being made than I do, and I confess that I know nothing about it. The communications are simply sent in to us saying "We want \$100,000 for this; we want \$50,000 for that; we want \$50,000 for this"—and we don't know what the money is being used for. We don't know how much money is being expended for labor or for materials, and I think it is fair and right that we should know these things. But that is neither here nor there. I am opposed to this Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as I have been opposed to it from the start out. It has had a fair time to work and I am opposed to it on its workings; and I hope the motion of the honorable Alderman from Wd 8 (Ald. Brick) will not prevail.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was declared carried.

Ald. Adams doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost—Yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, O'Toole, Presho—6.

The resolution was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, still clinging to my opinions, despite the arguments of my friends on the republican side of the house, I believe this resolution should not pass. I believe that this whole game is a game of politics—played here, played in the Common Council, played in the newspapers, by certain men, an attempt being made to keep up an agitation in order to defeat the democratic party. I think it is an unfair and malicious conspiracy. I think every attempt of the Alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) to force through this resolution, with certain other resolutions that have been introduced into the Common Council, and every item that goes into the papers, are planned out by a board of strategy that

has not yet been openly exposed. I therefore hope the democrats of this Board will stand together, once and for all, and defeat this resolution as a party measure.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hardly think it is necessary to say that the republicans do not deem it necessary to start a board of strategy in opposition to the board of strategy which the gentleman on the opposite side represents.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if I understand this aright, the alderman now states that the movement to get this through is a part of a scheme to defeat the democratic party at the next municipal election. Well, I was going to vote against this measure, thinking it was not feasible to put the resolution through; but if it is really meant, as Brother Brick says it is, to defeat the democratic party, I shall vote on the other side, so as to help the resolution along. As a matter of fact, I am rather doubtful as to how the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is going to work. I am not prepared, as I said the other day, to say now that it is a complete and total failure. The way the act was drawn is bad. The underlying principle may be right, even if the details of the act are wrong, and in my opinion it is a little early to give the Board a wholesale condemnation until we know what they are going to do. If a large part of the loans made up go to Charlestown, perhaps the alderman from Charlestown will think the Board amounts to more than he thinks it does at the present time. It strikes me that it is a little premature to absolutely throw them down on what they have done, because they have not yet done their work. To the statement made by Alderman Berwin, that the act is wrong, I can take no exception, if he takes that position. My only answer to him is this, that his going up to the legislature one year and getting an act through, and the next year going up and getting it repealed, is dangerous business. Of course, those opposed to the act will say that they did not go up there to favor it. That is perfectly true. But, however, it has been put through, it is on the statute books, and it ought to have a fair trial. Even if it is pernicious, as has been claimed, it ought to be given an opportunity to work out its own destruction, which I don't think has been done. I presume by my last vote people will think I was trying to ride two horses. I was not, however. My convictions are very clear that, even if the act is bad, even if this resolution is part of a scheme to defeat the democratic party, it is a little early to go up to the legislature and ask to have the act repealed simply because we did not like it when it was put through in the first place.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that the alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) should interject politics into this particular thing. I voted with the republicans upon this matter at the last meeting of the Board, and I think I need make no apology for it. When it comes to doubting a man's democracy, I think it will be admitted that there is no member on this floor, on the democratic end, who will stand here or anywhere else more firmly in advocacy of democratic principles than myself. As I said at the last meeting, I considered the act last year an undemocratic act, and I still adhere to that position. No doubt the alderman from the West End has, to a certain extent, surmised that the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) has interjected politics into this particular thing. But I will assure him, irrespective of the fact that the alderman from Charlestown may stand here as a henchman of the republican party, that I, as a democrat, stand on this floor at all times as a democrat. Further than that, I believe that we are elected by the citizens of Boston to look out for their particular interests and, as I said

at the last meeting, we, as members of this Board of Aldermen, elected by the people of Boston, should have some rights. We have been shorn of all our powers—by a republican legislature, a legislature in which the party of which the alderman from Charlestown is a member predominates. His party is responsible for it, and we, as democrats, ought to stand on this floor and denounce his party in the legislature, a party that made it possible that the people of Boston should elect twelve aldermen, and seventy-five members of the lower branch, who shall have no power in the management of the finances of the city. How do I know how the money is to be distributed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in the loan which comes in here today? What can you or I, or any of the gentlemen sitting around this board, Mr. Chairman, say if our districts or any district of the city of Boston has not been taken care of? How do we know what has been done? True, we can tell when it comes into this board. That is why I am against the Board of Estimate and Apportionment act. I think it is an undemocratic measure. I want to place myself right upon this matter.

Perhaps it is out of order for me to refer to it, but I desire just to allude for a moment to what was said in the co-ordinate branch of this government last Thursday night by a young member, as the gentleman from Wd. 8 has just said, in regard to gentlemen who need no encomiums from me. One of the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, coming from East Boston, elected for two years (Mr. Sullivan), is a gentleman well up in the finances of the city and in the finances of different trust companies and banks, besides being a large real estate owner. He needs no apologies from me. The other member who was elected this year is Mr. Minot, a real estate owner of Boston, a man who for a great many years has been identified with its business interests. He needs no apology from me. Neither do the other three members of that Board. But I have said before, and I say again, that this is an undemocratic measure, and that is why I will stand on this floor and use every possible argument against it, voting accordingly—not against the men who compose the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but against the act, which I consider is undemocratic.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the resolution will pass. I want to agree with the honorable alderman from the South End (Ald. O'Toole) in the position he takes upon this matter. He argues that the act is undemocratic, and I argue that it is against the best interests of the city of Boston. I have nothing against the gentlemen who compose the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but I contend, as I said before, that the act is against the very best interests of this city and is a reflection on the intelligence of the members of this Board. I have had sufficient experience in municipal affairs in the last five or six years to say, perhaps, without any arrogance whatever, that I am just as competent to handle the finances of the city of Boston as the gentlemen who compose that board; and to me the board simply looks like an adjunct to the democratic machine—as it probably would be to the republican machine, if the republicans were in power and controlled that board. For that reason I contend that it is against the interests of the community. I am not opposed to this proposition for any political reason whatever.

I recognize that a republican legislature is responsible for it, as it is responsible for a great many other propositions that I have been opposed to, and it is unfortunate that we send men of that character to the legislature. But I am not responsible

for that, because I come from a section of the city that is represented entirely by democrats in the legislature. But, coming back to the argument, no argument can be advanced in support of the act. It has had a fair test and we know just what the result is. We know that day after day, meeting after meeting, propositions come into this board and we football them from one body to the other. The result is that after the time limit expires, His Honor the Mayor gets just what he wants. I am not opposed to his getting what he wants, provided he gets such things as will benefit the City of Boston; but when he is permitted, under the terms of that act, to practically control the entire finances of the city, regardless of your wishes and mine or the wishes of every member of this honorable body and the Common Council, who have as much interest in the welfare of the city of Boston as does the Chief Magistrate and the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, it is entirely wrong. There can be no harm in the passage of this resolution. If it is passed, the legislature will then probably act as it sees fit. But, for the best interests of the city, I honestly believe, regardless of any politics, that the members of this government will have no occasion to regret it if that act is wiped off the statute book and we are allowed to say a word as to the distribution of the money that is raised from the people.

The resolution was rejected, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, O'Toole, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Erick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald—7.

#### JURY LIST.

The following was listed:—

Board of Election Commissioners,

Old Court House, Boston, Feb. 27, 1899.

The following list of persons liable to serve as jurors in the several Federal and County Courts held within the County of Suffolk, having been duly prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners, and the same having been posted by them in two public places in the city of Boston as required by law, is this day submitted to the Board of Aldermen for their approval as provided by Chapter 170 of the Public Statutes and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Linus E. Pearson,  
Timothy F. McDonough,  
George P. Sanger,  
Joseph J. Corbett.

(Annexed was the list referred to.)  
Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### RAILROAD POLICE.

A communication was received from the Fitchburg Railroad Co., transmitting a copy of the record of the appointment by the Board of Aldermen of Waltham of Henry J. Brady as a special policeman under Chapter 103 of the Public Statutes and Acts in addition thereto.

Placed on file.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 29 newsboys, 1 boot-black and 1 flower vender.

Approved by the Board.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for season licenses for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:—

Cyrus Walker, Walker's Hall, 735 Washington St., Wd. 7.

F. P. Morrill, Vine Rock Hall, corner Baker and Spring Sts., West Roxbury.

Reports accepted; licenses severally granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of G. H. Bateheller (referred today), for a permit for Ben Mowatt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre during the week of Feb. 27, 1899—that a permit be granted.  
Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

RESCISSION OF REFERENCES.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Adams, to rescind the vote whereby the petition of the Crescent Associates was referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), when appointed.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Day, to rescind the votes whereby the petitions of Frank Lally and H. Cady were referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (recommitted Feb. 20), for leave to erect three poles in Washington St., between Ruggles and Vernon Sts., recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Co., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., between Ruggles and Vernon Sts., three poles, 45 ft. in height by 14 in. diameter; width of sidewalk 10 feet, date of plan Feb. 6, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Atherton St., Wd. 22—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 6, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

PAYMENT TO POLICEMAN DANIEL MURPHY'S WIDOW.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the order of the City Council, dated September 18, 1898, directing payment to Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a police officer, be rescinded.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DOYLE also offered the following:—  
Ordered—That there be paid Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a member of the Police Department of the City of Boston, the sum of \$1209.86, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the fiscal year 1898-99, such payment being authorized by chapter 406 of the Acts of 1898, and to be charged to reserved fund.

Passed. Sent down.

CONSTRUCTION OF SELMA ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out and construct as a public highway Selma St., from Gladstone St. to Orient Ave., under chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto.

Passed.

GRADING OF EAST EAGLE ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to grade East Eagle St., between Putnam St. and the reservoir grounds, as laid out in 1842.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF EAST BOSTON CAR SERVICE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Co. be requested to change the car service for the people of East Boston as follows:—

1st. To run one line of cars from the ferry through the subway by way of Atlantic Ave.

2d. To run Winthrop Junction cars to the corner of Gladstone and Walley Sts.

3d. To run the Winthrop Junction cars on seven minute time throughout the day.

4th. To replace the small cars now in use in East Boston with cars of the same size as used in other parts of Boston.

5th. To use the Liverpool St. tracks for the Chelsea line.

6th. To make better connections at the ferries.

7th. To make such other improvements as may suggest themselves after investigation.

Passed.

CITY REGISTRAR'S SEAL.

Ald. COLBY offered the following:—

An Ordinance establishing the seal of the City Registrar.

Be it ordained, etc.

The official seal of the City Registrar, which the City of Boston shall provide for his use according to chapter 389 of Acts of 1898, shall be in form as follows:—

On a circular rim the words, "Seal of the City Registrar of the City of Boston," surrounding a shield charged with the device of a ring enclosing two lighted torches, one erect, the other inverted—ad substantially as set forth in the margin.

(In the margin was a fac-simile impression of the seal referred to.)

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BRICK moved a general reconsideration upon all matters transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail; lost.

A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:17 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5:21 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (referred today):

Hugh J. Morrison, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the Square at Field's Corner, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 4 A.M.

Frank Lally, for leave to project one bay window from building 153 Putnam St., to project over corner of Putnam and Bennington Sts., Wd. 1.

H. Cady, for leave to project two bay windows from building 85 Maverick St., corner Haven St., Wd. 2.

Crescent Associates, for leave to project two bay windows from building corner of Savin Hill Ave and Spring St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George A. Fuller Company (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts in Utica, East, South and Essex Sts., Wd. 7—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the George A. Fuller Company to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in the following locations, viz:—

One on Utica St., near corner of Tufts St.  
Two on East St., between South St. and Atlantic Ave.

One on South St., northwest corner, near Essex St.

One on Essex St., near corner Lincoln St.

One on Essex St., between Lincoln and South Sts.

One on South St., near corner South St.

Three on South St., near corner Essex St., Wd. 7.

To be placed in locations satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of Holbrook, Cabot & Daly (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Holbrook, Cabot & Daly to erect, maintain and use two guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in Swett St., at or near the new crossing of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., for use in building bridge abutments; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Wm. H. Faunce (referred today), for leave to erect a hitching post—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. Faunce to erect, maintain, and use a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of estate 8 Wayne St., Wd. 2; the

work to be completed according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

Ald. BERWIN offered the following:—

Ordered: That a committee of this Board, to consist of three members, be appointed to consider and report on all matters already referred to the Committee on Building Department, Ald., and to have the powers and duties of said committee on matters coming within the jurisdiction of this board.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, in support of the passage of that order and in explanation of it, I desire to say this, that I have introduced the order at the request of a number of people who have matters pending before the Committee on Building Department, and the order is introduced for the purpose of expediting the business of the department and the work in connection with it which devolves on this board. It is not introduced with any purpose of interfering with the prerogatives of the Council, because as soon as the Council appoints its various committees this arrangement will end. At that time the individual action of the Board in this matter will end. I hope the rule will be suspended. I desire to say this, furthermore, that I have introduced this order without any prejudice to any further action I may take at any time in relation to matters of a similar nature that may possibly come before the Board. I desire to make myself clear on that point, and I trust that I have. I hope the rule will be suspended.

The rule was suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed. Ald. Berwin moved to reconsider; lost.

#### HOLIDAY ON EVACUATION DAY.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, on March 17, 1899, Evacuation Day, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

Passed, under suspension of the rule. Sent down.

Adjourned at 5:33 P. M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to meet on Monday, March 6, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 2, 1899.  
Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

CONCERT PHILLIPS SCHOOL.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Commissioners in regard to your order requesting that a concert be given by the Municipal Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, Wd. 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Department of Music,  
Office of the Commissioners,  
Feb. 6, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.  
Dear Sir: The order of the Common Council received through you, dated Jan. 26, 1899, and ordering that the Music Department be requested to provide a concert by the Municipal Orchestra in the hall of the Phillips School, Wd. 11, was considered by the Music Commissioners at their meeting on February 3d. The Commissioners understand the request to be for a free chamber concert by the Municipal Quartette such as are being given in various sections of the city, the Municipal Orchestra having been disbanded on January 15th last.

On referring to a list of school halls furnished this department by the Secretary of the School Committee, it appears that the hall of the Phillips School is not lighted. That being the case it would not be possible to take affirmative action upon the order, until at least means for illuminating the hall have been put in.

Yours respectfully,  
M. J. Dwyer, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STREET DEPT CONTRACTS.

The following was received:  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting "a complete list of all the contracts above two thousand dollars entered into by the city of Boston, through the Street Department, since January 1, 1898, which have not been open to competition through a public advertisement; also the amount of said contracts and the names of the contractors."

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 27, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Sir:—In reply to your request for a complete list of all contracts above two thousand dollars (\$2000) entered into by the City of Boston through the Street Department since January 1, 1898, which have not been open to competition through a public advertisement, also the amount of said contracts and the names of the contractors, I beg to submit the inclosed list.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Paving Division.

Contract.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.
Ledge lot, Heath St.....	Frederick Bieller.....	\$3,715.89
Ledge lot, Rosseter St.....	W. J. Emerson.....	5,773.93
Granite flagging.....	Rockport Granite Co.....	4,888.45
Large paving blocks.....	Rockport Granite Co.....	32,523.25
Philadelphia paving blocks.....	Rockport Granite Co.....	23,367.74
Gutter blocks.....	Rockport Granite Co.....	4,100.00
Philadelphia paving blocks.....	Pigeon Hill Granite Co.....	8,836.50
Large paving blocks.....	Pigeon Hill Granite Co.....	21,522.73
Beach gravel.....	Thomas Cargill, Jr.....	3,695.70
Paving Bunker Hill St.....	J. Turner & Co.....	4,608.14
Paving Columbus Ave., Hanley Sq. to New Heath St.....	Jones & Meehan.....	27,874.79
Paving Columbus Ave., New Heath St. to Heath St.....	Jones & Meehan.....	15,187.82
Paving Summer St. and Dorchester Ave.....	H. P. Nawn.....	30,912.83
Concrete base, Hanover St.....	Perrin & Carter.....	2,284.25
Asphalting Beacon St.....	Barber Asphalt Paving Co.....	3,651.60
Paving Hanover St.....	H. Gore & Co.....	2,796.88
Abutments, Brooks St.....	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.....	37,164.00
Philadelphia paving blocks.....	Cape Ann Granite Co.....	10,775.34
Quarrying stone, Commonwealth Ave.....	M. Kiernan.....	11,136.60
Asphalting Shawmut Ave.....	Boston Asphalt Co.....	2,956.50
Paving Tremont St.....	H. Gore & Co.....	7,773.92
Concrete base, Tremont St.....	Perrin & Carter.....	6,846.00
Filling Jersey St.....	Boston & Albany R. R. Co.....	18,817.47
Artificial stone sidewalks, Oakley St.....	John C. Newborg.....	2,022.17
Asphalting Kilby St.....	Barber Asphalt Paving Co.....	6,949.00
Paving Tremont St., Weston St. to Hammond St.....	J. Doherty & Co.....	2,384.12
Quarrying stone, Commonwealth Ave.....	A. McMurtry & Sons.....	4,800.00
Concrete base, Commercial St.....	Perrin & Carter.....	2,104.73
Paving Commercial St.....	H. Gore & Co.....	2,803.30
Asphalting Broadway.....	Boston Asphalt Co.....	5,453.70
Edgestone.....	Simpson Bros. Corporation.....	20,062.51
Paving Norfolk Ave.....	Barnes, Ruffin Co.....	3,915.25
Gutter blocks.....	Rockport Granite Co.....	4,200.00
Ledge lot, Centre St.....	Thomas Minton.....	3,590.00
Delivering stone to Dimock-St. crusher.....	H. P. Nawn.....	6,509.63
Paving City Sq.....	J. Turner & Co.....	3,000.00
Artificial stone sidewalks, Lonsdale St.....	John C. Newborg.....	2,000.00
Artificial stone sidewalks, Lonsdale St.....	Barnes, Ruffin & Co.....	2,000.00
Filling Columbia Road.....	J. S. Jacobs & Son.....	10,500.00
Paving Alford St.....	P. Brennan & Co.....	2,800.00
Filling Columbia Road.....	J. J. Sullivan.....	4,800.00
Asphalting Public Alley No. 437.....	Barber Asphalt Paving Co.....	2,100.00

Sewer Division.

Contract.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.
Moon Island sea-wall.....	Perkins, White & Co.....	\$63,000.00
Dredging Roxbury Canal.....	Perkins, White & Co.....	3,325.00
Back Bay Pans sewerage.....	Perkins, White & Co.....	23,689.01
Harold St.....	H. P. Nawn.....	2,109.50
Columbia road Section 1, excavating rock.....	H. P. Nawn.....	11,415.39
Kilsyth Road.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	2,489.51
Selkirk Road.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	2,718.65
Torrey and Wentworth Sts.....	F. A. Foster.....	2,262.75
Columbia Road, Section 2, excavating rock.....	H. P. Nawn.....	7,336.30
Tenean Creek.....	H. P. Nawn.....	12,000.00
Lanark Road.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	2,612.84
North Harvard St.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	3,366.53
Repairs on engines, Pumping Station (Contract B).....	Lockwood Mfg. Co.....	6,000.60
Centre St., Dorchester Ave. to Remington St.....	F. A. Foster.....	2,579.46
Riverway and Brookline Ave.....	J. McGraw & Co.....	11,784.36
Kinross Road.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	2,690.03
Fowler St.....	J. P. O'Connell.....	2,581.85
Mattapan Brook.....	J. P. O'Connell.....	9,450.00
Hopkins St.....	D. M. Dwyer.....	2,400.00
Beech Glen St.....	J. P. O'Connell.....	3,000.00
Ipswich St.....	J. P. O'Connell.....	4,095.20
Harriet St. and outlet.....	T. J. Young & Co.....	3,200.00
Tenean Creek.....	H. P. Nawn.....	10,660.00
Oakland Garden fork, Stony Brook.....	H. P. Nawn.....	2,570.00
Columbia Road, Section 2.....	H. P. Nawn.....	3,208.66
Moon Island, paving, grading and parapet walls.....	Perkins, White & Co.....	5,500.00

Sanitary Division.

Contract.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.
Widening dock at Ft. Hill Wharf.....	W. H. Ellis & Co.....	3,376.00
Building platform over dock, Ft. Hill Wharf.....	W. H. Ellis & Co.....	2,843.33
Building platform Albany St. Wharf.....	Thomas E. Ruggles.....	5,470.00
Disposal of waste.....	City Refuse Utilization Co.....	5,500.00
Collecting and removing ashes, East Boston (extensions of contract).....	Wm. F. Hedrington.....	7,300.00

Ferry Division.

Contract.	Contractor.	Amount of Contract.
New drop, North Ferry, Boston side.....	John M. Brooks.....	5,775.00
New drop, South Ferry, East Boston side.....	John M. Brooks.....	5,775.00
Plans, specifications, etc., new ferry-boat.....	Richard F. Keough.....	2,200.01
New ferry-boat.....	William McKie.....	66,000.00

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

VETO OF FARRAGUT DAY APPROPRIATION.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Feb. 24, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
I herewith return without my approval the order providing for the expenditure of \$1200 out of the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, for the celebration of June 28th, for the reason that this appropriation is not sufficient to allow of such expenditure, and that it seems to me that a bad precedent would be set by allowing an expenditure for a public celebration, not provided for in the regular appropriation for such a purpose, to be subsequently met in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The order was reconsidered, and the question came on its passage, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The order failed of passage (50 votes being required), Yeas 31, nays 15.

Yeas—Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Chamberlain, Collins, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Hibbard, Horrigan, Johnson, Jordan, Kiley, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mulcahy, O'Brien, Rolland, Simpson, Stone, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson, Wells—31.

Nays—Battis, Brauer, Broderick, Emery, Harvey, Hickey, Klemm, Mildram, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Sanderson, Stevens, Winsloe, Wood—15.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Bordman, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Donovan, Eddy, Gibbons, Howard, Kasanof,

Kelley, Leftovith, Leonard, Lorey, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Miller, Moore, Rice, Roemer, Stockton, Sweeney, Walker—29.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move to reconsider, and that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair rules the motion out of order, as reconsideration of a veto message cannot prevail under the rules of the City Council.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—  
In response to the order referred to me by your body on Jan. 26, requesting information as to the reasons why, "in violation of plain law," the Mayor has not submitted for confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, the names of the officers coming under the provisions of Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, I have to state that I know of no such officer, subject by law to such confirmation, who has not been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and if the introducer of the order can point out any such officers who have not been so confirmed, I will take immediate steps to see that they are no longer allowed to act.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Library Department, when appointed—Charles E. French, for a verification of the expenditures incurred in the repairs to the Central Library.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, on March 17, 1899, Evacuation Day, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That there be paid to Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a member of the Police Department of the City of Boston, the sum of \$1,209.86, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the fiscal year 1898-99, such payment being authorized by chapter 406 of the Acts of 1898, and to be charged to reserve fund.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the order of the City Council, dated September 13, 1898, directing payment to Mary Jane Murphy, widow of Daniel Murphy, late a police officer, be rescinded.

Passed in concurrence.

4. The joint rules submitted with the majority report of the Committee on Joint Rules and Orders (City Doc. 44) which were adopted by this Council on February 23, come down non-concurred in, the Board of Aldermen adhering to its action of February 13 in adopting the rules and orders recommended by the minority of the committee.

The question came on receding and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move you sir, that the Council non-concur in the action taken by the Board of Aldermen, and that this body adhere to its former action.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the Council will recede from its former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen. I am surprised that our young college friend in the second division should make that motion tonight. I wish to call the attention of the Council to a statement made by the President of this body at the last meeting—the second statement of the President to which I have called the attention of the Council this year—when he said that “The Chair has been given the assurance that the Board will concur in the acceptance of the rules at its next meeting.” Our president makes that statement, as per Council Minutes, page 190. It seems that the Board of Aldermen has not concurred with the Common Council, although the Council voted at its last meeting to adhere to its former action. I just wish to present to the members of this Council the same facts that have been presented to it so often—namely, that for thirty-five years previous to last year the joint committees of the City Council were made up of only eight members, five on the part of the Council and three on the part of the Board of Aldermen. Even under those conditions it was considered difficult enough to secure a quorum, a good working majority, throughout the year, on the various committees. Last year, on account of the deadlock in the Board of Aldermen, the Board being tied, it was found necessary to place four members upon the joint committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen. That necessitated an increase in the membership on the part of the Common Council, the result being that on the joint committees of last year there were four members on the part of the Board of Aldermen and seven members on the part of the Common Council, a total of eleven members, making an increase in the size of the joint committees over those of previous years. This year it is proposed to still further increase the numbers on joint committees. I have not heard upon the floor of this chamber one single argument in support of that, except

the argument which was presented by the gentleman in the second division some two or three weeks ago, when he said that it was his idea to have the Committees regulated so that they would conform somewhat with the Committees of the State Legislature. I want to tell the gentleman in the second division, whether he knows it or not, that the Mercantile Committee, one of the most important committees of the State Legislature last year, representing a legislative body of nearly three hundred members, including the House of Representatives and the State Senate, had only eleven members. Where does his argument come in? Here we have eighty-seven members in our City Government, and he wants thirteen of them on a joint committee. I say, Mr. President, that not one single argument has been presented to this Council why we should increase the membership of the joint committees.

The gentleman in the first division—from Wd. 18, I think—a few weeks ago told this body that several of the committees were not working committees. Now, if, as he said was the case, most of these committees do not meet at all during the year, why should we have thirteen men appointed on these committees? That is something, Mr. President, that I cannot see. In closing, Mr. President, I simply desire to state that I hope no assurance of the President will be taken tonight. If he has any further assurance that the Board of Aldermen is going to concur at the next meeting, I hope that it will not be presented to this body tonight, because his previous assurance has not been upheld. I trust that the Council will recede from its former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen, principally because 13 members on joint committees are not a necessity, and because not one argument has been presented in favor of making the change. I am ready to answer any argument of the gentleman in the first division as to why committees should be composed of 13 members.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that if any member of this body questions the veracity of the statement made at the last meeting, he will refer him, or the gentleman from Wd. 2, at Aldermen Dixon and Doyle, whose assurance was given to me that they would vote for concurrence in the rules, and who voted against concurrence at the last meeting.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I just desire to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 2, and to say to him that I said certain committees were not working committees last year; but I desire to say that I also said at that time that it depended on the President whether the committees were working committees or not.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope that this body will adhere to its former action and will not concur with the Board of Aldermen in the action they took at their last meeting. The honorable gentleman who dissents, as we expected he would, has only one reason for dissenting, and that seems to be a flimsy excuse which he has told us, that the committees do not amount to anything, and that there is not anything for the committees to do. Mr. President, if there is nothing for the committees to do, if there is no work for them to do, if it is true that there are only three committees—namely, the committee on ordinances, building department and claims—that have anything to do, why does he find so much trouble in agreeing with us? Mr. President, I hope that this body will adhere to its former action and will not concur with the board of aldermen in their action.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the Council will adhere to its former action in this matter tonight. The gentleman from Wd.

2 states that there has been no argument made why the number of members on the committees should be increased. That for 35 years preceding last year the committees of the city council got along very well with the old number of members on committees, and that last year an emergency had arisen in the city government whereby the committees had to be increased. Now, Mr. President, I claim that an emergency has arisen in the city government of this year, for the Massachusetts Legislature placed another branch to the city government—a branch more powerful, in my opinion, than the Board of Aldermen and Common Council together. Now, I maintain that if the Massachusetts Legislature sees fit to increase the city government, I see no reason why the city government is not justified in increasing its committees; therefore, Mr. President, I sincerely hope that we will adhere to former action.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 2, through the chair, if he has an antipathy to the report of the committee on account of the thirteen members upon the committees?

Mr. HICKEY—I would like to ask the gentleman what the question was that he asked me?

Mr. GIBLIN—Mr. President, I would like to ask him if he objects to this matter because there are thirteen to be appointed on the committees? (Laughter.)

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, the laugh indulged in by the members of the Council, and created by the gentleman from Wd. 15, is enjoyed as highly by myself as by any other member of the Council. It is true that I do object to this because the joint committees are to be composed of thirteen, I would object to it if the joint committees were to be composed of twelve members. While I am on my feet, permit me to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 14, when he introduces the argument that because the Board of Apportionment has been treated by the State Legislature, the number of those who constitute the joint committees of the City Council should be increased. Is there any member of the City Council who believes that the creation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has added to our powers? Every member knows that its creation has taken away many powers from us, rather than to add work to the City Council. What argument is there that the joint committees should be increased in numbers because of the creation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. If eight members of the joint committees could do the work under the old system, why cannot they under the present system, where many of the powers have been taken away from the City Council and given to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment? I hope that the Council will recede from its former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen, so that we may have our committees appointed as soon as possible; or, if we are to adhere to our former action, I hope the gentleman in the second division or some other member of the committee, will get on his feet and show us some good reason why the number of members on the joint committees should be increased.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 2, for the last three meetings of the Council, has shown us a beautiful knowledge of ancient history. He has gone back over the career of the City Council for the past thirty-five years and has told us the number of members that have constituted our joint committees during that period. I wish to take issue with him right there, for I believe that if there has been anything which has brought about a reduction of the powers of the Common Council, it has been on account of the outrageous and ungentlemanly way in which the committees have managed the affairs of this gov-

ernment during the past thirty-five years that the gentleman from Wd. 2 speaks about. If anything will bring about a better condition of affairs, I believe that a large number of members on committees will do it. For that reason, I hope that the Council will adhere to its former action.

Mr. MCINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the previous question.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion for the previous question. It seems to me this is quite an interesting subject to the members. Several members have risen to their feet and have tried to get recognition from the Chair, wishing to speak upon this subject, and yet the gentleman in the Fourth Division moves the previous question. Now, my experience in this government during the last three years has never been that of being the author of that motion. I always was willing to let any individual who wished to talk upon any subject to do so; The gentleman moves the previous question for the sake of cutting off debate in this matter. In my opinion, there is no question about the action that will be taken in reference to this matter, but I simply desire to state that I, among many others, would like to speak upon the subject, and I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion.

The PRESIDENT—The question before the house is "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be put—immediately, at any rate. I wish to say to the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Logan), that if I have, during my remarks on this question, indulged in any ancient history, it is not ancient history of the kind taught at Harvard College. It is history gained here in the Common Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that debate must be confined to the question before the Council, which is, shall the main question be ordered.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope the main question will not be ordered. As I have said, whatever knowledge of ancient history I have gained having a bearing upon matters coming before us for consideration, has been gained in the Council chamber; and when I spoke before I spoke upon facts relating to joint committees of the City Council. I hope that the main question will not be put at this time, there being several members on the floor who are anxious to debate.

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided and the main question was ordered, 49 in the affirmative, 9 in the negative.

The Council voted to non-concur and adhere to former action. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

5. The order for a loan appropriation of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars for the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital, which this Council refused to pass in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on February 23, comes down with an entry thereon that the Board of Aldermen adhered to its former action.

The question came on receding and passing the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; declared lost. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the Council refused to recede and concur, 14 members voting in the affirmative, 37 in the negative.

The question came on adhering to former action.

On motion of Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the

Council voted to adhere to former action—Yeas 36, nays 21.

Yeas—Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Broderick, Chamberlain, Donahoe, Donovan, Harvey, Hibbard, Horigan, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stone, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—36.

Nays—Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Giblyn, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull—21.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Casey, Collins, Cuddy, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Howard, Leonard, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Moore, Newhall, Stockton, Sweeney—8.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR POLICEMEN

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz.:-

6. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Board of Police relative to leave of absence, without loss of pay, to members of the Police Department. (City Doc. 61.)

Placed on file.

#### COMMUNICATION REGARDING SALARIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz.:-

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting a classified statement of the number, designation and salary of officers and employees of the different departments, not including mechanics and laborers. (City Doc. 62.)

Sent up.

#### CREMATION OF PAUPERS' BODIES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz.:-

8. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council, the cremation of paupers' bodies, as proposed by the Cemetery Trustees, is unadvisable.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, as I have not had time to examine the report of the trustees today, I would ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) as a personal favor to me to assent to the assignment of this order for another week.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, it is perfectly agreeable to me to have the order assigned.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### INTEREST ON TAXES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:-

9. Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of six per cent, per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent, per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent, per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, for the benefit of the Council, I would like to have the President explain this order, as some of the members don't know anything about it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that this is an order introduced for the sanction of the City Council, in accordance with chapter 11, sections 67 and 68, of the Public Statutes, allowing the selectmen of towns and the city councils of cities to fix the time upon which interest shall be levied upon unpaid taxes. The passage of this order is necessary, so that the City Collector may act accordingly. The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask if it is true that, according to the present law, the taxes are not due until November 1st?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that that is a matter that has been fixed by the City Council for some years. The Chair understands that the custom has been to fix a specific time upon which interest shall be charged on unpaid taxes at the rates of 7 per cent, and thereafter at the rate of one per cent, per month. The Chair desires further to state for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 13, that this is the same order that has been passed by the City Council for a number of years past.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I wish to state, that if that is the case, I am in error. I was of the opinion that the taxes became due on the first of November, and that interest went on from that date. If October has been the date, I am in error.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I believe I was the only member of the Council at the last meeting who spoke in support of this order. I hope that it will not be further delayed. I believe it was assigned at the last meeting solely for the reason that it was believed at that time by certain members of the Council that an assignment would invalidate the appropriation bill. They, having satisfied themselves that such is not the case, are, perhaps, willing tonight to allow the order to go upon its passage. As I stated at the last meeting of the Council, this order was drawn by Corporation Counsel Bailey in thorough accordance with legal methods, and, as I believe, the financial necessities of the city. I hope the order will be given a second reading and be put upon its passage at this time.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I do not agree with the remarks of the gentleman who last spoke in regard to the financial necessity. I do think, perhaps, it might help out the present financial condition of the city if it could raise twenty per cent, interest on a great many things; but when it comes to the City Council setting an example of an exorbitant rate of interest on taxes which have come due and have not been paid, I think it is wrong, for a great many reasons. This seven per cent comes out of the poor people—not out of the rich, in most cases. The financial condition of a great many people of our city has been such in the last few years that they cannot always meet their taxes just when they are due. They are willing to pay the usual rate of six per cent, but when you come to ask a greater rate of interest than that, I think it is an outrage on the part of the city of Boston, which can hire its money for three or three and one-half per cent, and then proceed to make money out of its citizens in this manner. This order also provides a rate of twelve per cent per annum for bank stock. I am well aware that banks are supposed to pay this interest, but providing a bank neglects the first day of November to pay the city of Boston the interest due on the stock, it comes out of the person who holds the shares. Now,

I am not willing to vote tonight to charge some poor person who holds three or four shares of bank stock, upon which he is only receiving three per cent, a sum large enough, by reason of the neglect of the bank to pay this tax, to cover in two months the amount of interest that he will get on his stock in a whole year. As I said before, I have no doubt the city of Boston is in such financial condition that it needs all the money it can get; but I, for one, shall not vote to take it out of the poor people. This has been the usual custom, I admit, but the fact is that the rate of interest has changed in the last few years. Money is not worth what it was when these orders were passed years ago. Good paper brings only three and a half to four per cent; and certainly the city of Boston at the present time ought to be able to hire money as cheap as any other corporation. So I think it is time that this rate of interest was changed to the regular six per cent rate, thereby setting a proper example and not charging seven per cent on all bills not paid at a certain date. The custom which has prevailed simply gives an opportunity to a great many men to go around and buy up tax-bills and allow them to remain unpaid. The party owning the property receives no notice that they have not been paid, but the person dealing in the matter has his broker and lets the thing go along and then collects his even per cent upon it. For these reasons I would like to see the rate of six per cent established, and I hope the order in its present form will not go through tonight.

The order was declared not ordered to a second reading.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS OF BOSTON.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, reconsideration, viz.:-

10. An ordinance to amend chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained, etc.:

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section twelve by striking out the words "the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "Boston in any capacity."

The question came on reconsideration (notice filed by Mr. Linehan) of action of February 23, whereby said ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances when appointed.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to offer a substitute order. I don't know whether I can do that before reconsideration prevails or not.

The PRESIDENT—The chair desires to state that reconsideration must be had before a substitute order can be introduced.

The Council voted to reconsider its previous action, and Mr. Linehan thereupon offered the following substitute:-

An ordinance to amend chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained, etc.:-

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section twelve by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to state that the only difference between this order and the order that has been reconsidered is that, instead of "citizens of Boston in any capacity," it is "legal voters of Boston," that I have substituted.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on substitution.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I at the present time don't wish to say that I have any objection to Mr. Linehan's substitute, but I would like to have the matter assigned for one week, so that we can look into it. I am not really in favor of voting against giving a chance to a man who has not had an opportunity to be made a citizen, and who really desires to become one. Therefore I trust that this will lay over for one week.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I have no objection to the matter being assigned for a week, but I would like to state that there are a number of people at the present time being imported into the city of Boston to take positions that citizens ought to occupy; and it is my idea that some action should be taken in this line as soon as possible. There are two or three men coming in now, whom I would like to stop coming in if possible.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the Council will substitute the ordinance offered by Councilman Linehan tonight for the one that stands on the calendar, because it is about time that this matter of importing people from outside the State of Massachusetts into the city of Boston and giving them important places where they are supported by the citizens of this city was stopped. The Council for a number of years back has taken action in this direction, but the action has never been so complete and summary that such methods as have been pursued during the last week could be absolutely prohibited. I sincerely hope that this Council will substitute the ordinance now offered by the Councilman in the third division (Mr. Linehan) for the ordinance as it appears upon our calendar.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the substitute ordinance offered by the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan) will pass. I think it is high time that the city of Boston employed legal voters of the city in positions which they are capable of filling. I understand from the newspapers that the city of Boston is about to import a man from Indiana to take the position of Superintendent of Long Island. His particular qualification, as I understand, Mr. President, is the fact that he taught a lot of crooks in Indiana how to cook. (Laughter.) That is his only qualification. I want to state that other qualifications are necessary at Long Island. Humane treatment is necessary there—intelligence, temperance. What do we know of this man? We know nothing about him. I do not believe that the pauper trustees know anything about him. I am informed that they want somebody down there who will make these poor individuals work—some of them about ready to die. I certainly trust that the substitute ordinance offered by the gentleman from Wd. 13 will prevail.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this ordinance will be adopted this evening. I was about to introduce an ordinance somewhat similar to that myself, in regard to the payment of the city's money to other than the citizens of Boston. I find, however, that my colleague has introduced this ordinance, and it really covers about the same matter that I wished to cover. Now, I am aware of the fact that in the different departments of the city of Boston there are employed other than citizens of Boston. There is no question about it, however, but what any position we have in the city government can be filled by a taxpayer and a legal voter of the city. I believe also that we should require the school teachers from among those in the city. Another thing—this will save a great deal of investigation.

I know that if this ordinance had been adopted it would have saved investigations into certain departments, where in one department there is \$18,000 a year paid to

people who live in Gloucester, Winchester and the outlying towns. I sincerely hope that this vote tonight will be unanimously in favor of the adoption of this ordinance.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 13 is a matter that I think should be considered very carefully. I hope that it will be assigned for one week. There might be some circumstances under which people who are employed by the city and who are not legal voters of this city might with benefit to the city be retained—at any rate, for a time. I do not know whether there are or not, but I would like the privilege of looking into the matter. The gentleman in the second division has also said that this might apply to school teachers. Now, if there is a question as to making it obligatory that school teachers shall be voters, I would like to know how it is going to affect the women teachers in our schools. I think, altogether, that it is a serious question, and I hope that it will be assigned for one week, in order to give every one an opportunity to look into it—and I hope that everyone will.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I wish to say that my reason for asking that this be assigned is not because I have anything against the order that has been presented by Mr. Linehan, but because I wish time to look into the matter. I think perhaps that the order can be worded so as to cover the ground that he expects to cover, and yet not affect some of the people which this order would affect if it goes in in its broad scope, as he has presented it. I think an order can be presented that would cover exactly what he intends to get at, and yet not cut out a great many who are entitled to employment. Now, for instance, the gentleman from Wd. 13 claims that we have imported a man to go to Long Island. I would say that an order might be worded so that any honorable gentleman who wishes to come to Boston and become a citizen of this city, should be entitled to employment by this city. I would like to have time to have this matter considered and possibly to have it changed so that it would not debar a man from coming to this city and getting employment for a certain length of time in which he might become a citizen of Boston. That is why I ask that this be assigned for one week.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—Mr. President, I am willing and satisfied that this order should pass this evening. I believe that any gentleman who is employed by the city of Boston who is not a citizen and does not intend to become one, has no right whatsoever to receive the city's money. The gentleman in the fourth division states that he thinks we should give a man further time to consider whether he wants to become a citizen of the United States or not. I say, Mr. President, that any man who comes over here and who desires to live for the rest of his life upon the soil of America, can immediately declare his intention to become a citizen. He is already practically a citizen. He has declared his intention. I say we have a great many people in Boston who have been here for twenty years, and who have not thought of becoming citizens. I say that any citizen who pays taxes should be given the preference. A great many people skip away with the idea that if they do not become citizens they do not need to pay a poll tax. I claim that, no matter whether they are citizens or not, they should be compelled to pay a poll tax. It is different here from what it is in Europe. We have to live differently, and I say that we ought to at least to protect the man who comes here and who intends to live with us and help pay our taxes. The men who are not citizens and who do not intend to pay taxes, the sooner we tell them that they must either become citizens or not be given any city work, the better. In order to protect

the American citizens, I say that this order should pass, and I would believe in the principle that people should understand that they should either have to become citizens of the United States or else not be eligible for employment and to get the city's money. I hope that this order will pass.

The question came on the motion to assign further consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to state that I have no objection to assigning the matter for a week.

Mr. DONAHUE of Wd. 14—Mr. Chairman, I hardly see the necessity of assigning this order. It does not debar any United States citizens from obtaining employment here. It simply says that the citizens of Boston shall get the preference, and I think it is no more than fair and right that they should. I hope the order will not be assigned. They should get the preference.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to call the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that several members have addressed the Chair as "Mr. Chairman." The Chair desires to make that statement, so that members of the Council will in future know that that is an improper way to address the Chair.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, inasmuch as the gentleman who has introduced this substitute ordinance has stated that he has no objection to its assignment to the next meeting, I would respectfully move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to ask whether, if the previous question is ordered, it will not strike out the substitute ordinance which has been presented and bring the question back upon the original ordinance.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that it will not strike out the substitute ordinance.

The main question was ordered, the substitute ordinance was adopted, and it was read a second time and passed, under a suspension of the rules; yeas 55, nays 1:—

Yeas—Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Midram, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Simpson, Stone, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Winsloe, Wood.—55.

Nays—Klemm—1.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Badaracco, Bennett, Casey, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Howard, Leonard, Lorey, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Rolland, Sanderson, Stevens, Stockton, Sweeney, Wells—19.

Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider; lost.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

By direction of the President the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the members present, with the following result:—

Present—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Boardman, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Midram, Miller, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood.—62.

Absent—Armistead, Bennett, Casey Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Howard, Leonard, Lorey, Moore, O'Brien, Sweeney, Tobin—13.

#### WAGES OF TOLLMEN AND GATEMEN.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25, for Mr. Simpson of Wd. 1, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to restore the former rate of wages to the tollmen and gatemmen on East Boston ferries.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF L ST. BATHHOUSE

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Commissioners of the Bath Department be requested to expend at the L St. Bathhouse a sum sufficient for placing the children's room in a more suitable condition.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEW SCHOOL, WD. 1.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a schoolhouse thereon in the vicinity of Byron St., Wd. 1; the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, that order asked for a new schoolhouse in the Emerson District in East Boston. I would like to say that in that district the school master has about 1700 scholars in his charge. He has five little schools. One is in an old building that was abandoned for five or six years and was finally patched up a little mite, and that is not now fit for scholars to go to school in. Another school is in a tenement house, and the scholars who live near my home have to cross a railroad track every time they go to or from school. It is very dangerous for them. They have three quarters of a mile to walk in one direction, and about a mile in another. I sincerely hope that they will take some action in the matter.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESTORATION OF WAGES.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:—

Whereas, In issuing his order for a general reduction of wages and salaries of municipal employees, His Honor the Mayor expected to accomplish a saving of upwards of \$200,000 per annum, and

Whereas, Such a timely saving has not been obtained, owing to the unexpected exemption of certain departments for reasons familiar to the members of the City Council, and

Whereas, The total estimated saving, under the Mayor's order, as now enforced, does not exceed \$55,000; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Es-ton, without regard to party affiliations and as a measure of fair play, places itself on record in favor of re-establishing the old rates of wages and salaries for all municipal employees in all departments in which those rates are not now paid.

The question came on giving the preamble and resolve a second reading.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, at this time, I desire to say a few words in favor of my resolution, and to present a few facts to His Honor the Mayor and this body. When the so-called salary reduction act was started, every department of the city received from the Mayor a request to reduce salaries 5 and 7½ p.c. respectively. It was his intention to cut all departments and raise thereby upwards of \$200,000, but the police department did not accede to His Honor's request, and, later, acting upon the request of this body, he

instructed the Fire Commissioner to restore the firemen's salaries to their former figure. The fact that these two departments are exempt means about \$145,000 loss for the "reduction fund," leaving the amount which will be raised through the reduction less than \$55,000, but these two departments are not the only departments that are exempt; there are also the Music department, Street Commissioners, Clerk of the Common Council, Hospital department, Library department, Cambridge Bridges, Rapid Transit Commission, Electrical Construction and Repair Divisions of the Public Building department. These departments have been exempted by the Mayor, as well as many individuals who are employed in departments which have been cut, but who, owing to the fact that they are employed as mechanics, have been exempted by His Honor from the reduction. I will state that the exemption of these departments and individuals is responsible for the fact that the amount to be raised by this reduction will be less than \$55,000.

Now, I submit to all the members of this body and to His Honor the Mayor, if it is fair to reduce the salary of the help in the Auditor's office and not to reduce the salary of those employed in the Street Commissioner's office? I, for one, will say it is not justice.

Is it not an injustice to reduce the pay of those who keep the Hall in order, and not reduce the pay of those who are employed at the Public Library? Again, I say it is wrong. Why should those employed in the Water Department have their salaries reduced, and why should those employed by the Music Commission continue to receive their old salary? There is no reason. This is a country of equity and justice, but I must say that there is very little equity and justice in the Mayor's reduction scheme. Why should a sub-foreman, employed in the Street Department, be cut, and a mechanic who may receive the same pay, be exempt? Now, Mr. President, is the city so poor that it must have the small amount to be raised by this reduction plan, an amount which is, as I say, less than \$55,000? If so, I am in favor of shutting up shop.

At the present time, I am of the opinion that His Honor is aware that a grave injustice is being done to those few who are now being cut; therefore, I think His Honor should at once restore the salaries of all employees to the old rate. In conclusion, let me say that I feel sure that some member will arise and claim that somebody, other than myself, wrote this speech; but let me say that I prepared it myself without the assistance of any other person except the typewriter. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. WATSON—Trusting that His Honor the Mayor will see that the old rate of salary is restored, I thank the members for their attention, and hope that the resolution will pass.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I feel heartily in favor of Mr. Watson's resolution, and I am sorry to see that the Mayor took no notice of the order which I introduced some weeks ago. Of course, I did not really expect that he would. But, in regard to Mr. Simpson's order, I would like to say that those men work on the ferries seven days a week, for perhaps fifteen dollars a week, and they are under bonds of either one thousand or fifteen hundred dollars. It hardly seems fair that those men should have to stand the brunt of this reduction. The men working in City Hall who receive high salaries, should be cut fifty per cent. They would not leave their jobs. The jobs would still be good for them, and they would be good for the positions, too. I think that the only men who really have lost by this reduction have been the men who get from \$2.50 to \$3 a day, and these are the men

that really need the money more than anybody else. The firemen have had their pay restored, and the police have never been cut.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that when the vote is taken on this question, it be taken by the yeas and nays.

The resolution was read a second time, and was passed, yeas 62:

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe—62.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Casey, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Howard, Leonard, Lorey, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Sweeney, Wood—13.

Mr. WATSON moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### CONDITION OF BRIGHTON SCHOOLS.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to investigate the sanitary condition of the Brighton High School and William Wirt Warren School, and report as soon as possible to this Council their findings with any recommendations they may have to make, together with an estimate of the cost of carrying out such recommendations.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of privilege.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—My question of personal privilege is, Mr. President, to reply to a wanton and malicious misrepresentation of facts and personal criticism on myself which appeared in the editorial columns of a certain newspaper published in Boston, known as the Boston Post.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—On Saturday morning, February 24, with the caption "The General Eagan of the Common Council,"

That editorial states that the question of reduction of salaries never came before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but that the cut in wages and salaries was made by the Mayor alone and further states that my assertion to the contrary was a gross misstatement and had no basis in fact.

In reply I desire to say that as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had the absolute disposition of the \$14,000,000 to be divided among the various departments, such a disposition of the funds as to necessitate a reduction in the salaries places the responsibility on its shoulders, and the assertion of the editorial to the contrary is too patent and deliberate a misstatement to call for any words of denunciation from me.

In an editorial which appeared in this same paper on or about Feb. 1, it is stated in so many words that one of the alternatives which might have been chosen to prevent a reduction of salaries, was to drop out a number of appropriations which appeared in the budget, if they could not be afforded without a consequent reduction of salaries in regular established departments.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment could have done this and only the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and had the Board followed the recommendations of the Post itself—recommendations which I embodied in an amendment to the Appropriation Bill at the last meeting, this reduction would have been unnecessary. Beyond this the Board was informed either before the Appropriation Bill was made or before the signatures were attached to this bill, that it was made up on a basis of a 7½ p. c. reduction in all salaries, with certain limited exceptions. And I ask our president, as a member of said Board to confirm the truth of my statement.

It is, however, true that the mere ordering of a reduction in salaries belongs to the Mayor, and as executive, he carried out his duties as impelled by the disposition of the city funds, made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of which he is a member, and therefore agreed. The four members of the Board who voted for that iniquitous bill are responsible for the reduction in salaries—one no more than the other, in law.

If the Boston Post thinks truth offensive, perhaps the publication of this fact might increase its circulation, and if it were a tax-payer and knew the chief executive as well as I do officially, it might well excuse what under other circumstances would appear too vehement and intemperate language; and also let me add that I should prefer to be found guilty of using such language in repelling a false and malicious charge than to be publicly convicted of producing embalmed beef editorials for public consumption.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, may I have the unanimous consent of the Council to ask the gentleman who has just taken his seat whether or not he has a copy of that editorial? I read the editorial and would myself be pleased to stand by it at this time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will be obliged to state, unless the gentleman rises to a point of order,—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be permitted to reply to the question of personal privilege to which the gentleman from Wd. 12 has just spoken.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is no reply to a question of personal privilege.

#### SEWER, DORCHESTER AVENUE.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to order a sewer constructed between St. Gregory's church and Brook St., on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GRANITE WALL—DORCHESTER PARK

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a granite facing wall along the front of Dorchester Park, on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BELVIDERE ST. CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10, for Mr. Moore of Wd. 10, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets report to this body, through His Honor the Mayor, the reason of the delay of the construction of Belvidere St., city proper, Wd. 10, as laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners, September 1, 1897, and August 1, 1898.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10—Mr. President, in relation to Mr. Moore's order, I wish to state that in 1897, through the efforts of Senator Innes and Representative

Quirk, there was a bill introduced for the extension of Belvidere St., and that was approved by the Street Commissioners. After that was approved, it was learned that the property belonged to the Boston & Albany Railroad, and could not be taken the same as private property. In 1898, a special bill was introduced into the Legislature whereby this property could be taken. The money was appropriated for the extension of this street, and the residents of Wd. 10 would like to know why the matter has been laid upon the shelf?

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DISPLAY OF FLAGS, EVACUATION DAY.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take the requisite action to cause all flags, belonging to the city of Boston, or under the control of the various departments, to be displayed upon the public grounds, school-houses, Fire Department houses, police station houses, and other public buildings of this city on Evacuation Day, Friday, March 17, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I move to adjourn.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the motion out of order, as the gentleman was not in his seat.

#### WIDENING OF HYDE PARK AVE.

Mr. BRODERICK of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of widening Hyde Park Ave. to a width of eighty feet, from Forest Hills Sq. to the Hyde Park line, Wd. 23.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTENSION OF GERARD ST.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of extending Gerard St., Wd. 17, from George St. to the junction of Hampden and Dudley Sts.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEW SCHOOL, WARD 17.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the School Committee be hereby requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary school house in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed Sts., Wd. 17.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF SUBWAY ENTRANCE.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of asphaltting or otherwise improving the paths in the Public Garden adjoining the entrance to the subway, for the convenience of persons waiting for cars; and that the said superintendent also report whether his present appropriation will allow his making this improvement.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAIR OF WILTON STREET.

Mr. ROLLAND of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make necessary repairs on Wilton St., Wd. 25.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BULLETIN OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause a bulletin-board to be located in City Hall, upon which shall be posted advertisements for proposals for all contracts to be made with the city of Boston.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### INVESTIGATION OF REPAIR DIVISION.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the President and two other members of the Common Council be a special committee to examine the books of the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department, and to report to this body on the condition of said division as to its ability to perform the duties for which it was established.

Passed. Later in the session the President appointed Messrs. Linehan, Kiley and Stevens on said committee.

#### EXTENSION OF COVE STREET.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel be requested to appear before the Legislature or any committee thereof and advocate the bill for the extension of Cove Street, being House Bill No. 533.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, so that there may be no mistake in regard to the bill referred to, I have pinned a copy of it to the back of the order. I would like to say a word in reference to the thoroughfares that lead to and from South Boston today. The thoroughfare named Broadway Extension seems to have twice as many people passing over it morning and night as either Dover Street or Dorchester Avenue extension. This bridge is in a dilapidated condition. On many occasions in the summer time teams have been known to sink through the planking, through the timbers of the bridge. The planks and timbers are rotten, the bridge is rotten, and it would not surprise me to have an accident occur there any day. It will be a matter of only a few months when the city will be compelled to close the bridge, and the people of South Boston will then be obliged to go around to the South or West to get to their destination, which they could otherwise reach directly by going North. As the Mayor has been responsible for the placing of the railroad terminal in that section, I say that he is responsible therefore for the inconvenience arising to the people of South Boston; and the least he might do would be to go to the State House and advocate the passage of that bill. If he has the interest and welfare of the people of South Boston at heart, Mr. President, he will do that.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### GAS LAMP, CUSHMAN AVE.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a gas lamp in Cushman Ave. in such a manner as to light it properly.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAVING OF RUGGLES STREET.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause Ruggles St. to be paved from the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. to Parker St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SIDEWALK OF PARKER STREET.

Mr. McINERNEY offered an order—That

the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the sidewalk on the easterly side of Parker St. to be paved from No. 466 on said street to Ruggles St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### INVESTIGATION REGARDING SUSPENDED SEWER EMPLOYEES.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That a committee of five be appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor to find out why the suspended members of the sewer department are not reinstated when there is one million dollars appropriated for such work.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, my reasons for offering that order are that a great many of the men in the sewer department are not conversant with the laws governing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and labor under the impression that the Common Council is the cause of their not being reinstated. One of the members of the Common Council from my ward has gone so far as to go through the district from which we come and try to make the men of the sewer department believe that my vote has been cast in opposition to them. I want to set myself right in this matter before the public. He has gone to them and told them that the Hon. Martin M. Lomasney of Wd. 8 controlled my vote in the Common Council. I want to tell this body and the public that he does not control my vote, nor anybody else. My vote has been expressed in this body at all times as my conscience directed. My reason for voting against the appropriation of one million dollars coming from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, amending it so that the amount would be \$500,000, was in order that the present administration would not have sufficient money to let the construction of sewers to contractors. I know of several cases right here in the city of Boston where sewers were built by certain contractors who hire none other than cheap alien labor. I say it is not right for the city of Boston to have those contractors employing such people while members of the sewer department are at present walking the streets. I know of cases where the men in the sewer department can get no credit from the stores. We all know that, when they are employed they get but \$12 a week, not enough to properly maintain themselves and their families. They have now been out of employment for some time,

and it is no more than right that they should be reinstated at once.

The order was read a second time and passed.

Later in the session the President appointed, under the above order, the following committee:—

Messrs. McInerney, Connolly, Donovan, Atwood and Battis.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I desire to resign from that committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will announce the appointment of Councilman Flynn instead of Councilman Connolly.

#### RATE OF PAY FOR LABORERS.

Mr. McINERNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant permits for work on the streets only to such persons as shall agree to pay their employees for work on said streets two dollars per day of nine hours; such employees to be citizens of the United States and residents of Boston.

The rule was suspended on motion of Mr. McInerney, and the order was passed. Sent up.

#### MACADAMIZING OF FRANCIS ST.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Street, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause Francis St., Wd. 19, to be macadamized.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SCHOOL BUILDING ON LEÓN ST.

Mr. DOYLE offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon St., Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CONDITION OF SOUTH BOSTON BRIDGES.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the City Council at its next meeting the condition of the bridges connecting South Boston with the city proper.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.  
Adjourned at 9:25 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13, to meet on Thursday, March 9, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 6, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Seven grand jurors, United States District Court, March Term, viz:—

John F. White, Wd. 18; Robert H. Swan, Wd. 24; Samuel W. Kirkland, Wd. 10; John Fink, Wd. 22; Joseph G. Jones, Wd. 20; Michael P. Sullivan, Wd. 15; John J. Archdeacon, Wd. 7.

Nine petit jurors, United States District Court, March Term, viz:—

Francis J. Rowan, Wd. 6; Albert J. Taylor, Wd. 15; Abner Gaskill, Wd. 23; Frank F. Dean, Wd. 22; John J. Sullivan, Wd. 12; Patrick J. Treiner, Wd. 12; Arthur C. Wiggins, Wd. 17; Edward Muldowney, Wd. 9; Simeon Chadwick, Wd. 18.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, viz:—

(1) William H. Kenney, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30th, 1899, in place of Jeremiah S. Sullivan, resigned.

(2) Frank B. Cotton, to be a constable of the city of Boston, in connection with his duties at the municipal court, Charlestown District, for the term ending April 30th, 1899.

(3) Martin Gilbert, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1899.

(4) Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

## LOAN ESTIMATES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 6, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of the loan estimates received from the heads of the several departments, which were before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its consideration. I suggest that these estimates be printed as a city document, for the information of the City Council and of the public.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Annexed were the estimates referred to.)  
Ordered printed and sent down.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles in Atherton St., between Amory and Copley Sts., Wd. 22.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On petition of the American Sugar Refining Company to be allowed to use and operate with cars and engines the

tracks on West First and Granite Sts., South Boston, a location for which tracks was granted to the Standard Sugar Refinery in 1882.

No objection. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Samuel Barnett, two barber signs, at 1270 Washington st., Wd. 9.

Michael Basile, four barber poles, at 118 Chelsea st., Wd. 2.

Quong Shong, a sign, at 1063 Washington st., Wd. 9.

David Lipsky, a sign, at 1 Perry st., Wd. 9.

James A. Gay, two signs, at 1063 Washington st., Wd. 9.

James G. Abbott, Jr., a flag sign, at 277 Washington st., Wd. 6.

Dr. Charles E. Hale, to project an illuminated sign, at 174 Hanover st., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Natick Five Cents Savings Bank, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Don St.

Thomas F. Glennon et al., for payment to Thomas P. Phillips of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Ward St.

Franklin Typographical Society, to be paid for damages and expenses incurred on account of the shutting off of water at 119-121 Chandler St.

Electric Wires.

Brookline Gas Light Company, for leave to erect two poles on Fairbanks St., Wd. 25.

Licenses.

Samuel J. Ellis, for renewal of license to run four passenger barges on Sundays and holidays, between Maverick Sq., and Chelsea.

A. L. Griffin, Manager, for a permit for "Baby Gussie," under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for the week ending March 11, 1899.

Mrs. William S. Butler, for a license and permit for Alice King and 102 others under 15 years of age to appear at a May Festival in Boston Music Hall Saturday afternoon and evening, May 6, 1899.

W. H. J. Stone, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Fairview Hall, Washington St., Roslindale, for the season ending August 1, 1899.

Public Improvements.

J. Frank Willey, for leave to erect a post surmounted by an illuminated sign, in sidewalk at 761 Washington St., Wd. 7.

I. Mandelstein, for leave to box a tree at 126 Sumner St., E. B.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from corner of Birch and Brandon Sts., across Birch St., Wd. 23.

Boston & Albany R. R. Co., for temporary tracks across South St.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

Jos. Green, 34-38 Lancaster St., Wd. 8.

Marie E. Sundberg, Allston St., Wd. 20.

James F. Haddock, Washington St., near Roslind St., Wd. 24.

Melville A. Wescott, 2491-2497 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Mrs. Caroline Ehrhart, 728 East Second St., Wd. 14.

## SARATOGA STREET TRACK LOCATION.

A petition was received from the West End Street Railway Company for a location for tracks on Saratoga St., East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.  
Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, that is a very

important matter to the people of East Boston. We have already a petition in here from the Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company, and now the West End comes in with its petition. We feel over there that we would prefer to have the West End, because then we can ride for one fare. If the other road obtains the right, it will cost two fares. There is a great deal of traveling between East Boston and Winthrop, and we ask that we have a hearing on this matter before there is any decision arrived at between the two rival railways. I will offer this order, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—

Ordered: That the Committee on Railroads be requested to give a hearing to parties interested, especially East Boston citizens, on the petitions of the Winthrop and Revere Street Railway Company and the West End Street Railway Company, each for a location for tracks on Saratoga St., from Orient Heights to the Town of Winthrop.

The rule was suspended and the order was read a second time and passed.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

The Chairman presented the petition of J. Rosen, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 42 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

The rules were suspended and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. DOYLE presented the petition of A. Bloomberg, for a sign at 99 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Ald. Doyle, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a classified statement of the number, designation and salary of officers and employees of the different departments prior to February 1, 1899, not including mechanics and laborers. (Doc. 62.)

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant permits for work on the streets only to such persons as shall agree to pay their employees for work on said streets two dollars per day of nine hours; such employees to be citizens of the United States and residents of Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

5. An ordinance to amend chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.—

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 12 by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

6. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel be requested to appear before the Legislature, or any committee thereof, and advocate the bill for the extension of Cove St., being House Bill No. 533.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Whereas, In issuing his order for a general reduction of wages and salaries of municipal employees, his Honor the Mayor expected to accomplish a saving of upwards of \$200,000 per annum; and

Whereas, Such a timely saving has not been obtained, owing to the unexpected exemption of certain departments for reasons familiar to the members of the City Council; and

Whereas, The total estimated saving, under the Mayor's order as now enforced, does not exceed \$55,000; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston, without regard to party affiliations and as a measure of fair play, places it-

self on record in favor of re-establishing the old rates of wages and salaries for all municipal employees in all departments in which those rates are not now paid.

The question came on the passage of the resolution in concurrence.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move that that be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, for what purpose, may I ask the honorable alderman?

Ald. BRICK—For the purpose, perhaps, of consideration.

Ald. BERWIN—There is nothing, really, to discuss in this matter, in my humble opinion. The resolve, I believe, speaks for itself. There can be no objection to this honorable board concurring with the Common Council in the adoption of the resolution, and I believe every member of the Board ought to be in favor of it if he is not. The whole amount involved, Mr. Chairman, is but \$55,000, if the figures we have before us are correct, and I am satisfied that, with economy in other branches of the service, it is within the power of the Chief Magistrate of this city to provide the sum of \$55,000 with which to pay the laboring men. I have not risen here this afternoon to make any capital of my interest in the laboring people, but I simply believe this is a fair proposition, one that should be considered in open Board, and if any of the gentlemen are opposed to it let them record themselves in opposition. There is no good reason why this should go to the Committee on Public Improvements, because if it goes there the chances are that it will possibly slumber.

The motion to refer was declared lost. Ald. Brick doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The vote stood, yeas 11, nays 11, Ald. Brick voting yes.

Before the result was announced Ald. Brick said: Mr. Chairman, I would like to change my vote from "yes" to "no," in order to make the vote unanimous.

Ald. Brick's vote was changed to "No," and the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was rejected, yeas 0, nays 12.

The resolution was passed in concurrence.

8. The loan order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating \$15,000 to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, for additional working capital, comes up indorsed "In Common Council, March 2, 1898, adhered to former action."

The question was put on receding from former action and concurring with the Common Council, which was declared carried.

Ald. CODMAN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were taken, and the Board refused to recede from former action and concur with the Common Council, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The Board adhered to former action. Sent down.

9. The joint rules and orders which were recommended for acceptance by the minority of the committee on Joint Rules and Orders and which were accepted by this Board, February 27, come up with an indorsement that the Common Council, on March 2, non-concurred and adhered to its former action in the adoption of the joint rules and orders recommended by the majority of the committee.

The question came on concurring with the Common Council in the adoption of the joint rules and orders recommended by the majority of the Committee.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee on Rules, I would like to say just a few words in explana-

tion of my attitude on this question. I at first thought this question was of comparatively little moment, but I believe—and I desire at this time to state my position—that we should accord the same courtesy to others that we expect ourselves. We have made the number of members on joint standing committees of this board five. This is my sixth year of service in this board. During the first three years of service we had but three members on those committees. The number last year was increased to four, on account of the body being divided equally politically, and this year the number is increased one more. I myself did not think there was much use in doing that, but I did not care to say much about it, as I realize that the majority of the board asked for it. Now, the Common Council has no standing committees and asks to have the size of the joint committees increased; and I don't see how, if we have increased our own committees, we can deny them the privilege of increasing theirs—especially when they have no standing committees of their own.

The motion to recede from former action and concur with the Common Council was declared lost.

Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The Board voted to recede and to concur with the Common Council in the adoption of the joint rules and orders recommended by the majority of the Committee—Yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Doyle—5.

Ald. Berwin moved to reconsider; lost.

#### LAND ON ELM STREET.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, In School Committee.  
November 22, 1898.

Ordered—That the order passed by this board October 27, 1896, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take by purchase or otherwise, for school purposes, a parcel of land on the Southeast-side of Elm Street, bounded and described as follows, viz: Northwest by Elm St., there measuring 94.62 feet; northeast by Lincoln Pl., 116.30; southeast by land now or late of Sarah J. White, land of Elias Abbott, and land of other owners, 89.28; and southeast by Howard Pl., 114.25 feet; containing about 10,600 square feet, be, and the same hereby is rescinded, and that the lands on Elm St., Charlestown, which have been acquired for said purpose, be surrendered to the city Council as not being required for school use.

Passed.

Approved by the Mayor March 1, 1899.  
A true copy: Thornton D. Apollonio, secretary. Sent down.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions,—

Bernard J. Devine, for leave to project bay window from building 66-68-70 A St., Wd. 13.

David Rubinovz, for leave to project a bay window from building on easterly corner of Huntington Ave., and Heath St., Wd. 19—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, March 20, at 3 P. M., to consider the expediency of granting the prayers of the petitioners, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### LOAN ORDER.

Ald. Berwin called up No. 10, special assignments, viz:—

10. Message of the Mayor transmitting a loan order of \$700,000 for various municipal purposes, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. (Doc. 63.)

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent down.

#### JURY LIST.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 11, special assignment, viz:—

11. Action on the list of persons liable to serve as jurors submitted by the Board of Election Commissioners. (Doc. 54.)

Approved by the Board with the exception of such names as have been drawn since the list has been printed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 14 newsboys.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Samuel J. Ellis (referred today), for renewal of license to run four passenger barges on Sundays and holidays between Maverick Sq. and Chelsea—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of W. H. J. Stone (referred today), for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Fairview Hall, Washington St., Rosindale, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of A. L. Griffin (referred today), for a permit for "Baby Gussie," a child under 15 years of age, to appear at Bowdoin Square Theatre for week ending March 11, 1899—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of Mrs. William S. Butler (referred today), for a license and permit for Allee King and 102 others, under 15 years of age, to appear in fancy dances at May Festival in Boston Music Hall, Saturday afternoon and evening, May 6, 1899—that a license and permit be granted.

Report accepted; license and permit granted on the usual conditions.

#### FOOTBRIDGE, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to include in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to build a footbridge across the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad tracks at Wordsworth St., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RESTORATION OF WAGES TO EMPLOYEES.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to restore the former rate of wages to the tollmen and gatemen on the East Boston ferries.

Passed.

#### UPHAM AVE.—ACCEPTANCE AND CONSTRUCTION.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Upham Ave. from Hancock St. to Cushing Ave., Wd. 20, under the acts of 1891, chapter 323.  
Passed. Sent down.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.40 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4.40 o'clock, P. M., by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on

Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company (referred to-day) for temporary tracks across South St.,—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, March 27, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petitioner, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the ordinance (referred Feb. 27) establishing the seal of the City Registrar—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said ordinance passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the Mayor's message (referred February 20) as to the right of the American Sugar Refining Company to use tracks on West First and Granite Sts.—that the same be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(4) Reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Marie E. Sundberg, Allston St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. Caroline Ehrhart, 723 East Second St., Wd. 14, brick with granite edgestone.

Melville A. Wescott, 2491-2497 Washington St., Wd. 18, brick.

Joseph Green, 34-38 Lancaster St., Wd. 8, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

James F. Haddock, Washington St., near Roslin St., Wd. 24, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Reports severally accepted, orders severally passed.

(5) Report on the ordinance to amend chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1896 with reference to officers and boards employing subordinates (referred today) that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said ordinance passed in concurrence.

(6) Report on the petition of J. Frank Willey (referred today), for leave to erect a post surmounted by an illuminated sign in sidewalk at 761 Washington St., Wd. 7,—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(7) Report on the order (referred February 20), to provide \$2500 for fire escapes on Chapman Schoolhouse, Wd. 1,—that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Report accepted, order indefinitely postponed. Notice sent down.

(8) Reports recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to move a wooden building, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

John Soley & Sons (petition referred to-day), pitch roof, 23 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 18 ft. in height, from the corner of Birch and Brandon Sts., across said Birch St. to a lot opposite present location.

Report accepted, order passed.

(9) Report on the petition of Barnes & Duncklee (referred Jan. 30), recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Barnes & Duncklee to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning in the sidewalk on the Clarendon St. side of Hotel Brunswick, Wd. 10, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1899, according to the terms and conditions of the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Ald. BRICK, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of John T.

Hassam and others (referred from last year), that the eleventh volume of Suffolk Deeds be printed—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That the Register of Deeds be authorized to have printed, stereotyped, indexed and distributed the eleventh volume of Suffolk Deeds; the expense of same, not exceeding Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Board of Index Commissioners (referred from last year), for an appropriation of six thousand dollars for the annual indices in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds for the current year,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk be authorized to expend the sum not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars in the preparation of the annual indices in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds for the current year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Index Commissioners (referred from last year) for an appropriation for new indices in the office of the Suffolk Registry of Deeds,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk be hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding Eight Thousand Dollars in the preparation of new consolidated and classified descriptive indices to Suffolk Deeds; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the proprietors of the Social Law Library (referred January 9), to be granted the usual sum of One Thousand dollars for the uses of said library,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to the Proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the uses of the library for the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### ELECTRIC GONG, WEST PARK STREET.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company be and hereby is requested to place an electric signal gong at the crossing of their location on West Park St., Wd. 20, to avoid possible accidents at said crossing.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that order referred to the Committee on Railroads and ask them to communicate with the company. I think we will get a better result from that action.

The order was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

#### HOLIDAY FOR STREET DEPT. EMPLOYEES.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, to all employees on the sanitary and street cleaning divisions of the Street Department, on Tuesday, July 18, 1899, to attend the annual picnic of Union 6064, A. P. of L., to be held that day.

Passed. Sent down.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration upon all business transacted at the meeting, excepting matters already reconsidered, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 4:42 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to meet on Monday, March 13, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 9, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, President Kiley in the chair.

## SPEEDWAY, FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston,  
March 3, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting that a speedway be constructed on the South boundary of Franklin Field.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Office at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park,  
Jamaica Plain, Mass., March 2, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—The Board duly received the vote of the Common Council of February 9th, requesting that a speedway be constructed on the South boundary of Franklin Field, and referred it to our Superintendent, a copy of whose report we herewith send you. Yours respectfully,  
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston.

Park Department.

February 27, 1899.

Charles E. Stratton, Esq., Chairman.

Dear Sir: Regarding the order of the City Council of February 9, asking that a speedway be constructed on the South boundary of Franklin Field, referred by the Mayor to the Park Department for suitable action, I beg to say that there is no space large enough which can be set apart for this purpose. The total length of the proposed line from Blue Hill Avenue to the barn is only 1100 feet. A considerable space would be needed at either end for starting and slowing up, shortening the track down to not more than 750 feet. On this score alone the plan is not feasible, without entering into considerations of danger to users of the playground, and the cost of construction and maintenance, which would be heavy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Pettigrew, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

## WALL—DORCHESTER PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 7, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to your order requesting them to construct a wall along Dorchester Park, on Dorchester Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Office at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park,  
Jamaica Plain, Mass., March 6, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor:—

Dear Sir: In response to your communication enclosing a vote of the Common Council requesting this Board to construct a wall along Dorchester Park, on Dorchester Ave., I have to report that the Board planned some time ago the building of such wall, and is waiting for funds for its construction. Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## BELVIERE ST. CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting a statement of the reasons for the delay in the construction of Belvidere St.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall.

Boston, March 9, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to inquiry contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to inform you that there has been no delay in the construction of Belvidere St. This street was originally laid out by the Board of Street Commissioners Sept. 1, 1897. Owing to the refusal of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company to allow the taking to be made across their location, it was necessary for the legislature to pass a special act authorizing the Street Commissioners to make this taking; and on Aug. 1, 1898, the street was again laid out, and the order of construction passed. Since then, the sewer has been built and the street filled, and the further construction will be carried on as soon as it is the proper season for such work.

The old portion of the street was put in condition last year as far as the railroad line, and such work as was possible has been done. Respectfully submitted,

Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Placed on file.

## READING ROOMS, WDS. 13 AND 19.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Public Library Trustees in reference to your orders requesting the establishment of reading rooms in Wds. 13 and 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The Public Library of the City of Boston, Copley Sq., January 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.—

Sir: The following orders of the Common Council, dated January 26, 1899, were referred to the Trustees by your direction "for such action as may be deemed proper."

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a reading room in Wd. 13.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested and authorized, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a public reading room in the building formerly the pumping station and now used for ward room purposes on Elmwood St., Roxbury.

I am instructed to convey to you the following vote passed by this Board with reference thereto:—

"Voted, That the Mayor be informed that the appropriation proposed for the maintenance of this department does not admit of the establishment of either of the reading rooms above requested.

"Very respectfully,

"Herbert Putnam,

"Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation."

Placed on file.

## ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Treasurer in reply to your

order requesting certain information in regard to the assignment of salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Treasury Department, City of Boston,  
City Hall, Boston, Feb. 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor City of Boston.—

Dear Sir: I acknowledge receiving from you a communication accompanying an order of the Common Council requesting the City Treasurer "to inform the Common Council the names of the heads of Departments or divisions whose salaries are assigned at the present time; also the length of such assignment." In reply to this request, I would state that there are no such assignments recorded in this office.

Yours respectfully,

Alfred T. Turner, City Treasurer.

Placed on file.

#### CARRIAGE REGULATIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police stating that they will be glad to do what they can to carry out your request that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Police Department.  
Office of the Board of Police.

February 2, 1899.

Honorable Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:—

Dear Sir: The Board of Police is in receipt of the order passed by the Common Council, requesting that they take such action as may be necessary to provide that carriages waiting outside of churches during funeral services shall stand in line on the side of the street on which the church is located.

In reply, I would say that our captains will be notified to instruct their patrolmen to carry out the provisions of the order.

Yours very truly,

Robt. F. Clark, Acting Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### ENGINE HOUSE—PARKER HILL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in relation to your order requesting that a new engine house be located in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Wd. 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner, Bristol St.  
Boston, Feb. 2, 1899.

His Honor, Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: Replying to the communication from the Honorable Common Council regarding a new engine house and apparatus in the vicinity of Parker Hill, Wd. 19, I would respectfully report that, in my opinion, with the adjacent apparatus recently strengthened, as now established, this locality is as well protected as several others within the city limits; and until such time as the present policy of the city is changed so as to give the outlying districts the same protection as is afforded to the congested parts, I cannot advise or see the necessity of further outlay in this neighborhood.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### NUMBER OF BUILDING INSPECTORS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication

from the Building Commissioner in reply to your order requesting certain information as to the number of men employed as building inspectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Building Department, Old Court House,  
Boston, March 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In answer to the order of the City Council of Feb. 16th, referred by you to this department March 3d, to wit: That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, report to the Common Council on or before March 2d, 1899, the number of men he employs as building inspectors under the authority of Chapter 8, Section 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, and under what or by whose authority more than the legal number are employed, would reply that no more than the legal number are employed, that under the provisions of Chapter 8, of Section 1, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, there are employed 21 building inspectors.

Under the provisions of Chapter 455, Section 5, of the Acts of 1894, there are employed 11 plumbing inspectors, one of which number is a supervisor of plumbing. Under the provisions of Chapter 265, of the Acts of 1897, there are employed eight inspectors of gas-fitting, one of which is a supervisor. Of the twenty-one building inspectors employed one is supervisor of plans, one is supervisor of egress and has associated with him two inspectors of the egress division, one is supervisor of construction and has associated with him thirteen inspectors of construction, and three inspectors are assigned to elevators and boilers.

Very respectfully,

John S. Damrell,

Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

#### ICE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 9, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information a communication addressed to me by the Water Commissioner, at my request, stating briefly the results thus far of the new policy which has been adopted of having the Water Department cut ice for municipal use from its own reservoirs. This ice was harvested primarily for the purpose of enabling the department to install and conduct a considerable number of summer drinking fountains, in which the water is cooled by passing through a coil of pipe contained in an insulated ice box placed under ground. A few ice water fountains of this type were installed last summer, and the small cost at which they were maintained, with the very large use which was made of them, afforded every encouragement to make a large increase this year in the number of such fountains. While the ice has been harvested primarily for this particular use, under the control of the Water Department, it also affords an interesting opportunity of testing the ability of the city to produce and deliver ice for some other municipal uses at a lower price than it has been paying.

This experiment constitutes another step in the general policy, which I have favored where every opportunity seemed to offer, of having the city provide for the needs of the municipal service as far as possible through the direct employment of labor, instead of through the contract system.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Office of the Water Commissioner.

City Hall, Boston, March 9, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—The Water Department has finished the harvesting of ice from its reservoirs;

The amount of ice cut and stored is over sixteen hundred tons. All the work in connection with the erection of the ice-houses (except some masonry work) and the cutting and storing of the ice, etc., has been done by labor furnished by the department. From a commercial standpoint, if we charge against the ice the cutting and packing and the repairs on ice-houses as well as their original cost,—so that after some years the ice houses will have paid for themselves—the cost per ton would be about ninety-six cents. This estimate is based upon the theory that there will not be much shrinkage in the amount of ice as now stored, and for the purposes for which the department is going to use the ice the shrinkage should be nominal.

The department was at a disadvantage in cutting the ice, inasmuch as the men had no practicable experience in ice-cutting operations, the work was all done without the use of machinery, and we were compelled to do considerable work in the way of removing snow from the ice. I am of the opinion that next year, by using machinery, and through the experience obtained this year, under ordinary weather conditions the ice can be harvested at a figure far below that given above.

Last year, owing to the fact that the ice was used in our cold water fountains, scattered over the city, in a chopped condition, we found it necessary to do our own teaming. The charge to us for ice was \$2.50 a ton in cakes, and 15 cents per basket, nominally of 50 lbs., or \$6 per ton when chopped. As we must do our own teaming we consider the ice as now stored worth approximately \$2.50 per ton.

On the question of the Water Department furnishing ice to the other city departments, which you requested me to report upon, I would say that while we have over sixteen hundred tons stored, and probably will use only twelve hundred tons, leaving a surplus, yet I believe it would be wise for us to hold that surplus in view of any possible shrinkage, or any extraordinary demand upon our water fountains, which would increase the consumption of ice. I am of the opinion, however, that we could deliver ice to the City Hospital at cost for a less sum than they are now paying. It is questionable whether we could deliver it in competition with ice companies to the various isolated departments and buildings belonging to the city. We could experimentally deliver a supply for a few days to the hospital this year, and from this delivery estimate what the cost would be of the ice next year to that institution. The ice which we have in store has been analyzed and found to be of the best quality.

We can cut thirty thousand tons from our reservoirs in a favorable season.

Respectfully yours,

John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner.  
Sent up.

#### ASPHALTING WALKS, PUBLIC GARDEN.

The following was received.

City of Boston,  
Public Grounds Department,  
March 4, 1899.

Daniel J. Kiley, Esq., President Common Council.

Dear Sir: In reply to your esteemed communication of March 2, in regard to the asphaltting of walks in the Public Garden, I would say that I feel that this work is very much needed and would be a great convenience to the travelling public who daily take the cars at this station. You do not state how much walk you wish me to figure on. If you will let me know at once I will obtain the information you desire and return an answer immediately.

In regard to my assuming the expense

of this work, I wish to say that my present appropriation is not sufficient to carry on the regular work of the department, making it impossible for me to undertake any new work, however necessary. Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

William Doogue, Superintendent.

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department, when appointed.

#### PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of non-concurrence in referring to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the order requesting said Board to include in the next loan bill \$2500 to provide the Chapman Schoolhouse with suitable means of escape in case of fire.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, as I introduced that order and it went before the Board of Aldermen, I will simply say that in that body our alderman from that district requested that it be assigned for one week. During that week he investigated the wants of the school. I also personally investigated them, and we have made a request not only for fire escapes, but to have the building put in condition throughout. I am willing that this notice be placed on file.

The notice was placed on file.

2. Communication from the School Committee surrendering to the City Council certain land on the southeasterly side of Elm St., Charlestown, the same not being required for school use.

Placed on file.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a copy of the loan estimates received from the heads of the several departments which were before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its consideration.

Placed on file.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Upham Ave., from Hancock St. to Cushing Ave., Wd. 20, under the Acts of 1891, chapter 323.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, to all employees on the Sanitary and Street Cleaning Divisions of the Street Department, on Tuesday, July 18, 1899, to attend the annual picnic of Union 6064, A. F. of L., to be held that day.

Passed in concurrence.

6. An ordinance establishing the seal of the City Registrar.

Be it ordained, etc.:

The official seal of the City Registrar, which the City of Boston shall provide for his use, according to chapter three hundred and eighty-nine of Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be in form as follows:

On a circular rim the words "Seal of the City Registrar of the City of Boston," surrounding a shield charged with the device of a ring enclosing two lighted torches one erect, the other inverted—all substantially as set forth in the margin.

(In the official copy of said ordinance said seal is substantially set forth in the margin, as above stated.)

The question came on the passage of the ordinance in concurrence.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I move that No. 6 be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I do not know what the gentleman's reason is for wishing to have this referred to that Committee. It seems to me that the matter is plainly set forth here on the calendar. As it says here it is provided for in chapter 389 of the acts of 1898. Now, Mr. President, this being provided for by statute law, it does not seem to me to be necessary to have it referred to that Committee.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, if the Council will allow me, I wish to withdraw my motion. I simply wanted to refer it to the Committee on Ordinances, for the reason that almost all of the ordinances that we send to the board of aldermen are referred to that Committee, or to some other Committee.

There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

The ordinance was passed in concurrence. Mr. Logan of Wd. 14, moved to reconsider; lost.

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting the general loan order passed February 27, 1899, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, under the provisions of section 3 of chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898.

Said order is for a loan of \$709,000 for various municipal purposes, is set forth in City Document No. 63, and comes down from the Board of Aldermen without alteration.

The message was placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage in concurrence.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope and trust that this matter will not be assigned. I think the subject is perfectly clear. It states specifically here that \$709,000 is contained in this loan order for various municipal purposes, and states the purposes for which it is appropriated. Now, Mr. President, the gentleman who has arisen to make the motion to have this matter assigned has not stated any reason why it should be assigned, and it does not seem to me that he has presented a sufficiently good case for us to vote for assignment of an order of this kind.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that assignment will not prevail. I am here this evening for the purpose of voting against that appropriation bill if there is only one vote cast against it. I think that it is high time that the Mayor of Boston did something for the ward that I represent. In that loan bill, there is not one item as badly as the ward needs it, for Wd. 18, and I trust that assignment will not prevail, and that when the vote is taken this order will be defeated.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Council, I sincerely hope that this order will be assigned for one week. This is a very important matter—a matter of voting away \$709,000. I have spent some time in consultation with some members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, looking over certain items in this loan bill, and I want to spend more time. I think it would be well for us to spend a good deal of time in considering this matter. It is the most important thing that will come before us in this financial year. I think the best thing we can do is to assign it for a week.

Mr. HICKBY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, whether or not any words of mine will be effectual regarding the assignment of this order, I simply wish to go on record as being opposed to its assignment. I am strongly in favor of the consideration of this bill at the present time. Speaking as a representative of East Boston in this body, I can say that I don't believe the people over there desire this delay. This bill contains improvements for my ward and improvements, I believe, for a majority of the wards of the city, improvements which are greatly needed and which should be attended to at once. I believe this Council will be only doing its plain duty in attending to this bill tonight. I hope it will not be assigned.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I see no reason why we should not assign this for one week. I don't think it is right to ask us to come here and vote for a bill involving \$709,000 tonight,

without any opportunity for further investigation. There are a great many things in this bill that I will not vote for. I will not put myself on record as willing to come here tonight and vote for this bill without looking into it at all. If the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Hickey), wishes to vote for \$709,000 without having the order assigned, and if that question comes to a vote tonight, he can do so; but I wish to investigate the subject further. I hope the bill will be assigned to the next meeting, and I am going to put myself on record as against acting on it tonight.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the matter will be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. I see no reason why it should not be assigned. I fail to see where any serious injury can be done through an assignment of this matter for one week. If I were placed in a position like my friend in the third division from East Boston (Mr. Hickey), and was fortunate enough to have been remembered in this loan bill, as far as my ward is concerned, as he has doubtless been remembered, I would be willing to allow the passage of the order now. But, in view of the fact that I have not been recognized, and also in view of the fact that this is a matter which I believe we ought to consider thoroughly before we vote for it, an order involving \$709,000, I trust that it will be assigned.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I cannot understand the undue haste with which some members wish to pass this order tonight. The appropriation bill was buried in the Committee on Public Improvements of the Board of Aldermen for three weeks. This bill was assigned in the Board of Aldermen for one week. It seems to me in a matter which involves the expenditure of \$709,000, the least we can do is to assign it for one week, which will give the members of the Council a chance to look into the matter. I venture to state that not half the members of the body have yet seen this loan bill.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, the reason why I desire to have this bill defeated is because it gives me the blues. (Laughter.) I want to say that I think we have all had sufficient time to consider the bill. I have, and I think every other member of this body has. We all know whether or not we have received anything for our districts—there is no question about that at all. I think we ought to pass the bill or defeat it tonight. My mind is made up.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chair for information, whether under rule 19 of the Common Council Rules this bill must not be assigned for one meeting, that rule reading as follows:—

Rule 19. No ordinance, and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing a loan or the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has put the question to the Council, the question being on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Upon that question the Chair will rule that the order is now on its passage and not upon its second reading. The question comes on assignment.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, it doesn't make a particle of difference to me whether this is assigned or not. Wd. 14, which I have the honor to represent in part, does not receive a dollar of this loan bill. Therefore, in justice to my constituents, I feel it my duty to vote against this bill, whether at this meeting or a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved the previous question.

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I hope and trust that the main question will not be ordered. It seems to me that the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Cuddy), is always on hand with the previous question. I trust that the main question will not be ordered at some time. Here is a loan bill for \$709,000, an itemized amount upon it, to be spent among the various wards of Boston, and the gentlemen of this body don't seem to allow it time enough to be debated, even, although some of them are represented, or their wards are represented, in this bill. Now, for my own part, my ward, Wd. 14, is not represented; but, still, I do not believe in choking off any ward that is represented. If we don't get what we want in this bill we may get it in another. In relation to the remark made by my friend in the fourth division, from Wd. 11, (Mr. Stevens), when he states that we have not had time enough on this matter, I will have to speak as my friend from Wd. 18, (Mr. Watson), has just spoken, that we have had plenty and ample time to consider the matter since February 27th, I believe. I hope the members of this body will vote on this question—that those who are interested in the bill will vote for the passage of it tonight.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be ordered, as the effect of that will be to cut off the assignment. I think myself that it is dangerous for this Council to set the example of railroading through important financial measures on the night of their first reading, the night when they are first considered by the Common Council. I think it a very dangerous precedent for us to set, and I don't think there is a member of the body who is acquainted with the contents of this loan bill. I trust that the main question will not be ordered.

The main question was not ordered. The motion to assign the order to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion was lost, yeas 28, nays 40.

Yeas—Armistead, Bordman, Brauer, Casey, Chamberlain, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Giblin, Hibbard, Jordan, Kelley, Klemm, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Stevens, Stockton, Sullivan, Walker, Winsloe—28.

Nays—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Doherty, Doyle, Flynn, Gibbons, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kiley, Leftovith, Leonard, Lydon, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Simpson, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson, Wood—40.

Absent or not voting—Broderick, Curley, Fenton, Harvey, Howard, Sanderson, Wells—7.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence, and it was declared passed. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed in concurrence—Yeas 47, nays 19.

Yeas—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Gibbons, Giblin, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Simpson, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Wells, Wood—47.

Nays—Armistead, Bordman, Chamberlain, Donahoe, Eddy, Emery, Flynn, Jordan, Klemm, Lorey, MacDonald, Miller, Moore, Peck, Rolland, Stevens, Stockton, Watson, Winsloe—19.

Absent or not voting—Broderick, Carroll,

Casey, Curley, Fenton, Harvey, Howard, Roemer, Sanderson—9.

Mr. Mulcahy moved to reconsider; lost.

#### INTEREST ON TAXES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, reconsideration, and on motion of Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2, voted to dispense with the reading of the same, viz:—

3. Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of six per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

The reading of the order was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Hickey, and the question came on the motion (Notice of which was filed by Mr. Cuddy) to reconsider the vote of March 2, whereby the above order was denied a second reading.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I wish to say just a word before we vote upon this question. I opposed this at the last meeting, and I shall certainly oppose it tonight—not from any political standpoint or any party standpoint whatever, but from a mere business consideration and a belief that it is unjust for the city of Boston to charge on its tax bills 7 and 12 per cent. against any person who is unfortunate enough not to be able to pay his taxes at the end of 30 or 60 days from the time when they are levied. There have been a great many cases in the real estate line during the last few years where men have not been able to get an income sufficient, on the present valuation to be even able to meet their taxes.

Circumstances have been such that a great many poor men have had to go over for several months without paying their taxes, and for the City of Boston to set an example of charging seven per cent. interest after thirty days would, it seems to me, be very detrimental to the people of the community at large, and especially to those who are unable to meet these bills. This extra money is not coming out of the pockets of any of the millionaires, who always pay their taxes the minute they are due, so as to save the six per cent. interest. The City of Boston is hiring money for 3½ per cent., and any good commercial house can borrow money for four per cent. I do not say but that this order may have been all right at one time, but circumstances are very different now from what they were a few years ago. Money a few years ago was worth six and seven per cent., but you can hire all the money you want today at four per cent. on good security, and certainly a tax bill is the best security you can give. I would be only too glad to vote in favor of this question any time when it is sent here with the rate stated at six per cent., although that is really more than it should be.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to say just a few words in favor of the passage of this order. This order came to us with the appropriation bill, and although the appropriation bill has long since been passed, this order has been permitted to drag along on the calendar. It is before us now for recon-

sideration, and I hope, Mr. President, that reconsideration will prevail, and that the order will be permitted to go on its passage tonight. This order, Mr. President, was drawn by the Corporation Counsel, and is, I believe, a financial necessity. It came to us with the appropriation bill, and the only question that should arise in opposition to all, as I understand it from the gentleman in the fourth division, is the amount of interest to be charged. I do not look upon six per cent. interest as an unjust charge, or twelve per cent. upon the shares of stock of national banks, as provided for in this order. If the national banks do not pay their taxes within the time specified in this order, a rate of twelve per cent. on their stock does not seem to me to be excessive or unjust. I hope this order will be passed tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement in regard to No. 12 upon the calendar. He has received a communication from the financial department of the city, stating that unless some such order as this is passed, it will be impossible to collect the taxes due the city. They state that a penalty must be imposed upon taxpayers, and that unless that is done great delay and great inconvenience will be caused the financial department in the collection of taxes.

The question came on reconsideration of the vote whereby the order was denied a second reading, and reconsideration was declared carried. Mr. Watson doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote which was taken, and the motion to reconsider was carried, 30 members voting in the affirmative, 18 in the negative.

The question came upon the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move to amend the bill by striking out "seven" and inserting "six," so that it will please the gentleman from Wd. 2.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to ask the gentleman to reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has asked the gentleman from Wd. 18 to reduce his amendment to writing, and while that is being done no debate is in order.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise for information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman what information he desires?

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I desire to know, through the Chair, whether or not it is not the fact that the statutes provide for such an order as this, and whether or not the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18 is in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that Public Statutes, chapter 11, section 67, provide that city councils of cities and selectmen of towns shall impose penalties upon those who have not paid their taxes before certain dates. It is for city councils, town committees or boards of selectmen to impose the rates of interest to be so charged, and that is optional with the City Council. The Chair desires to state, however, that the Collector of Taxes, as well as the City Auditor, have stated that unless a penalty of this kind is imposed it will be three, four or five years before taxes are paid.

Mr. Watson reduced the amendment above referred to to writing.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I offer this amendment at this time for the purpose of benefiting the taxpayers of Boston. I think in charging the enormous interest of 7 and 12 per cent., we are offering an inducement to banks and monied people of Boston to raise the rates of interest. Times are mighty hard in the good old town of Boston, Mr. President, and I for one, feel that if we charge 7 and 12 per cent. interest on unpaid taxes, we will be robbing the poor people—and they are the people who are not able to pay their taxes

when they are due. For that reason, I certainly trust that my amendment will prevail.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would be very glad to see 6 per cent. inserted in each case; but I think there is a little misunderstanding in regard to this matter, if I am informed correctly, and I think I am,—the fact being that, so far as the city of Boston and all the surrounding cities are concerned, the taxes levied on bank stock held by the different individuals is paid by the banks. So, in all probability, there is very little in the way of taxes on national bank stock that there would be any penalty attached to by reason of non-payment. I would, however, be very glad to see the word "six" inserted instead of "seven," or "twelve."

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the amendment will not be adopted. It is not in line, as some of the members may have thought from the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) a few moments ago—with my remarks on the floor on this question. To insert "six per cent" in the tenth line in place of "twelve per cent" would be to impose no penalty at all for the non-payment of taxes on this bank stock when they should be paid. In October, 1899, this money is due the city. If it is not paid by November, 1899, it goes on interest at six per cent, as I understand it, until January, 1900, and after January, 1900, giving a very liberal allowance, to my mind, this order provides for payment of interest at the rate of seven per cent. So far as twelve per cent interest on bank stock being excessive is concerned, I wish to say that I don't consider it so. If the banks do not pay the tax in October or November and want to hold it until January, 1900, before they do pay, I hope they will be charged 12 per cent. So far as the argument which has been brought in regard to the poor people being unable to pay their taxes and therefore suffering from the provisions of this bill are concerned, if any member of this body represents a purely laboring constituency, it is myself, and in speaking for the order I am not speaking against their interests. I don't think the charges provided for here are excessive, and I am not willing to vote for the amendment as offered.

By direction of the President, the order was read for information of the Council.

The question came on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey) refers to the tax on national bank stock at 12 per cent., saying that it is not excessive, and that capitalists should be expected to pay it if they do not pay their tax within a certain time. That is all very nice, if he has not seen, in connection with the last bank consolidation and agitation, that a very large part of the national bank stock is owned by the savings banks, and, of course, the savings banks are controlled by the poor people, so it is in the interest of these poor people to have that rate of interest reduced. Eighty-nine per cent. of the stock of one bank liquidated a short time ago was held by a savings bank, and that is the case to a very large extent with all the national bank stock of the City of Boston. Therefore this excessive rate of interest would not come out of the banks, but the stockholders, and as practically ninety per cent. of the national bank stock is held by the savings banks, it is in the interest of the poor people, and not the capitalists, to have the interest reduced.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I believe there is some misunderstanding in the mind of the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey). He speaks about six per cent. on bank stock. If the order was read in that way, it is in an error, for I certainly did not intend my amendment to cover that. I only intended to have the amend-

ment apply to one place, where it reads seven per cent. Now, as regards representing a laboring constituency, I want to inform the gentleman that all the laborers do not live in Wd. 2 (laughter). I have a few out my way—they are loafing today, some of them men who have been employed in the sewer department (laughter). I feel that in these hard times six per cent. interest is sufficient for the City of Boston. I want to ask the member from Wd. 2 if he cannot borrow all the money he wants, with good security, at 5 per cent. today? If that is the case, why isn't six per cent. sufficient for the City of Boston as interest on taxes. I therefore hope my amendment will prevail, in the interest of poor people.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, in order to give everybody a chance to look into this matter thoroughly, so that all may understand in regard to the collection of money by the city and so forth, I move the assignment of this matter for one week.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Miller), having spoken before, and I not having spoken, it would seem to be my privilege to be given the floor at this time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise for information.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of information.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, under the rules of the Council is it not proper or is it not the rule—certainly it is as I understand it—that a gentleman shall not speak more than once on a question if any other gentleman who has not spoken desires the floor?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Miller) has made a motion, and the Chair desires to put it. The gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) will then have an opportunity to speak on the motion. Mr. Miller moves the further assignment of the order with the amendment to the next meeting of the Council. The question is on assignment.

The order, with the proposed amendment, was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### CREMATION OF PAUPERS' BODIES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:

9. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council, the cremation of paupers' bodies, as proposed by the Cemetery Trustees, is unadvisable.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, with the consent of the gentleman from Wd. 18, (Mr. Watson), I move the indefinite postponement of No. 9 on the calendar.

The resolve was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider, lost.

#### CONTRACTS BY STREET DEPARTMENT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz.:

10. Message of the Mayor transmitting a list of certain contracts entered into by the city through the Street Department. (City Doc. 66).

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that No. 10 be laid on the table for four weeks.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 12 to renew his motion.

Mr. Chamberlain renewed his motion.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, that is rather a peculiar motion. I should judge, from the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain), it seems that this has been here now for a couple of

weeks, and he wants it assigned for four weeks more. Document No. 66 is a list of certain contracts entered into by the city in connection with the Street Department. It specifically states here, as it is drawn up, each and every individual contract. Now, I don't know what the gentleman from Wd. 12 wants more than this, and I hope and trust that his motion to assign will not prevail, unless the gentleman can offer some reason why it should.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy), I would state that this is the first time that this appears upon the calendar. The message came from the Mayor at the last meeting, and I moved that it be printed and assigned to this meeting. The message from the Mayor transmitting the list of contracts was in answer to an order I introduced on January 26th last. It has taken the Street Department since that time to answer my request, and as the list contains about seventy odd contracts, I wish to look some of them over. I have asked, for that reason, for four weeks' time, because I happen to be busy a good share of the time, and I don't find time to spend three or four days consecutively on matters of this kind. It will be an accommodation to me, who introduced the order, and a matter of personal courtesy, to have it assigned as I have suggested.

Mr. McNERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I move to amend, that it be assigned for one week.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question first comes on the longest time.

The matter was declared assigned for four weeks. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the matter was assigned for four weeks, 45 members voting in the affirmative, 11 in the negative.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost.

#### CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 11 assignment, viz.:

11. Message of the Mayor relative to the confirmation of certain officers. (City Doc. 67.)

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that No. 11 be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I wish to say a few words, although I am not particular whether or not the order is assigned. It is one of the many bluff orders which the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) has presented to this Council this year. It was presented to us on February 26, and Mr. Chamberlain spoke at great length upon it at that time, taking up a full column of the Record. He attacked the Mayor almost in a personal manner. It has often been said that the Mayor had a representative on this floor. As a democrat, Mr. President, I can say I am sorry that he has no representatives here who are a little better informed, in connection with some of the republican orders which are presented. In the order which the gentleman presented to this Council on February 26, he said that the Mayor, in violation of plain law contained in said section, and referring to certain sections of the ordinances, has submitted names without their being confirmed.

At the last meeting of the Council the Mayor called the gentleman from Wd. 12, very much to his surprise, and he was not able at that time to respond. He moved an assignment of the matter to this meeting.

It is here on the calendar tonight, and if the gentleman from Wd. 12, who so eloquently read that speech a week or two ago, is able to get on his feet tonight and

defend his own order, if he is able to get up here and show good reasons why he introduced such an order, intimating that the Mayor has violated the plain law in certain circumstances, which the Mayor denies, then I, for one, should be pleased to hear from him. I want to say, while on my feet, that I consider it very unfair to have so many orders presented in this Council reflecting on His Honor, which are not backed up by facts or arguments; and I would like to hear tonight from the gentleman from Wd. 12, having him tell this Council who the men are who have been appointed without confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, who were subject to the law as contained in the ordinances? There is a distinct question in this matter between the Mayor and the gentleman from Wd. 12.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I ask the permission of the Council to withdraw my motion for assignment and to speak on the main question.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will consider the motion withdrawn. The question is, shall the communication be placed on file.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, on January 26th last I offered an order, which was referred to the Mayor, which called for a list of the officers contained in Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, whose names have not been submitted to or confirmed by the Board of Aldermen in accordance with the specific provisions contained in said section. The Mayor's answer, before us tonight, states that he knows of no officer, subject by law to such confirmation, who has not been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. I am not a lawyer, but claim an understanding of the English language and with no disrespect to the Mayor, I claim that he has given an evasive answer to my question. It is true that under Chapter 229, Acts of 1881, Chapter 166, Acts of 1885 and Chapter 418, Acts of 1890, the officers subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen are allowed to legally perform their duties until their successors are appointed,—public necessity and delay in confirmation making this a reasonable enactment,—so that technically all officers who have been appointed and confirmed once under the shelter of this provision can perform the duties of their office legally until their successors are appointed,—no matter how far removed an appointment of a successor may be. And it should be noted that all these Acts were passed prior to the extension of the term of the Mayor to 2 years. I did not, nor do I maintain that the officers mentioned in Chapter 2, Sections 1 and 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 are performing their duties illegally, but as those same sections explicitly provide that the Mayor shall appoint the several officers subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen every year, it is a distinct, open and intentional violation of the ordinances for such appointments not to have been made and confirmation obtained yearly. As I stated at the introduction of my order the larger number of such officers have not been confirmed for several years. Whether the ordinances are right or wrong, is not a question for the Mayor to decide, when they have once been enacted, and his violation, although it has no punishment, proves a disregard for law, in our Chief Executive, which if acted on as a general example by the citizens of Boston would bring appalling results, that is, unless it should happen that a law-breaking Mayor makes law-abiding people. The Mayor's reason for not submitting the names of the various officers for confirmation is too obvious to mention, but were we to have a breach of law without punishment and an evasive culprit, I suppose it was useless for me to have moved in the matter at all. Mr. President, while I am on my feet, in order that there may be in the future no

possible misunderstanding between a gentleman of this body and myself, I wish to state that, notwithstanding the abuse, the misstatements and the nastiness of the gentleman from Wd. 2, in my rear—  
Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, my point of order is that the gentleman who has taken the floor to debate upon this question is now wandering from that question and debating upon the personality of the gentleman from Wd. 2.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. (Laughter)—and will ask the Council to be in order. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 has the floor.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, notwithstanding that gentleman, the pail-bearer of the administration's minority on this floor, although he repeatedly states that he never has seen the Mayor, notwithstanding the gentleman from Wd. 19 who was so disgusted a few weeks ago—presumably on account of the actions of his own party leaders here upon this floor—notwithstanding the howls, growls, jeers, and inaccuracies of the tooth-pick orator from Wd. 14, on my left (laughter), and notwithstanding—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President—

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President—  
The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. TOBIN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. TOBIN—That the gentleman is not speaking to the question, but is attacking the members of this body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. (Laughter.)

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—And, finally, notwithstanding the antics of the song and dance artist of Wd. 9, who sits in front of me, (laughter), I shall still continue—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to kindly preserve order. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 has the floor.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—(Continuing)—I shall still continue on those lines which I think will best serve my constituents and the best interests of this city. It is from the actions of such men as these that the Common Council has received its worst—think will best serve my constituency, and which, I think, will serve the best interests of this city. It is from the actions of such men as these that the Common Council has received its worst—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order, and I think it must be apparent to every member of the Council, is that the gentleman is not speaking at all to the question. While I have no regard at all for anything which he may say, I hope that he will be confined to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order, and no more.

Mr. HICKEY—My point of order has already been stated, but if you do not understand it, I will state it again.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 has the floor. (Slight applause in the gallery.)

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—It is from the actions of such men as these that the Council has received its worst wounds. It is by the action of such men as these that the Mayor of Boston wishes the voters of this city to judge the whole body and to destroy it.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, my point of order is that the gentleman is not talking to the question on the calendar.

It seems to me that the Chair should be somewhat fair in this matter. The gentleman is not talking upon the question at all.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he believes the gentleman's remarks are perfectly proper in response to those made by the gentleman from Wd. 2, and that the point of order is not well taken. (Applause in the gallery.) The Chair will further state that any further demonstration in the gallery will cause the gallery to be cleared. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 has the floor.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—When common decency and courtesy shall again reign in this body we all will be glad to belong to it. I pray that that time may soon arrive.

The question came on placing the communication on file.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, after listening to the orator from Wd. 12, the monopolizing leader of this body, it was not my intention to rise here and attack him personally, but to speak on the paper that was presented to us here in No. 10 on the calendar. I am sorry, Mr. President, that the presiding officer of this body is not a little more liberal with other members, the same as he is with the leader on my right—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 14 as not germane to the question, and the Chair will rule that no disrespectful designations of the Chair will be tolerated. The question is, "Shall the communication be placed on file?"

Mr. MULCAHY—The Chair will also remember the fact that other members of the body on this floor do not desire to have any member attack them personally, and to have the gentleman, such as the leader from Wd. 11, allowed to wander from any question in order to attack them. Now, Mr. President, in reference to the question that is before us on the calendar, I trust that we will pass it this evening. It seems to me that the Mayor of Boston has responded very well to the gentleman's order from Wd. 11, when he states in his message:—

"I have to state that I know of no such officer, subject by law to such confirmation, who has not been confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and if the introducer of the order can point out any such officers who have not been so confirmed, I will take immediate steps to see that they are no longer allowed to act."

It would seem to me, that after His Honor the Mayor responding in such a manner as that, it would be the duty of the gentleman from Wd. 11 to present the names of any man that he may know of.

But I know as a fact, as my friend from Wd. 2 has stated, that it is only another one of his bluff orders.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I merely desire to reply to the remarks of the Benedict Arnold from Wd. 14 (laughter).

The PRESIDENT—The Council will please preserve order.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—In his speech, he referred particularly to the leader from Wd. 11—said that the leader from Wd. 11 had said this and the other. I merely wish to inform the gentleman that he has the councillor from Wd. 11 and the councillor from Wd. 12 mixed up. (Laughter.) I am sure that there is a vast difference between the two (laughter), and that it is not necessary to put on spectacles in order to find it out. (Laughter.) I merely arose at this time to set my friend right on this question, and not with any intention whatever to speak upon it, as I have no particular interest in the matter one way or the other.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in view of the fact that no blows have

been struck and that nobody has been hurt, I move the previous question.

The main question was ordered and the communication was placed on file.

#### LIST OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Trustees of Pauper Institutions be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments and the payments made to such agencies.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, my purpose in offering this order is that I have heard certain statements which led me to go down to the City Auditor's office to see the bills of the Pauper Institutions Department, I found there a bill, among others, reading nearly as follows:—

"Ray's Employment Bureau,  
188 Boylston St.

Reliable Protestant Help Furnished.

To supplying Martha Staples and 11  
others ..... \$9.00"

That bill was approved by Mr. Sedgwick. Now, I want to ask the trustees of the Pauper Institutions, if it is necessary for them, in order to get help, to go to an employment agency? If they feel that way, I respectfully ask them to come out my way some day, and I will take charge of them and will guarantee that within a radius of fifty yards I will supply them with all the good men and women that they need—people paying taxes, too, Mr. President. I don't know how many other bills may come in for supplying help to the City of Boston, but it is something entirely wrong. I submit that I think the Civil Service Commissioners should take some step in this matter. There are plenty of people in my ward who are willing to work for the salaries which they pay on Long Island. I think it is entirely wrong, and that it should be condemned by His Honor the Mayor. It is not the matter of employing these particular persons, or a little matter of the expenditure of \$9, that I object to. It is the principle of the thing. There are too many people idle for the pauper institutions trustees to apply to any employment agency—and a sectarian one at that, Mr. President. I trust that they will give us an answer, and that in a hurry.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I have been investigating this matter for about a month or five weeks, and it was what I found out from that investigation that caused me to submit the ordinance which I put in at the last meeting. I know as well as Mr. Watson does the condition of affairs that has been prevailing in that department. It is a most outrageous thing. Time and again, when they want help, they do not apply to the civil service commissioners, and they don't look around the city for it, but they go up into the country and hire them to go down there, and bring them here and pile them up on the backs of the taxpayers. It is all wrong, and it is about time that the common council went on record as in favor of something that is decent, something that is manly, and something that would be in the interest of the taxpayers. I hope that the order will be passed.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I know I have monopolized a great deal of the time of the Council this evening, but I want it understood that I am sincere in this matter—absolutely. If I had the power to abolish the unpaid commissions which have been established by the Mayor of Boston, by the aid of the Legislature, I would do it in a minute, I would be willing to sacrifice my whole political future, without a moment's hesitation, in order to do that. They are a disgrace to the city.

of Boston. It is an old saying that the employee is worthy of his hire. He is either worth something or nothing; and I am satisfied that the pauper institutions trustees are worth absolutely nothing.

The order was passed.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday, March 23, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.

Passed. Mr. Bordman moved to reconsider; lost.

#### REPAIR OF CHAPMAN SCHOOL.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman School-house.

Passed. Sent up.

#### AMBULANCE, STATION 9.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That a special committee of three members of this Council be appointed by the Chair to wait upon the Police Commissioners to find out whether it is possible or not to furnish the district known as Station Nine with an ambulance, this being a very large district, and without an ambulance of its own, and in case of accidents, has to depend on other districts, which causes considerable delay, and possibly sometimes the loss of life.

Passed.

#### SAVING BY SALARY REDUCTION.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the Common Council a detailed statement showing how the sum of two hundred thousand dollars might be saved to the City of Boston by a reduction of seven and one-half per cent in the amounts paid to officers and employees in salaries and wages.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a plan for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Passed. Sent up.

#### LABOR DAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of Labor's holiday.

Passed. Sent up.

#### SANITARY CONDITION, COMINS SCHOOL.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements in the sanitary arrangements of the Comins School, Wd. 19.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I wish to say in connection with that order, that on the boys side of the Comins school there is an ordinary vault, and no sewer connections whatever. That vault has been there for 30 years. It is the same vault that was in the yard when I went to school there. There are two great objections to it. On the Parker St. side there is a church. The vault is located directly in the rear of this church. In connection

with the church there is also a private school, and I am told by the minister of the church, and also by the teachers of this school, that in hot weather the stench that comes from the vault is something stifling. I am also told that the place has been condemned for about two years. There used also to be one on the girls' side, but that was removed some three years ago and placed in the basement of the school. Adjoining this place on the girls' side of the school there is also a room that could be used for the boys. Now, the second objection is that this vault is 100 yards away from the school house, and in the winter time the boys have to go out of a hot room to the vault, and on a cold day they are liable to get cold. Mr. President, I ask for a suspension of the rules, that the order may go upon its passage.

The order was passed. Sent up.

#### WOODEN ADDITION, POPLAR ST.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Wm. H. J. Stone to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Poplar St., cor. Corinth St., Wd. 23, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for store and storage purposes, main building occupied for same purposes.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Brauer moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### PAVING OF B STREET.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the paving of B St., from Summer-Street extension to First St., South Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

#### INSTITUTIONS AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That five members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a committee to examine and report as to the condition of the city institutions on Rainsford Island.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to state that a few weeks ago I put in an order here requesting the board of trustees of children's institutions to submit to us a little information in regard to how the institutions are run. Not receiving it, I made it my business to go down and look around myself. We arrived there one morning before anybody was up, and what we saw there made such an impression upon us that we would not like to see it again in a public institution. That institution is a relic of barbarism, a relic of old times, the rottenest institution in America, an institution that the City of Boston should be ashamed of—an institution that an unpaid board, squandering thousands of the people's money, should be ashamed of. There are 170 inmates there—small boys, ranging from 10 to 15 years of age. There is an employee there for every four boys—doing nothing; loafing around; making shoes that are not fit to wear, and that are lying around in the ash barrels. They cannot dispose of them. The boys cannot wear them. But they are there. They are drawing their salaries, and that is all they want. It is an institution similar to the pauper institution, but the pauper institution is a paradise compared to it. I hope that this committee will go down there, and that they will bring

in a report that is unbiased—a report that will tell to this Council and to the people of Boston the condition of affairs at Rainsford Island.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask who were the other members who went down with the gentleman from Wd. 11.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, will the gentleman repeat his question?

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman another question, seeing he cannot answer that one (laughter)—

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to hear the question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I believe I have the floor.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 has the floor.

Mr. WATSON—I have the floor; yes, sir. (Laughter) Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a serious question, although I have a smile on my face. I would like to ask him if it is a fact that they have "solitary" cells on Rainsford Island, and that they keep boys in them for three and four days, making them live on bread and water?

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to answer that question, and I will say that down on the island they are crowding the boys into small rooms, and that they are cutting up the dormitories that the boys had a perfect right to sleep in—cutting them up for the benefit of the officers, and using good money to do it with. It is also true that they have dark cells in the basement, where they confine boys 13 and 14 years old. It is also a fact that they have a habit, if a boy is not doing just as they think he should do, to have him tied to his bed at night. Many of the boys sleep up in the attic, some of them tied to their beds. Probably 50 or 60 boys sleep there, altogether, in that building without fire escapes—beds made out of straw; no possible chance of the boys escaping in case of fire. It is true that there is a hose there. We said to the superintendent: "How is that, all right?" "Perfectly useless." "Why, how is that?" "Why," said he, "that is 10 feet above the source of the water." (Laughter).

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to thank the gentleman for that second speech. (Laughter).

The order was read a second time, and was passed.

#### ELEVATOR INSURANCE.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the City Messenger, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to provide liability insurance on the elevators in the City Hall. Passed. Sent up.

#### REINSTATEMENT OF SEWER EMPLOYEES.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19, for the committee, submitted the following:—

The special committee of the Common Council appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor relative to the suspension of the sewer employees, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and had a conference with His Honor the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets. The committee find that the number of men employed on sewerage work during the past year will be decreased, owing to the fact that but one million dollars will be available for the purpose this year in comparison with two million dollars appropriated for the previous year, but the committee believe that the sum of \$250,000 set aside for contract work should be expended for day labor, and if this is done, about three hundred and fifty men in addition to the eight hundred now about to be employed can be given permanent work. For the Committee,  
James McInerney, Chairman.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, we spent last year over \$200,000 in the construction of sewers by contract. I find, on looking over the statement which was given in response to the request of the Councilman from Wd. 12, that there was \$206,255.04 spent in the construction of sewers by contract last year. Out of that \$206,000, there was \$77,825 that had to be spent by contract. That was unavoidable. We had to have contract work to do what was wanted. But there was \$128,430.04 spent in the construction of sewers by contract. If the citizens of Boston had been allowed to build those sewers, that sum would employ 1100 men, at \$2 per day, for 51 days; and that same amount would maintain permanently 205 men for one year at \$2 per day for every available working day in the year. The contractors who built those sewers, Mr. President, are the ones, as I said at the last meeting, who employ nothing but the cheapest of the alien labor—a class of labor that is a menace to the honest laborers of the city of Boston. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope that the Mayor will take particular notice of this report, and that he will see that no sewers are built this year by contract.

The report was accepted.

#### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of privilege.

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, my question of personal privilege is in connection with the report of that committee. The member in the fourth division (Mr. McInerney), in speaking on the passage of the order appointing the committee who have made this report, made certain charges which I wish to refute.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to refer particularly to the matter concerning which he wishes to speak to a question of personal privilege.

Mr. DOYLE—When he said that one of the members of the Common Council from his ward has gone throughout his district and has led the sewer employees to believe that his vote was cast in opposition to them.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. DOYLE—Now, Mr. President, I have no desire to take up the time of this body—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he is in doubt whether that is properly a question of personal privilege, but, as the Chair desires to afford the broadest latitude to reply, the Chair will allow the gentleman to proceed.

Mr. DOYLE—Well, although there was no name specifically mentioned at the time, I have it from the gentleman personally that his remarks were intended for me; and I, coming from that ward, wish to place myself right in this matter.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. DOYLE—Personally, I have something else to do besides going around the ward and criticising the action of members of the Common Council. I want to call your particular attention to some of his remarks, wherein he claimed that one of the members of this body has gone throughout his district and told the people, especially the sewer employees, that on account of action he has taken, they were not reinstated. Well, I might claim that dilatory tactics in this body had certainly not expedited matters as far as the reinstatement of any of those men is concerned; and I do want to go on record in my ward as denying these charges. Furthermore, in his statement, he said that the people of his ward are not conversant with the laws governing the Board of Es-

timate and Apportionment. The people of my ward are just as conversant with the laws governing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and are just as intelligent as the people of any other ward in the city; and I want to have him personally explain what he means when he says they are ignorant of the law. I think when he referred to their not being conversant with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, it was an insult to the district, and I think that he will have as much difficulty in explaining his remarks as he will in trying to explain the bugaboos which he is apparently trying to be set up to be knocked down.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, I would like to reply to the gentleman.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is no reply to a question of personal privilege.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, can I have the privilege—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. CONNOLLY—To make a motion.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman has the floor.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report of the Committee was accepted, that the gentleman may have the floor.

The acceptance of the report of the committee was reconsidered. The question came on accepting the report.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Doyle) has been on the floor and has talked a great deal. He has accused me of coming here and saying that the people of my ward are ignorant of the laws governing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I did not say that of the people of my ward. I said it of some of the sewer employees. I did not mean it for the sewer employees in my ward—I meant it for some of the sewer employees of the city of Boston, and if the gentleman in the second division desires to take any notice of the remarks I have made, they are on record here, and he could see for himself that I meant nobody, specifically. I said: "My reasons for offering that order are that a great many of the men of the sewer department are not conversant with the laws governing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment." He sees fit to get up here and charge me with saying that the citizens of my ward are not conversant with the laws governing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mr. President, there is an old saying that liars cannot be believed even when they tell the truth. Probably it was some of the remarks of the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Doyle) that led my esteemed friend in the third division (Mr. Hickey) to try to secure an investigation of the means whereby the president of this body was elected.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that the question is on the acceptance of the report of the committee.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, I simply want to tell the members of the Council what kind of a man they have to deal with. I am referring to the gentleman in the second division.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. McInerney), who comes here from a laboring constituency and votes against the one million dollar appropriation for the sewer laborers, attacks his colleague from Wd. 19 (Mr. Doyle) with ill grace, and asks for an investigation of the discharge of those employees with ill grace. He cannot square himself with his laboring constituency next fall, and the gentleman from Wd. 19 who is his colleague has stated rightly that he, and he alone, as one of the members of this Council, is partially

responsible for the discharge of a great many of those poor employees. I believe he will have a great deal to answer for next fall, a great deal of difficulty in explaining his vote and then coming here and trying to square himself and asking to have a committee appointed to investigate the discharge of the sewer employees, when he at the same time has endeavored to have the loan item for that department cut \$500,000.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I am not personally interested in this matter. I had just as lief have the committee's report accepted as rejected, but I would like to state in reference to the remarks of the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. McInerney) while I think well of him personally, that he is a gentleman who came in here for the first time this year and who has, since the first proceedings of the year, opposed the administration on every order, having voted against each and every order which had reference to the administration of the City of Boston.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not speaking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken. Inasmuch as the question is on accepting the report, much of this talk is clearly out of order. The Chair will remind the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is on accepting the report of the committee.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I hope the committee's report will be accepted, but I do desire to show the position of the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. McInerney), in asking for an investigation of why the sewer men were laid off, although he came in here while we were fighting for one million dollars, and voted against that appropriation and for five hundred thousand dollars, while his colleague from the same ward, (Mr. Doyle), voted for one million dollars. Now, if the gentleman in the fourth division had any interest in the laboring men, the sewer employees of Boston, he would have voted for the one million dollars, not for the five hundred thousand dollars, as he did. He now comes in trying to square himself, as stated by the gentleman from Wd. 11, (Mr. Connolly). I don't believe the gentleman from Wd. 19, (Mr. McInerney), should do this kind of business—come in and try to blame his colleague from Wd. 19. I don't wish to enter into any controversy between the two gentlemen, but I would like to see a little fairness displayed.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—whether there is a quorum of the Common Council present?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. The question is on the acceptance of the committee's report.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the committee's report will be accepted, and in speaking in favor of the acceptance of the report I desire to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly), the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) and the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. Doyle). I want to say here and now that every member of this body knows that it made no difference to the employees of the Sewer Department whether there was one million dollars or five hundred thousand dollars appropriated. The laying off of the sewer men was merely for the purpose of weeding out those who could not do good work at caucuses—nothing else. (Laughter.) It was a question of politics, pure and simple. The gentleman from Wd. 17 knows it. He knows that the committee's report is strictly proper, and that it makes no difference whether they got one million dollars or five hundred thousand dollars in that department. We are told that they laid the men off because they had no money. They had no money in the print-

ing department for quite a while, but they owed the employees and retained them. Why did they not do so in the sewer department? The administration is not friendly to the laboring men; it is only friendly to those who can control the rail, and I have known it for four years. I sincerely trust that the gentlemen from Wds. 19, 17 and 14 will rise on the floor and apologize to me and admit that I am right. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order, and will ask the spectators in the gallery to refrain from demonstration.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, as I understand it, the gentleman from Wd. 17 in the third division (Mr. Connolly) moved a reconsideration of the vote accepting that report. Why did he do so? Because he is a contractor, Mr. President, and because he sympathizes with these contractors—because he is one of those contractors, Mr. President, who employ none other than cheap, non-union, alien labor.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refrain from personalities.

Mr. McINERNEY—I did not mean to become personal. I beg your pardon.

(The report was read, at the request of Mr. Linehan.)

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, it hardly seems necessary to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. McInerney), when it is a well known fact that since I have been in the city government I have never done a dollar's worth for the city of Boston, directly or indirectly; and, furthermore, on all work done by me I employ none but union labor and pay union prices.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the report of the committee will be accepted. When I sit here and hear these political annihilators talking about the downfall of various men next fall, I would like to impress on them the fact that we are not voting machines, to be wound up by the administration and to come in here and vote as the administration sees fit. I believe in every man voting as he wants to, in exercising the rights given to him by his constituency. They cannot bluff people into believing they are in favor of the working men, just because they vote for the one million dollars the Sewer Department wants. Why not vote for five hundred thousand dollars and put the men to work for six months, letting the men come in afterwards and get the other five hundred thousand dollars? But they were afraid that if they didn't get the whole one million dollars, when they came in for the other five hundred thousand dollars and had not put the men to work we would not give it to them. Now they won't put the men back, when they have the money. I say it is all a fraud and a farce.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to say but a few words in closing—I am tired (laughter). I wish simply to say that silence usually gives consent.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, like my democratic colleague from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) it is well nigh immaterial to me whether this committee report is accepted or not. The only reason why I desire to vote for it is from the fact that the Chairman of the Committee who reports it, when the matter was before the Council, thought that five hundred thou-

sand dollars was sufficient to place the sewer men at work, and now, after his interview with the Mayor of Boston, he is hypnotized into believing that \$250,000 more than \$1,000,000 is necessary to put them to work. In other words, a few weeks ago, when the matter was before the council, he firmly believed that \$500,000 was enough to place the sewer department men at work. Tonight, with \$1,000,000 appropriated for the department, he comes in and tells us that the appropriation as made is a reduction of \$1,000,000 from last year, and that \$250,000, or something of that kind, is necessary in addition to the \$1,000,000 already appropriated in order to put the men back at work.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I sincerely trust the previous question will not be put. There are one or two members who have not spoken. (Laughter.)

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the main question will not be put. There seem to be a great many men who want to speak on this matter, and surely for those who do not it is very entertaining. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to call the attention of the Council to the fact that frequent interruptions have occurred tonight during the consideration of various subjects, and to request members of the Council and spectators to refrain during the remainder of the session of this Council from such demonstration. The question is, shall the main question be now ordered?

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the main question will not be put. I would like to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey), when he states that the Mayor of Boston hypnotized a member of this council. It is a fact that he is hypnotizing everybody. That is the only ability he possesses—hypnotism. (Laughter.)

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, if the gentleman in the 3d division (Mr. Hickey) had followed the business a little more closely and had listened to the report being read he would know that I was not looking for \$250,000 more to be added to that \$1,000,000. I merely made the report, for the committee, that we believed that \$250,000 of that one million dollars to be spent in sewers, instead of being spent by contract, which I am opposed to, should be spent for day labor. But these gentlemen here who are against that are placing themselves on record in favor of employing labor which is imported here, laborers who never become citizens of the United States. They want the \$250,000 taken away from our hardworking taxpayers of Boston, Mr. President.

The main question was ordered.

The report was accepted. Mr. McInerney moved to reconsider; lost.

#### SIDEWALKS, PAUL REVERE SCHOOL.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pave the sidewalks opposite the playground on North Bennet and Prince Sts., next to the Paul Revere School.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Hubbard of Wd. 24, at 10:48 o'clock P.M., to meet on Thursday, March 23, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## EDGESTONE ASSESSMENT—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 4, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board rescinding the edgestone assessment levied by an order passed on December 26, 1898, against St. Philip's church on East Lenox St.

My reason for taking this action is that the Corporation Counsel informs me that the Board of Aldermen has no authority to make this abatement, and that the order is illegal. Respectfully submitted,

David F. Barry, Acting-Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the question came on passing it, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to pass it over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 0, nays 9.

## LOCATION OF FIRE BOX.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your order requesting that a fire alarm box, with a red signal light, be located at the corner of Columbus Ave. and Massachusetts Ave. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner, Bristol St.,  
Boston, March 3, 1899.

His Honor, Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: Referring to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen that the fire alarm box No. 98, corner Columbus and Massachusetts Aves., be placed on a lamp post with a red signal light, I beg leave to respectfully report that such action would be of no avail for the purpose of giving an alarm, inasmuch as said location is several hundred feet from the underground wires which are necessary to connect such post and light with the fire alarm branch of this department, and no money is available for the necessary work.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Fred Cutter, Armine W. Montgomery, and Maurice D. Kingsbury welders of boilers and heavy machinery for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Respectfully yours,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## SALE OF CITY PROPERTY, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with his request, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order. This matter was fully considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the conclusion arrived at by the Board was that, in view of the general financial condition of the city, it would be better to provide for meeting this undoubted need of the Street Department out of the proceeds of the proposed sale, rather than by direct appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston March 11, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—This department has urgently recommended that there be established in East Boston a Street Cleaning and Sanitary District. At the present time, the street-cleaning work is performed by sending over on certain days the Charlestown force, and the sanitary work is by contract. This arrangement is unsatisfactory, and becomes more so each year. The citizens of East Boston ask better service, and the department desires to furnish it. To do this, however, it is necessary that the stable and yard accommodations in that district be rearranged.

At the present time, the Paving and Sewer divisions have their quarters on city property on Marion St., between Chelsea and Paris Sts. The buildings on this property are of but little value and badly out of repair, and are not adapted to the work of the district. The city owns a piece of property well adapted for the purposes of a Street Department yard and headquarters, for the reason that it is accessible by water, so that material can be landed directly from vessels. This property is not now in use, and if an appropriation of \$25,000 could be secured, it would be possible to place thereon a building so arranged as to properly accommodate the local forces of the Paving, Sewer, Street Cleaning and Sanitary divisions.

To cover this expenditure of \$25,000, I would respectfully suggest that the property now occupied by and assigned to this department be sold, and the proceeds of the sale applied to making good the appropriation of \$25,000 required for the new building and plant.

Yours very respectfully,

Benjamin W. Wells, Supt. of Streets,  
City of Boston—In Board of Aldermen.

March 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the land and buildings owned by the city, now used by the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department, and situated between Chelsea and Paris Sts., East Boston, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the same in the name of the city; the proceeds received from such sale to be turned into the Treasury, subject to subsequent appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets, with statements appended, which explains the situation of the city with respect to the construction of additional sewerage works. On account

of the importance of the subject, I recommend that this communication be printed as a city document.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, March 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: I desire to call your attention to the situation as regards sewerage works, even assuming that the present law is declared constitutional, and the attempt to repeal the same at the legislature fails. This act provides \$1,000,000 annually for construction of sewerage works. In a statement already made to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I submitted figures showing that the cost of work already commenced, under contract, or arranged for, amounted to \$607,000, and of the work ordered by the Street Commissioners, but not yet commenced, to \$233,000, making a total of \$840,000—exclusive of land damages.

This sum, I would say further, does not include Commonwealth Ave., on which the estimated cost of the necessary sewer work, to be completed before 1900, is about \$100,000. The act providing the money for the surface work on Commonwealth Ave., requires that this avenue be completed before January 1, 1900; after that time the money is no longer available. In addition, on the section of Blue Hill Ave., from Walk Hill St. to Neponset River—which certainly should be undertaken this year—the sewerage work is estimated to cost \$78,000. There is also a very considerable portion of Columbia road ready for sewerage works, which is not included in the above estimates. Nor are the following very important sewerage works provided for: East Boston low-level sewer, which will have to be built if the order is passed for the construction of the Bennington St. boulevard; further construction on new surface drain systems, such as Lauriat Ave., Canterbury branch of Stony Brook, Roslindale branch of Stony Brook, Mattapan brook, Goldsmith brook, Dorchester brook separation, and Davenport brook. There is no money provided for work on Stony Brook, either at the head-waters or at the outlet end, or for Muddy river, or for Shepard St. brook in Brighton, or for what is known as the West Roxbury low-level sewer.

All this work is needed, and if it is not carried on it will be a hardship upon the abutting estates. From the above statement it will be seen that more than the \$1,000,000 which is available is already ordered; and the Street Commissioners should be notified that no more sewer work can be ordered for the coming year unless further money is provided for the construction thereof.

Unless some action is taken by the legislature making provision for such further sum as may be needed for the construction of sewers, the development of property in many sections of the city will be stopped; and as this construction of sewers is assessed upon the estate benefited, and not upon the general taxpayer, it is but reasonable and fair that parties desiring sewers for which they are willing to pay, should be accommodated by the city.

Ordinarily \$1,000,000 would be sufficient for the needs of sewer construction for any one year; but, under the conditions which existed last year, it was necessary that large sewerage works which had been neglected for many years should be undertaken, and for this reason much of the work of the year is costly, and thus the appropriation is too limited to allow for the demands which will surely come after the opening up of the season's work.

I think it the duty of the department, or the administration, to present this situation to the consideration of the legislature for such action as that body may deem proper. The suggestion of this department would be that, for this year at least, an additional sum of \$1,000,000 be al-

lowed, making a total of \$2,000,000. I cannot, for my own part, see any particular reason for limiting the amount to be spent for sewerage works, if the authority passing the orders for the construction of the same be properly safeguarded. In anticipation of the very urgent and reasonable demands which will be made upon this department during the coming season, I desire that the cause of, and the responsibility for, a condition which must lead to the refusal to furnish relief, should be placed upon the only body which has it in its power to supply such relief.

I append herewith tabulation showing the expenditures under the Sewerage Act from July 23, 1897, to February 1, 1898; also tables showing in detail the exact expenditures between February 1, 1898, and February 1, 1899; also the expenditures during the fiscal year 1899-1900, thus covering the \$2,000,000 authorized for last year.

Then follows a summarization, itemized by districts and jobs, of the cost of proposed work for the present fiscal year, as given without detail in the letter to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment dated January 12. This shows that work amounting to more than the entire \$1,000,000 authorized for this year is ordered, planned for and substantially under way.

I then submit table showing sewers petitioned for, ordered by the Board of Street Commissioners, but not yet started, amounting to \$1,349,860, for which there is no appropriation.

Then follows a statement of work petitioned for, but not yet ordered, given by districts and itemized, amounting to \$321,725.

I would suggest that it might be advisable to print these tables in the City Record, or as a document, so that the public could fully understand the situation as regards sewerage works.

Yours very respectfully,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

(Accompanying the above were the detailed statements referred to.)  
Ordered printed and sent down.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

Petitions for locations for tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system on the same, viz:—

1. Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Company (a turnout) on North Beacon St., near the bridge over Charles River.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

2. Newton & Boston Street Railway Company, on Beacon St., from the Newton line to the corner of Beacon St. and Chestnut Hill Ave.

Mr. William A. Gaston, President of the Boston Elevated Railway Co., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition on the ground that it was not needed as only very few people lived on the line of the proposed extension.

Mr. Desmond Fitz Gerald did not object, but requested that the Metropolitan Water Commissioners be given a hearing on the matter before the Railroad Committee.

Mr. John T. Wheelwright did not object, but requested that the Park Commissioners be given a hearing on the matter before the Railroad Committee.

Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

W. Creden & Co., a sign, at 94 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Jacob Moshkowitz, a sign, at 34½ Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

William Edwards, a sign, at 2132 Washington St., Wd. 18.

H. F. Parkhurst, an illuminated sign, at 3 Pitts St., Wd. 8.  
 Hanover Drug Co., an illuminated mortar, at 257 Hanover St., Wd. 6.  
 Alfred E. Haines, a sign, at 14 Bedford St., Wd. 7.  
 J. L. and H. K. Potter, for leave to construct basement floor of building 611 Albany St. at grade 8.

Claims.

F. F. Meacham, for compensation for damage to estate 56-58 Rosseter St., caused by blasting.  
 George A. Jordan, to be paid the amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and remove poles, lay conduits, etc, viz:—  
 To erect poles in E St.  
 To erect poles in Munroe St., Wd. 21.  
 To erect and to remove one pole in Brookside Ave., Wd. 23.  
 To lay conduits in Bulfinch St. and other streets, Wds. 6, 7, 8, 20, 22 and 24.  
 For extension of time to June 30, 1899, in which to erect poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay double tracks on portions of Lexington St., E. B.

Public Improvements.

John McGaw, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 130-132 Charlestown St., Wd. 8.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. BRICK presented the petition of O. F. Couture, for leave to project a sign at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 8.  
 The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. Brick, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. DIXON presented the following petitions:—

Robert C. Erb, to project an illuminated sign at 39-40 Court Sq., Wd. 6.

Dr. Charles E. Hale, to project an illuminated sign at 174 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. Dixon, and leave was granted on the several petitions on the usual conditions.

Ald. ADAMS presented the petition of the Boston '99 Meet Club, for a license for an athletic entertainment to include wrestling (no sparring), at Mechanics Bldg., on Huntington Ave., on the evening of May 2d.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am going to ask the courtesy of the Board today to suspend the rules, and allow this petition to be granted without further delay, inasmuch as this proposed meeting is to be held in the very near future, and the promoters of it desire to go ahead with it at once. I hope all the members will allow this matter to go through today without opposition.

The rules were suspended, and leave was granted, yeas 11, nays none.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Water Commissioner relative to the harvesting of ice from the Water Department reservoirs.

Placed on file.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 4, 5 and 6 together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

4. Ordered, That the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a plan for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

5. Ordered, That eight members of the

Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a program for the celebration of Labor's holiday.

6. Ordered, That five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be a committee to examine and report as to the condition of the city institutions on Rainsford Is. and.

Severally passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements in the sanitary arrangements of the Comins School, Wd. 19.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman Schoolhouse.

9. Ordered, That the City Messenger, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to provide liability insurance on the elevators in the City Hall.

10. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to William H. J. Stone to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Poplar St., corner Corinth St., Wd. 23, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for store and storage purposes; main building occupied for same purposes.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

The following order comes up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

11. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the paving of B St., from Summer St. Extension to First St., South Boston.

Referred in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, that Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15 be taken up together, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

12. Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning May 1, 1899.

13. Frank B. Cotton, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

14. William H. Kenney, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899, in place of Jeremiah S. Sullivan, resigned.

15. Martin Gilbert, to be a weigher of coal, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

Edward L. Brodie, one, 29 Spring St., Wd. 8.

Louis and Henry Rosenbaum, three, 113-5-7-9 Richmond St., Wd. 6.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, March 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Frank B. Cotton was received after having been duly approved by the City Treasurer.

Approved by the Board.

SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire

Commissioner on the petition of Carpenter Morton Co. for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 77 Sudbury St.—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board on the usual conditions.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order providing for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of March, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### CLOSING OF ZEIGLER ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Co. to close the roadway on Zeigler St., between Washington St. and Warren St. to public travel during the construction of a terminal station on said street.

Passed.

#### CLOSING OF HALLECK STREET.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Halleck St. between Ruggles St. and Ward St., Wd. 19, to public travel, during the time necessary for sewer construction on said street.

Passed.

#### ASPHALTING ENDICOTT STREET.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for the asphaltting of Endicott St., from Cooper to Thacher St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ADDITIONAL CARS ON HARRISON AVENUE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be hereby requested to run an additional number of cars on the Harrison Ave. line of its road.

Passed.

#### CROSS WALKS ON BLUE HILL AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct two cross walks on Blue Hill Ave., opposite Phipps Ave., Wd. 20; also one cross walk on Melville Ave., at junction of Wellesley Park, Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### FIRE ALARM BOX, FIELD'S CORNER STATION.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire alarm box at or near the Field's Corner station of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. in Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### PLANK WALK, SARATOGA STREET.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a plank walk on the easterly side of Saratoga St., from Winthrop Junction station toward Winthrop bridge, a distance of one-eighth of a mile.

Passed.

#### EAST BOSTON GRADE CROSSINGS.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—

Ordered—That His Honor the Mayor be

requested to request the Corporation Counsel to appear before the Committee on Railroads of the Massachusetts Legislature and favor such legislation as will provide for a commission to consider the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston. If such commission shall deem it for the public necessity and convenience to require that the railroad tracks shall go over the highways or that the highways shall go over the railroad tracks, or that the location of the railroad tracks shall be changed, or that the location of the highways shall be changed, or that any other method shall be adopted, including the filling in or the building of structures over tidewaters, they shall prescribe the manner in which same shall be done.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, this is a very important matter for the people of East Boston, and I would like to make an explanation of the order, so that the members of the Board may understand just what they are voting upon. Our grade crossings over in East Boston are something that the people unfamiliar with them do not understand.

At Maverick St. and Sumner St. we have eight parallel lines of tracks, making sixteen rails. At Marginal St. it is worse than that. The grade crossings at those three streets shut off the people of the First Section, where there are between eight and ten thousand people living. They have to cross those eight parallel tracks to buy groceries or dry goods, to go to the library, the high school, or anywhere. Those crossings are a constant menace and danger to the people over there. This year the railroad has had pretty good luck—there has been only one man killed there since the first of January. But in the last twenty-five years at one of those crossings there is a record of fifteen deaths. There is continual delay of electric car and other travel there during the day, sometimes for from five to fifteen minutes—teams, cars, foot-passengers, everything being stopped. Those grade crossings run straight through the island from one end to the other, almost through the middle of East Boston. If you go down to Wood Island Bridge and look over East Boston, you will see the line of houses going to the railroad track, while on the other side there is waste land. The people will not build there. There are from eight to nine million feet of land there that would be built upon, if the crossings were abolished. In a very few years there would certainly be a million dollars' worth of taxable property on land that is now vacant. This agitation was started in 1874. A member of the Common Council of that year introduced an order into that body asking for the abolition of the crossings. That led to an investigation by the Mayor of that year, Mayor Coob, who subsequently sent a communication to the Board of Aldermen taking strong grounds in favor of the abolishment of the crossing. The subject was investigated by the City Engineer in 1874, and he said they should be abolished. The next year the railroad commissioners in their sixth annual report also said they should be abolished. From that time down to this the city and the state have taken strong ground in favor of their abolition, and the only force opposed to the abolition is the railroads. In 1890 the general act applying to grade crossings was passed, but that does not apply to East Boston, because we do not want to abolish them in that way. We want to have the tracks relocated, put on the outside, on the water front, and we cannot apply the act of 1890 there.

In 1891 there was a commission on grade crossings appointed, and that commission said that these crossings should be abolished. Every commission and every individual that has ever investigated the matter says that they should be abolished by a relocation of the tracks. In 1895 Mayor Curtis sent the Corporation Counsel up to the Legislature, and he pre-

sented a bill covering this subject. It was an ideal bill, just what the people of East Boston wanted—and that is what we want Mayor Quincy to do now, the same thing that Mayor Curtis did in 1895. Mayor Quincy has taken strong grounds in favor of the abolition of those crossings. He did so in his first inaugural address. He went before the Committee on Railroads in 1896 and urged it. Mayor Matthews, Mayor Curtis and Mayor Quincy have all been in favor of the relocation of those tracks. We had a hearing this year before the Railroad Committee at the State House, and that committee fixed up a bill with the railroads—the first time the railroads have admitted that those crossings should be abolished—under which the sinking of the tracks is contemplated, that is all. It is proposed that a commission shall be appointed and, if the public convenience and economy require—and I don't think that phrase concerning public convenience and economy should be in the bill—they shall sink the tracks and carry the highway over the tracks. That is simply a gold brick which they present to the people of East Boston to try and make them keep quiet. It is impracticable and cannot be done. They cannot, with the freight sheds along Maverick St., do anything of that sort. It is useless to consider it. In order to get into their terminal yards they would have to have a grade of five per cent, and it would be impossible. If they should sink their terminal yards, they would be so low that the whole Atlantic Ocean would get in. All we wish is that the City Solicitor shall go up to the Legislature and argue in favor of a bill to have a commission of three disinterested persons appointed by the courts of the Commonwealth to consider the question in all its bearings and then advocate the best plan. If they think the best plan is to sink the tracks, we will be satisfied; if not, we don't want to be tied down to that by the railroad committee or the railroads.

We want the best plan, and after the subject has been investigated by a commission appointed by the courts, we will be satisfied with the outcome. This is a question which reaches far beyond East Boston. Under the policy of imperialism of the republican party we are going to have a great expansion in the foreign trade of this country, and Boston ought to get her share of it, and the only way that she can do so is by utilizing the facilities offered by East Boston. We have the only undeveloped water front, a long stretch of seacoast, the finest channel in the whole harbor. The state has already taken an enormous tract of land there to build the state docks, and we want the railroads around on the edge of the island, so that there will be no transportation charges from the steamboats to the trains, so that they can load the trains right there at the water front. We ask the Board of Aldermen to act in this matter in the interest of East Boston and of the whole city. If action such as is outlined here is taken, it will be of great advantage to the city. We trust that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel will appear at the hearing, and that the whole Board of Aldermen will be there. I believe the hearing will be held this week.

The order was read a second time and passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 35 newsboys.

Reports severally accepted; licenses approved by the Board.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:40 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:36 o'clock, P.M., by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on order (referred today), that permit be granted to W. H. J. Stone to build wooden addition—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on order (referred March 13), that the School Committee be requested to give public hearing on matter of repairs, etc., on Chapman schoolhouse—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Hanover Drug Co. (referred Jan. 30), for leave to erect an iron post with an illuminated druggist's mortar thereon in sidewalk at 257 Hanover St.—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(4) Report on the communication from the Street Commissioners (referred Feb. 27), changing the names of Hunneman and Yeoman Sts. and Norfolk Ave. to Franconia St.—that the same be returned to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(5) Report on the veto message of His Honor the Mayor (referred Feb. 13), vetoing permit to W. F. Healey to stand a night lunch wagon at junction of Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St.—that the veto be sustained and that the message be placed on file.

The question come on granting leave, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 1, nays 10, Ald. Codman voting yeas.

(6) Report on the petition of the Boston Transit Co. (referred Feb. 6), for certain routes for its omnibuses and other vehicles for conveying persons, merchandise, mail, etc., in this city—giving notice that the committee will give a hearing to all parties interested on Tuesday March 21, at 2 o'clock, P.M., in the Alderman's Room, City Hall.

Accepted.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 20.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Arcadia and Corwin Sts., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 15.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at the corner of W. Sixth and F Sts., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### THEATRES—"STANDING ROOM" SIGN.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Committee on Licenses be requested to instruct the managers of the various theatres to display a sign on the box office when there is standing room only, stating such fact.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I want merely to state that I have no ulterior purpose in offering that. I have been requested to put it in, and as it seemed a perfectly fair and reasonable request I did so.

The order was referred to the Committee on Licenses.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Rules and Orders of the City Council be hereby amended in Rule 1, by inserting after the clause relative to a Committee

on Contingent Expenses of the City Council, the following new clause, viz:—

A Committee on Finance, to consist of five members of the board of aldermen and eight members of the common council, who shall have the powers devolving upon such committee under the statutes, and shall examine into and report on all matters referred to them by the City Council.

Passed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, reconsideration on all votes passed today was refused.

Adjourned at 4:42 on motion of Ald. Dixon to meet on Monday, March 20, at 3 o'clock P. M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Saturday, March 18, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held today at 12 M., Chairman Barry presiding, for the purpose of drawing jurors.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:—

(1) Thirty additional traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, March sitting, viz:—

George Cassidy, Wd. 2; Robert P. Rankin, Wd. 18; James A. Munkley, Wd. 15; John A. Ordway, Jr., Wd. 12; Adolph C. M. Shunk, Wd. 21; Charles P. Van Auker, Wd. 10; William P. Driscoll, Wd. 7; George A. Neal, Wd. 10; Frederick N. Barbour, Wd. 10; Melvin S. Jones, Wd. 22; Daniel S. McCarthy, Wd. 7; Lewis C. Bullens, Wd. 22; James H. McLaughlin, Wd. 22; Thomas R. Lackey, Wd. 16; Patrick Kane, Wd. 18; George F. Bailey, Wd. 20; Jacob Barber, Wd. 8; Thomas L'Estrange, Wd. 14; Olney T. Meader, Wd. 21; Frank A. N. Fowler, Wd. 1; Telemachus T. Timayenis, Wd. 12; James Henry Marsh, Jr., Wd. 10; Edward Hurford, Wd. 24; Darwin Barnard, Wd. 11; J. Arthur Tappan, Wd. 21; Louis Boas, Wd. 16; Ambrose P. Hickey, Wd. 15; Maurice C. Hallett, Wd. 24; John J. Ray Mulcahey, Wd. 19, and Harry M. Symmes, Wd. 6.

(2) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, first session, April sitting, viz:—

Patrick Bowen, Wd. 9; Wallace A. Rowell, Wd. 4; Timothy F. Shea, Wd. 14; Abram H. Nelson, Wd. 1; Chas. G. G. Reynolds, Wd. 20; Daniel B. Flynn, Wd. 14; Milton T. Woodward, Wd. 2; Chas. A. Gladwin, Wd. 10; John E. Harney, Wd. 21; Chas. G. Soper, Wd. 10; Norman F. Northrup, Wd. 14; Samuel A. Simpson, Wd. 1; John H. Rothe, Wd. 7; Thos. J. King, Wd. 15; Wm. P. Stone, Wd. 16; John J. Kane, Wd. 12; Orrin F. Hodson, Wd. 15; James F. Hayes, 9; George J. Hasenpus, George A. Call, Wd. 15; Joseph B. Foster, Wd. 24; Henry K. W. Hall, Wd. 6; J. Herbert Foss, Wd. 25; Bernard McElhill, Wd. 20; Andrew J. Roche, Wd. 24; Patrick Murray, Wd. 25; Horace W. Snell, Wd. 18; Albert T. Eames, Wd. 23; Patrick Hurley, Wd. 19, Phillip W. Pratt, Wd. 7.

(3) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, second session, April sitting, viz:—

Eugene F. Lally, Wd. 13; James Flynn, Wd. 12; Frank J. Enos, Wd. 6; Richard E. O'Connor, Wd. 19; Wm. F. Simpson, Wd. 19; Joseph A. Turnbull, Wd. 4; Peter Chaplik, Wd. 14; Wm. A. Carney, Wd. 17; Richard W. Burns, Wd. 11; George H. Hendry, Wd. 19; Charles A. Meserve, Wd. 7; John P. O'Brien, Wd. 20; Thos. Meighan, Wd. 18; Sam'l S. Smith, Wd. 14; Patrick J. Maguire, Wd. 14; Stephen H. McCarthy, Wd. 23; John A. Pettis, Wd. 14; Bernard McGiffigan, Wd. 5; Richard H. G. Farrington, Wd. 23; John Quinn, Jr., Wd. 7; Thos. E. Hill, Wd. 15; Andrew G. Paul,

Wd. 21; Chas. S. Quinn, Wd. 10; Wm. Kelly, Wd. 14; Leslie M. Swett, Wd. 22; Julius Mathews, Wd. 10; Edmund Cussen, Wd. 15; Francis A. Smith, Wd. 13; Arthur D. Little, Wd. 8; John C. Morley, Wd. 1.

(4) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April sitting, viz:—

John E. Gill, Wd. 7; Walter F. Gill, Wd. 21; Edw. T. Merritt, Wd. 11; Wm. L. Ford, Wd. 13; Alonzo F. Andrews, Wd. 21; A. Pierce Green, Wd. 11; J. Addison Josslyn, Wd. 3; Edw. W. Needham, Wd. 18; John M. E. Morrill, Wd. 20; John J. Hemsworth, Wd. 15; Wm. N. McKenna, Wd. 23; Wm. Stephens, Wd. 14; Harrison Loring, Jr., Wd. 14; James H. Wainwright, Wd. 21; Michael J. Flynn, Wd. 12; Thos. J. McKenney, Wd. 5; Daniel Stowell, Wd. 9; Wm. Scampton, Wd. 5; John A. Reardon, Wd. 15; Chas. J. Reardon, Wd. 17; Matthew J. Myers, Wd. 14; Augustus M. Lydston, Wd. 4; John Gunning, Wd. 6; John B. Edgeworth, Wd. 7; Patrick C. Kelly, Wd. 3; Stephen Hunt, Wd. 4; Chas. F. Buttrick, Wd. 17; Edwin H. Pope, Wd. 9; Edwin A. Babb, Wd. 23; and Thos. P. Norton, Wd. 19.

(5) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, fourth session, April sitting, viz:—

Kenneth C. McDonald, Wd. 22; Edw. W. Gray, Wd. 12; Geo. H. Crook, Wd. 22; Frank S. Maloney, Wd. 2; Geo. E. Harkness, Wd. 6; James Connell, Wd. 19; Thos. W. McCarthy, Wd. 7; John Clark, Wd. 15; Herbert J. Littlefield, Wd. 20; John J. McManning, Wd. 18; Edwin Jaquith, Wd. 22; Thos. J. Mitchell, Wd. 18; James H. Stone, Wd. 7; Millbury F. Roak, Wd. 18; Thos. F. Foley, Wd. 13; James H. Ring, Wd. 21; John H. Snow, Wd. 10; Erastus C. Gaffield, Wd. 10; James N. E. Drake, Wd. 11; Edw. Murphy, Wd. 9; James H. Butler, Wd. 8; John F. O'Bryan, Wd. 17; John Kelly, Wd. 6; George H. Adams, Wd. 7; Jesiah W. White, Wd. 7; Cyrus Brigham, Wd. 21; Chas. W. Smith, Wd. 11; Wm. M. McGee, Wd. 20; Edmund H. Hewins, Wd. 12; Frank G. Coughlin, Wd. 23.

(6) Forty traverse jurors, Supreme Judicial Court, first Tuesday in April, viz:—

Howard W. Forbes, Wd. 22; James L. Wesson, Wd. 11; Fred D. Varney, Wd. 2; John J. Driscoll, Wd. 14; Patrick H. Moonhey, Wd. 10; Fred W. Robinson, Wd. 5; Joseph T. Hazelton, Wd. 23; John J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 14; John Meaney, Wd. 15; Caleb L. Pope, Wd. 24; John C. Rogers, Wd. 21; Daniel C. Holden, Wd. 11; James W. McNeil, Wd. 17; Eugene C. Walker, Wd. 10; John T. Hourihan, Wd. 24; Charles W. Sturgis, Wd. 11; Thomas W. Burroughs, Wd. 7; John J. Shea, Wd. 9; James Murphy, Wd. 8; Walter Winch, Wd. 12; Joseph C. Reiser, Wd. 19; Chas. H. K. Skillen, Wd. 24; George M. Coburn, Wd. 11; Herbert F. Maynard, Wd. 6; John Sample, Jr., Wd. 9; Lawrence H. Parker, Wd. 20; Edgar Shephard, Wd. 8; Abram Ripley, Wd. 15; Bartholomew Welsh, Wd. 13; John E. Simpson, Wd. 7; Gurdon E. Denison, Wd. 11; Ellsworth Holibaugh, Wd. 17; Daniel F. McAuliffe, Wd. 5; Franklin H. Wilkins, Wd. 4; Chas. M. Betton, Wd. 23; James P. Reardon, Wd. 20; Chas. D. Palmer, Wd. 10; James F. Ormond, Wd. 11; Wm. J. Hartnett, Wd. 2; Damon L. Oliver, Wd. 19.

Adjourned at 12:43 o'clock P. M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 20, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Codman.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, March 20, 1899

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint George M. Hosmer a Constable of the City of Boston, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Children's Institutions Department, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, March 20, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners recommending the passage of an order authorizing the said Board to so modify the restrictions contained in the deed of a certain lot of land bordering upon the Back Bay Fens as to make them conform to the restrictions placed upon similar parcels of land at the present time, and I concur in their recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Office at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Boston, March 18, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir: We have received a petition from Henry M. White and A. P. Loring, for a modification of the restriction as to the height of buildings which may be erected upon land bordering upon the Fens, to make it conform to that more recently adopted and to statute law.

In order to do this it is requisite that the City Council pass an order giving us authority to change the restrictions in such cases, and we enclose for your consideration a copy of an order approved by the Law Department, together with a copy of said petition. Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Office at Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Boston, March 13, 1899.

To the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Gentlemen: In deed of Henry M. White to the City of Boston, dated December 29, 1891, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2061, Page 569, conveying land for the widening of the Tremont Entrance to the Back Bay Park, said White covenanted with the City of Boston that he would hold his remaining land abutting upon said Park and said entrance to a distance of one hundred feet therefrom, subject to the following restrictions, to wit:—

1. No building erected or placed upon said premises shall be used as a livery or public stable, or for any mechanical or

manufacturing purposes, nor exceed five stories in height above the basement or cellar, nor exceed sixty feet in height from the mean grade of the edgestone of sidewalk in front to the ceiling of the extreme upper story (excepting churches or chapels) and no roof shall be used for laundry or clothes drying purposes.

On January 31, 1899, Mr. White conveyed to Mr. A. P. Loring a portion of his land on the corner of the Fenway and Worthington St., subject to the restrictions mentioned in said deed.

We now desire and ask that the restrictions placed on said land by said deed of White to the City of Boston be so far modified or amended as to conform to the restrictions at the present time placed upon Back Bay lands, and especially that they be so changed as to allow the erection on said land of buildings seventy feet in height.

This matter is very urgent, as Mr. Loring wishes to build on his land immediately. Yours respectfully,

Henry M. White,

By John H. Colby, his Attorney.

A. P. Loring,

By A. F. Clarke, Attorney.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, and by an instrument or instruments satisfactory to the Law Department, may, in the name and behalf of the City, alter and amend the restrictions contained in deeds heretofore given to the City by the owners of lands abutting upon the public parks, by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and may also insert after the word "chapels" in said clause the words,—or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said park.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Colby.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

1. Bernard J. Devine, three, at Nos. 66-68-70 A St., Wd. 13.

2. David Rubbinovz, one, over Huntington Ave and Heath St., from building on the easterly corner of said streets, Wd. 19.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, viz:—

Adolph H. Lock, a sign at 124 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

George McIrhsne, a sign, at 11 Oswego St., Wd. 9.

Giovanni Filoamo, a sign, at 141 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Mills & Meyers, a sign, at 87 Albion St., Wd. 9.

Charles S. Miller & Co., a sign, at 109 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Joe S. Tribuna, a sign, at 3 Lewis St., Wd. 6.

Atherton T. Brown, for leave to construct basement of proposed new building at 185 Summer St., at grade 10.

Claims.

Frank Brewster, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Massachusetts Ave., cor. Lansdowne St.

Patrick Hart, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Bowen St.

Bert C. Day, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on northeast side of Perham St.

Henry H. Salman, for the payment to

Charles F. Berry of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Centre and Stimson Sts.

John F. O'Brien, to be paid for damage to his sleigh by collision with fire apparatus.

Thake & Charles, for compensation for damage to horse, wagon and harness, caused by a defect in Warren Ave.

#### Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Oak St., Wd. 4.

#### Licenses.

St. Mary's Catholic Total Abstinence Society, for a permit for Ethel Thompson, under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Mary's Hall, cor. Moore and Saratoga Sts., on the evening of April 13.

#### Railroads.

Petitions of the West End Street Railway Company for locations, viz:—

1. For leave to construct additional tracks, curves, etc., to connect the Grove Hall Car-house with tracks in Blue Hill Ave.

2. For leave to lay a single track in City Sq., Park and Warren Sts., Charlestown.

3. For leave to construct curves at junctions of Northampton St. with Harrison Ave., Washington St. and Shawmut Ave., and at junctions of Dover St. with same streets.

#### Public Improvements.

Louis Segel, for leave to stretch guy ropes across Leverett and Chambers Sts.

Reuben Sherburne, for leave to construct areas in sidewalks at 17-19 Bennet St. and 1 Ash St., Wd. 7.

Atherton T. Brown, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 135 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Schofield Heirs, for leave to enlarge the present bulkhead in sidewalk at 20 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Kelley & Durkee, for leave to place an illuminated sign on a post in the sidewalk at 332 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 3, unfinished business, and on motion of Ald. Colby the Board voted to consider the appointments together, viz:—

3. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Fred Cutter, Armine W. Montgomery, and Maurice D. Kingsbury, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of James Fitzgerald, for leave to project two bay windows from buildings No. 375-381 Hanover St., Wd. 6—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, April 3, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Giuseppe Troccoli, for a license to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of petroleum, at 21 Albany St., for the year ending March 31, 1900—approving the same. Leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that miners' licenses be granted to 393 newsboys and 14 bootblacks.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of St. Mary's Catholic Total Abstinence Society (referred today), for a permit for Ethel Thompson, under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Mary's Hall, corner Moore and Saratoga Sts., on the evening of April 13, 1899—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

#### PUBLIC LANDING, JEFFRIES POINT.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Wd. 2, to be used as a public landing, at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

#### SHELTER AT PARK ST. TRANSFER.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to erect a suitable awning or shelter over the sidewalk at the Park St. Transfer Station on Dorchester Ave., for the comfort and convenience of the patrons of this road.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, BRIGHTON.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate a suitable number of electric lights on Tremont St., Wd. 25, between Oak Sq. and the Newton line, to properly light the street.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. DIXON presented the following petitions:—

H. F. Parkhurst, for leave to project an electric sign at 7 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Sing Lee, for leave to project a sign at 53 Howard St., Wd. 7.

William H. Crone, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 18 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Dixon, to suspend the rule and leave was granted to the petitioners upon the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, GRAMPAN WAY.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at No. 69 Grampan Way, Wd. 20.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:22 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Presbo to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:01 o'clock P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of H. Burr Crandall (referred February 13), for assessment of damages for lowering grade of McLellan St., Dorchester—that the same be referred to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(2) Report on message and order from the Mayor (referred March 13), recommending sale of land and buildings in East Boston, now used by the paving and sewer divisions of the Street Department—recommending the passage of the order and that said message be sent down.

The report was accepted, the message ordered sent down, and the order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on message of the Mayor (referred March 13), transmitting communication from Fire Commissioner relative to locating a fire alarm box at the corner of Columbus and Massachusetts Aves.—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; message placed on file.

(4) Report on the petition of Hugh J. Morrison (referred Feb. 27), for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the square at Field's Corner, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 4 A.M.—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of Kelley & Durkee (referred today) for leave to place an illuminated sign on a post in the sidewalk at 332 Boylston St., Wd. 11.—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioners given leave to withdraw.

(6) Report on the petition of Louis Segel (referred today), for leave to stretch guy ropes across Levee St. and Chambers Sts., Wd. 8.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Louis Segel to stretch, maintain and use guy ropes over and across public streets, as follows:

Three over and across Leverett Street, between Causeway and Cotting Streets, and 3 over and across Chambers Street, between Ashland and Poplar Sts., Wd. 8; same to be removed on or before September 20, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Report on the Mayor's Message with accompanying order, (referred today) relative to altering or amending deeds to city of land bordering on public parks,—recommending the passage of accompanying order, and that said message be sent down.

The report was accepted, the message was ordered sent down and the order was passed. Sent down.

**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

Ald. ADAMS moved reconsideration upon all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

**HALF HOLIDAY ON SATURDAYS.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday without loss of pay on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

**RESCISSON OF ASSESSMENT.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved December 29, 1898, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$50.19 against the estate of Jane C. Lannon on Centre St. next to the bridge, Wd. 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded on account of a previous edgestone and assessment therefor against said estate.

Passed.

**CLOSING OF CANTERBURY STREET.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Canterbury St., near Calder St., Wd. 23, to public travel during sewer construction.

Passed.

**RAILROADS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.**

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports on petitions

(severally referred today), of the West End Street Railway Co., recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, April 10, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:—

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to construct curves at junctions of Northampton St. with Harrison Ave., Washington St and Shawmut Ave. and at junction of Dover St. with same streets.

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to lay tracks in City Square, Park and Warren Sts., Charlestown.

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to construct additional tracks, curves, etc., to connect the Grove Hall Car-house with tracks on Blue Hill Ave.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

**ELECTRIC WIRES—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

Ald. BRICK, for Ald. Doyle, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Oak St., Wd. 4—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 27, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

**ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES APPOINTED.**

Chairman Barry announced the appointment of the aldermanic members of joint committees, as follows:—

Art Department—Doyle, Adams, McDonald, Berwin, Brick.

Assessing Department—Dixon, Colby, O'Toole, Presho, Day.

Auditing Department—Dixon, Codman, O'Toole, Day, Presho.

Bath Department—Berwin, O'Toole, Presho, Brick, Doyle.

Building Department—Day, Codman, Barry, Presho, Brick.

Cemetery Department—McDonald, Colby, Doyle, Codman, Day.

City Clerk Department—Codman, Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Day.

City Messenger Department—Dixon, Colby, Brick, Berwin, McDonald.

Claims—Colby, Day, Adams, O'Toole, McDonald.

Collecting Department—Presho, Brick, Adams, Day, Doyle.

Clerk of Committees Dept.—O'Toole, Presho, Doyle, Codman, Dixon.

Contingent Expenses—Presho, O'Toole, Codman, Dixon, McDonald.

Election Department—Dixon, Colby, Brick, Berwin, Doyle.

Engineering Department—Brick, Berwin, Day, Codman, McDonald.

Fire Department—McDonald, Presho, Dixon, Adams, Day.

Health Department—O'Toole, Berwin, Doyle, Colby, Brick.

Hospital Department—Dixon, Colby, McDonald, Codman, O'Toole.

Institutions Departments—O'Toole, Day, Presho, Colby, McDonald.

Lamp Department—Doyle, Adams, Day, O'Toole, Presho.

Legislative Matters—Presho, O'Toole, Colby, Brick, Dixon.

Library Department—Adams, McDonald, Presho, Doyle, Brick.

Market Department—Barry, Adams, O'Toole, Dixon, Codman.

Music Department—Codman, Day, Berwin, Dixon, McDonald.

Ordinances and Law Department—O'Toole, Colby, Barry, Adams, Day.

Overseeing of the Poor Dept.—Day, Berwin, Doyle, Presho, McDonald.

Park Department—Colby, Day, Presho, Brick, Dixon.

Police—Berwin, Dixon, Presho, Day, Brick.

Printing—Day, Berwin, Presho, Doyle, Dixon.

Public Buildings Department—O'Toole, Adams, McDonald, Codman, Doyle.

Public Grounds Department—O'Toole, Presho, Dixon, Colby, Doyle.

Public Lands—Adams, Day, Presho, Brick, O'Toole.

Registry Department—Brick, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Doyle.

Schools and School-houses—Codman, Dixon, Colby, O'Toole, McDonald.

Statistics Department—Colby, Day, Adams, Brick, Dixon.

Street Department—Codman, O'Toole, Brick, Berwin, McDonald.

Street Laying-Out Department—Berwin, Dixon, Day, Presho, Doyle.

Treasury Department—Adams, Brick, Colby, Doyle, McDonald.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Dixon, Adams, O'Toole, Codman, Doyle.

Water Department—Dixon, Presho, O'Toole, Berwin, Doyle.

#### JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Fourth of July—The whole board, Ald

Barry, Chairman. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho.

Labor Day—O'Toole, Codman, Day, Colby, Brick.

Mayor's Address—Berwin, Brick, McDonald.

Memorial Day—Barry, Berwin, Day.

Seventeenth of June—Presho, Berwin, Dixon, Day, Brick.

#### PAY FOR PUBLISHING PROCEEDINGS

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay, the Advertiser Newspaper Company the sum of \$8500 in full for publishing the proceedings of the City Council from February 1, 1898, to February 1, 1899, the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council proceedings.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

Adjourned at 4:10 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to meet on Monday, March 27, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 23, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

In the absence of President Kiley, the Council was called to order by Mr. Nangle, of Wd. 19, senior member.

Mr. NANGLE, in taking the Chair, said:—

Members will please come to order. Owing to the absence of the President this evening, it becomes the duty of the senior member to call you to order. The first business in order will be to elect a president pro tem.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the Clerk of this body be directed to cast one ballot for Charles P. Nangle as presiding officer pro tem.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in amendment of the motion, I move that Mr. Michael J. Lydon of Wd. 13 act as President pro tem.

The CHAIR—The question first comes on the amendment.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, as I understand it, it is always a matter of courtesy to tender an honor of this nature to the senior member of this body or organization of any kind. In the absence tonight of our presiding officer, in my judgment, it becomes the duty, as I said before, of the senior member to take the Chair. You will all recollect the fact that on the first Monday of the year Mr. Nangle, the gentleman who now occupies the chair, performed the duties of presiding officer, and performed them well. I hope now, Mr. President, that the members will be courteous enough on this occasion to tender to the gentleman who now occupies the position the honor of an election as presiding officer for this evening.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I don't think the selection of a presiding officer is a question of courtesy at all. It is a question of the will of the majority, and I, as a member of the majority on this floor, propose to vote for Michael J. Lydon as Chairman. I don't wish to be discourteous to the gentleman in the chair, as he is my friend; but for reasons best known to myself I prefer Michael J. Lydon as presiding officer.

The CHAIR—The question first comes on the substitution of the name of Michael J. Lydon in place of that of Charles P. Nangle, as president pro tem.

Mr. HICKLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I take no particular interest in this discussion here tonight. It is somewhat similar to the discussion which took place in this Council Chamber on Inauguration Day. But I feel that the argument of courtesy should be accorded some weight on this occasion. I feel that the argument which has been made by the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy), should hold water. I believe, Mr. President, that the gentleman who presided over the deliberations of this body on Inauguration Day with such skill and ability should be given that honor again tonight; and I hope that the democratic members of this body, at least, will stand by the regular denouement who now occupies the Chair and who should occupy it for the remainder of the evening.

The CHAIR—The question comes on the substitution of Michael J. Lydon for Charles P. Nangle as presiding officer.

The amendment was declared carried. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the amendment was carried, 39 members voting in the affirmative, 13 in the negative.

The motion as amended was adopted, and an announcement was made that the Clerk had attended to the duty assigned him, and that Mr. Lydon was elected President pro tem of the body.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mulcahy of Wd. 14, and Cuddy of Wd. 8, a committee to escort Mr. Lydon to the Chair.

The Committee attended to the duty assigned; and Mr. Lydon, upon assuming the Chair, was greeted with applause.

President LYDON—Gentlemen, I assure you that I am very grateful to you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I shall endeavor to perform my duties here fairly and impartially, and hope that my action will meet with your approval.

## CONDITION OF BRIGHTON SCHOOLS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Health Department.

March 16, 1899.

To the Common Council, City of Boston.

Gentlemen:—In response to your order of the 2nd inst., concerning the Brighton High and William Wirt Warren schoolhouses, in Brighton, the Board of Health respectfully reports that on examination the latter house is found to have defective drainage in its basement at the foot of the soil-pipe near the sink on the boys' side; also in that part of the basement where the urinal is located. All the fixtures are trapped and ventilated. The Latrines are located in the basement and were found to be in a fair condition. At the time of the examination a slight odor was noticeable from the urinal in the basement. The ventilating apparatus connected with the school appeared at the time of this inspection to be in good working order. The fresh air shaft, however, passes through the basement and rooms in which the privy and urinal accommodations are located and when its valves are open the air shaft receives air from the basement rooms which ought not to be permitted.

The Brighton High schoolhouse was examined on complaint the latter part of January, 1899, and a report of its condition and needs was made to the School Committee, a copy of which we enclose herewith.

The only addition we would make to the enclosed report to the School Committee, is that the same alterations from the Mott washout to the single and ventilated water closets, is that we would recommend that the same changes be made on the boys' side as are recommended for the girls' closets and for the same reasons.

An estimate of the expense of such repairs and alterations might better be obtained from the Building Department.

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,  
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman,  
City of Boston, Health Department.

Boston, Jan. 26, 1899.

Honorable School Committee,

Gentlemen: Complaint having been made at this office of the offensive odors in basement of the Brighton High School building, the Board of Health has made personal examination and finds that the washout, under the girls' closets, is in bad condition and is the cause of a nuisance of the most unpleasant character, and which ought to be corrected without delay. The Board would suggest that the situation of these closets makes it practically impossible to utilize a washout as a means of flushing, without annoyance through the fresh air shafts and otherwise to the whole building; it does, therefore, respectfully suggest that the individual short hopper with local vent for each and an extension of the drain for about 25 feet will be the most serviceable, satisfactory and, in time, the most economical means of correcting the evil. Yours very truly,

The Board of Health,  
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings Department, when appointed.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF L ST. BATH-HOUSE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Bath Commissioners in reference to your order requesting the placing of the children's room at the L St. bathhouse "in a more suitable condition."

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Department of Baths, 64 Pemberton Sq.,  
Boston, March 11, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:—

Dear Sir: Replying to the order of Councilman Logan of Wd. 14, dated March 2, 1899, I beg leave to say that I am requested by the Trustees of the Bath Department to state that before opening the L-St. Bath-house for the summer bathing, the different rooms for children, men and women will have been placed in as good condition as possible consistent with the character of the accommodations offered to the public at that place.

The Committee of the Bath Trustees on the South Boston district are giving considerable attention to the L-St. Bath-house, and before the opening of the season, will have placed the accommodations on the beach in a good sanitary condition.

Respectfully yours,  
Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary.

Placed on file.

#### CONDITION OF TICKNOR SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order asking that an investigation be made of the sanitary condition of the Ticknor Schoolhouse, South Boston.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston—In School Committee.  
March 14, 1899.

The Committee on Schoolhouses, to whom was referred (Feb. 14) a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that the sanitary condition of the Ticknor School, South Boston, be investigated, and that such changes and repairs as are necessary be made so as to put the same in proper condition, report that they have again investigated the condition of this building and are fully acquainted with its necessities with regard to alterations and repairs. These are so extensive, however, as to involve the closing of the school, should the work be undertaken at the present time. Your committee therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed through His Honor the Mayor that it is the intention of this committee to furnish new sanitary accommodations for this school, and to make other alterations and repairs, during the coming summer vacation. For the Committee,

Thomas F. Strange, Chairman.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:  
Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Placed on file.

#### LIST OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 23, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Pauper Institutions Trustees in reply to your order requesting a report giving "the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments." Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Pauper Institutions Trustees, 28 Court Sq.  
March 22, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reference to the order of the Common Council, dated March 9th, 1899, "that the Board of Trustees of Pauper Institutions be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council the names of employment agencies with which they deal in securing help for their departments," I would respectfully report as follows:—

It is the custom of the Pauper Institutions Trustees to leave largely in the hands of the superintendents of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island and the Charlestown Almshouse, respectively, the privilege of securing such help as does not fall within the classified lists of the Civil Service. We find, on inquiry, that such help has been secured during the year February 1st, 1898, to January 31st, 1899, from several employment agencies, to some of which fees have, while to others fees have not been paid, as follows:—

Name of Agency.	Fees paid.
Ray's Employment Bureau.....	\$11.50
Sisters of Charity.....	4.50
Gray Nuns.....	3.00
Women's Education and Industrial Unlon..	1.50
Boston Young Men's Christian Association.	1.00
Joseph Breck & Sons.....	0.00
Mercantile Reference and Bond Association	0.00
Miss Dunning's Agency.....	0.00

As no formal records have been kept directly bearing upon the question raised, it is possible that this list may not be complete, but it is believed to be correct, so far, at least, as payments are concerned.

Very truly yours,  
William T. Sedgwick, Chairman.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, as that communication is in reply to an order of mine, I desire to make a statement. I wish to say that I did not ask the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees to make an apology for having hired clerks at employment agencies. I merely asked them to name the employment bureaus from which they employed help. I infer from that communication that the practice is general, and I trust that in future, we will take some action prohibiting it.

The communication was placed on file.

#### VETO OF BUILDING PERMIT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 21, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to William H. J. Stone for a wooden addition to a building on Poplar St., Wd. 23, for the reason that the owner of the building now desires to build the addition of brick, and has withdrawn his application for a permit to build a wooden addition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The question came on reconsideration of the vote whereby the said order was passed again, and on its passage again, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion of Mr. Brauer of Wd. 23, further consideration of the matter was indefinitely postponed.

#### NON-RESIDENT EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 17, 1899.

To the City Council:

I return herewith without my approval

an ordinance amending the language of Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances, so as to provide that none but legal voters of Boston shall be employed in any capacity as male subordinates in any department.

Section 12 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885 expressly provides that the City Council shall not "directly or indirectly take part in the employment of labor..... or in the conduct of any of the executive or administrative business of the city," nor in the appointment of officers or subordinates, except the officers elected by the City Council or subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. The Corporation Counsel has repeatedly given his opinion that, under this provision of law, it is entirely outside of the powers of the City Council to undertake to define by ordinance the qualifications of officials or employees, or to impose limitations upon their selection by the executive departments. It is true that the Section of the ordinances which is amended by the ordinance before me provides that heads of departments shall employ "none but citizens of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston;" this provision, however, for the reason above stated, has no legal effect, and I did not make objection to its insertion in the last revision of the ordinances partly because of this fact, and partly because there seemed to be no objection to the observance of such a provision.

In respect to the merits of the amendment now proposed, while I have considerable sympathy with the purpose in view, it seems to me it would be going altogether too far to lay down an absolute rule that in no case should any person not a legal voter of the city be employed as a male subordinate in any department. In the first place, this would absolutely prevent the employment of minors under 21 years of age, a considerable number of whom are almost necessarily employed by certain departments; in the second place, if such a provision were enforced, it would compel the summary dismissal of quite a number of officials and employees who have been for many years in the employ of the city and are rendering useful service, as it might be impossible for them, in many instances, to qualify at once as legal voters of the city; and, in the third place, while I believe in giving preference in all cases to citizens of Boston, as provided by the present ordinance, I am not prepared to accept the position that, whatever the technical requirements of any office may be, or however important it may be to secure the best expert service attainable or the benefit of special experience, the departments shall be in all cases confined to persons whose names can be found on the voting lists of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the reconsideration of that ordinance, and that it be placed upon its passage; and that when the vote is taken it be taken by the yeas and nays. I hope we will pass it over the Mayor's veto.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion made by Mr. Linehan is not necessary, as the question comes on the passage of the ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor. The question is on the passage of the ordinance notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is provided by law that the vote shall be taken by the yeas and nays, when it is taken.

Mr. WATSON—Wd. 13—Mr. President, as a matter of information, I wish to know whether it takes 50 votes to pass the ordi-

nance over the Mayor's veto, or whether it only takes two-thirds of those present?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it requires 50 votes to pass the ordinance over the Mayor's veto.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, while I feel that I might for some reasons favor the ordinance offered by the gentleman, simply because it distinctly states that none but citizens of Boston shall be employed, still, again, Mr. President, on the other hand, in order to show that the members of the Council should consider this matter carefully, I wish to call attention to the fact that this amendment has been declared unconstitutional, and that from all that we can learn, it is. Now, Mr. President and gentlemen, I do not know how any other members feel on this matter, but I myself will uphold the Mayor's veto in reference to this matter, and will sustain him in his veto on this question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I do not desire to take all the time of the Council this evening in talking, but I trust that I may be pardoned for addressing the members of this body for a few minutes upon this measure. I see every reason for passing this measure over the Mayor's veto. In the Mayor's veto itself, he gives us a good reason. He says that the previous provision in the ordinance providing that citizens of Boston shall be given the preference had no legal effect. However that may be, Mr. President, it puts the burden upon those who were not citizens of proving the ordinance unconstitutional, and I think the insertion of the words "legal voters" puts the burden upon those working for the city and not living here. Let them prove the unconstitutionality of this ordinance. I feel it high time, Mr. President, that the taxpayers of Boston—and I mean the poll taxpayers, as well as the real estate taxpayers—should receive the benefit of living in the city of Boston. I do not see why the taxpayers of Boston should have to pay the salaries of residents of Gloucester, Winthrop, Lowell, Amesbury, and I might go as far as North Adams, Mr. President. The argument used by some who are trying to favor the Mayor's veto tonight is that the class of people hired from out of town is such that we cannot find people to fill their places—that it is a class of work which it requires people from outside of the city to do. It is true that the argument has not been advanced upon the floor of the Council tonight, but it may be before this debate is through.

The ordinance was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Now, I wish to say that my position tonight is not antagonistic to the Mayor. I am stating my position as to the ordinance on principle. If the words providing that citizens of Boston should be given the preference in the ordinance before had no legal effect, why did not he, as Mayor of Boston, have that ordinance amended? Why does he take this position at this time? Because, Mr. President and members of the Council, this ordinance originated in this body and was introduced by a member not inclined to be friendly to the Mayor. It is that reason, and for no other reason. There is no question about it. No one can deny it. I say, as I said in the beginning of my few remarks, that the burden should be upon those who are non-residents and non-voters of Boston to prove this ordinance unconstitutional. By and by, Mr. President, you will find out that at least half the employees of the city of Boston—those who have good jobs—not laboring jobs, are not residents and legal voters of the city of Boston. I trust that this will not be an administration and Anti-administration movement, but that the ordinance will be passed over the Mayor's veto in the interests of the legal voters of Boston.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words in

regard to this ordinance. I will try to explain my reasons for introducing it. A short time ago the trustees of the pauper institutions tendered the position of Superintendent of Long Island to a gentleman by the name of Garvin, who was then warden of the Indiana State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Since then I have found out that Mr. Garvin is now in the State of Connecticut—the result of a law passed by the state legislature of Indiana to investigate the institution that he was warden of. He is a man who is notorious for severity, for cruelty to the inmates. That is the reason why he was dropped from the Indiana Penitentiary; and he is the man whom the trustees of the pauper institutions want to pile on to the poor inmates, the people of Long Island—a man notorious for crushing humanity, for solitary confinement and imprisonment! That is the man they were to pay \$5000 a year to. Now, as it is apparent to me that it is almost impossible to get fifty votes to pass this order tonight, I move you, sir, that the ordinance be assigned to the next meeting.

#### PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, with statements appended, relative to the construction of additional sewerage works. (City Doc. 70.)

Placed on file.

2. Notice of the announcement of the appointment of joint standing and joint special committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen.

Placed on file.

3. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire-alarm box at or near the Field's Corner station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, in Wd. 20.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the rules and orders of the City Council be hereby amended in Rule 1, by inserting after the clause relative to a Committee on Contingent Expenses of the City Council, the following new clause, viz.:—

"A Committee on Finance, to consist of five members of the Board of Aldermen and eight members of the Common Council, who shall have the powers devolving upon such committee under the statutes, and shall examine into and report on all matters referred to them by the City Council."

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. TURNBULL of Wd. 4—Mr. President, if any member can give me any information in regard to this order, I would like to hear it? Otherwise, I will move the indefinite postponement of this order. It seems to me the most nonsensical order I have seen this year. "A committee on finance!"—a committee to report upon financial matters to the Board of Apportionment, when their reports would not be worth the paper they were written on? I think the alderman who introduced this order is a member of the Committee on Finance, and I certainly cannot understand why he has put in such a farcical order as this, because the Committee on Finance last year was the biggest farce I ever attended, and I have been present at one or two farces in this body. I think that is the biggest farce that I was ever connected with. We all know that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has the right to appropriate all sums of money; and I certainly cannot understand why orders coming from this body or the Board of Aldermen should be referred to the Committee on Finance and then reported from that body to the Board of Apportionment. I cannot understand what weight they could have. If any member here can give me any information in regard to this or-

der, I will withdraw my motion. Otherwise I will move that the order be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, while I am not on speaking terms with the alderman who introduced this order (laughter), I think I am in a position to give the information the member from Wd. 4 desires. There is money held by the city in trust, such as the Randidge fund, etc., which the Board of Apportionment has nothing whatever to do with. The law says that all expenditures of money held in trust shall be approved by the Finance Committee of the City Council; and for that reason the Finance Committee is absolutely necessary. However, I have no objection to this going over for a week, if this information is insufficient for the member.

Mr. TURNBULL—Mr. President, in view of that information I will withdraw my motion and will ask that the matter be assigned for one week.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the order will not be assigned, inasmuch as it is necessary that this committee should be appointed. The joint committees of the Council will be given out, I believe, at the next meeting. It will be well that the order pass tonight, so that the committees can all be given out. I am told by Mr. Watson that it is absolutely necessary that this committee should be appointed, because money cannot be paid out from some of the trust funds without the payment being sanctioned by the Committee on Finance. Therefore it becomes necessary that the committee be appointed. I don't see any good that will come from assigning this order for one week. I sincerely hope it will pass tonight.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that the order will be assigned for one week, on the ground that we would like a little knowledge or some information in regard to it. The gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Watson) supplied us with a small amount, but I am under the impression that there is more. I trust that the matter will be assigned.

The motion to assign was lost.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence. Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider; lost.

5. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the several departments to allow a half-holiday without loss of pay on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the City Treasurer to pay, the Advertiser Newspaper Company the sum of \$3500 in full for publishing the proceedings of the City Council from February 1, 1898, to February 1, 1899, the said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council proceedings.

Passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Wd. 2, to be used as a public landing, at an expense not exceeding \$300; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I would like to ask the members of the Council, through the President, if there is anyone who can give me any information as to the purport of this order, and why this expense should be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental expenses? If there is not, I will move the assignment of the order for one week.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President,

this order is something which comes before us each year. There is a public landing in the vicinity of Jeffries' Point at present, and it has been there for a number of years; and this order provides for the appropriation of money that the lease may be renewed. The reason why it is charged to the City Council, incidental expenses, I don't know. But it seems that that has always been the case.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, if I may be permitted to furnish further information at this time, I will simply say that last year, Alderman Conry introduced this order in the Board of Aldermen, that it passed that body unanimously, and also passed the Common Council, and that it provides for the maintenance at Jeffries' Point in East Boston, Mr. Chairman, of a public landing, which is a necessity there. The landing is in the immediate vicinity of three of the finest boat houses in New England—the Everett, Columbian, and Jeffries boat houses. As a member representing East Boston, I will deem it a favor if the other members of the Council will allow this order to go on its passage this year, the same as last year.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask some of the members who know so much about this why the \$300 should come out of the city council?

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I am not opposed to the Everett Boat Club or any other boat club having a landing near their boat house; but I am opposed to our paying \$300 a year for it. I don't know how much land is used, but it seems to me it must be a mighty big place if it could not be paid for entirely in five or six years at the rate of \$300 a year. If I am creditably informed, it has been hired by the city for five years. If this sort of thing is to go on, and this yearly payment is to be made, it seems to me the property will be very soon paid for, and I think it would be better for the city to buy it outright. I think the principle is wrong. I am not opposed to the city purchasing land for boat landings; and, possibly, after this order is assigned to another meeting, I may favor the position taken by the member from Wd. 2, but I certainly cannot do so at this meeting.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I desire to say at this time that the motion to assign the matter will be perfectly agreeable to me. I have no doubt that Ald. Day, who introduced this order in the upper branch of the City Council, had good reason for so doing, and that he was not only guided by precedent but by good judgment. I have no objection, however, to allowing the order to go over for one week.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to add one more word. I think when we begin taking something from the City Council Incidental Expense Fund we are establishing a bad precedent. I might come here at the next meeting and put in an order to take the balance of the incidental fund for the repairing of Ruggles St. in my ward, which badly needs it. I am more than ever inclined to think that we should assign this order to the next meeting, and defeat it then. (Laughter.)

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Mayor message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets and, in accordance with his request, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the land and buildings owned by the city, now used by the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department, and situated between Chelsea and Paris Sts., East Boston, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the same in the name of the city; the proceeds received from such sale to be turned into the Treasury, subject to subsequent appropriations by the Board of Estimate

and Apportionment and the City Council. The message was placed on file, the first reading of the order was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4, and the question came on giving it a second reading.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in this order, No. 8 on the calendar, we are requested to give the mayor the right to sell a certain piece of property which at the present time is not being used by the city. Before giving him that authority I think that everyone in this body ought to be informed, through the Mayor's department, how much land there is there, and approximately what it is worth. I am not a believer in the theory that every time there is anything that the city does not use for a few months, we should give the Mayor the authority to sell it. If he avails himself of the authority which it is proposed to give him under this order, the proceeds received from such sale are to be turned into the treasury, subject to subsequent appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council. Now, I move that this matter be assigned for one week, and that in the meantime His Honor the Mayor be requested to give us some information as to how many feet of land there are in this parcel, and approximately what it is worth, because I think it may be a good thing for the city to own a little land. Just at the present time this piece of land is not being used, but there may be some other purpose for which the East Boston people will be very glad to use that particular land.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, this property which the city desires to sell is a piece of land which has been used as a yard for a number of years for the storage of stone, and for similar purposes. Last year the city bought a wharf where they can receive the stone and gravel direct from the vessel, and thus save the carting of the same. This boat property is a property which they spent \$16,000 or \$18,000 for, and I should judge that there was about 80,000 feet in all. It runs clear out to the channel, and the reason for their wanting to sell the present yard is that they desire to build new buildings on the wharf property, and to transfer the amount received for this yard to the building of such buildings.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I have no particular objection to the assignment of this matter, and yet I feel that this Council could wisely determine on the justice of it at the present time. I feel that the order as framed, and as it appears on the calendar, is a wise one, and that it has been properly framed. The old site which has been used by the street department in East Boston for years past is in the central portion of the island, and it is in a very valuable location. The city has no use for it whatever, and in the present condition of the city's finances it seems to me it behooves the members of the Council to vote for the order as it appears on the calendar.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I wish to favor the assignment of the order for one week, on the ground of precedent. It seems to me that the reason that the Legislature, in its wisdom, took away the power of this body in financial matters, was because they felt that financial matters received no due consideration at the hands of this body—that matters were log-rolled and passed through this Council without any proper consideration whatever. It seems to me that we find in this order a hidden motive on the part of Mayor Quincy. We find an attempt to make history repeat itself, and to show that, whatever financial measures are brought before this body, it will not give them their due and proper consideration. We find here an order asking us to give the Mayor authority to execute a deed for this land, and to turn the pro-

ceeds of the land, however great or small,—and that is entirely unknown to us—into the general treasury of the city. We do not know anything about the value of this property, although some of the members from East Boston have told us that it is used for a storage yard. We do not know its present value or how it will enhance in value in the future. If the Mayor was frank enough to embody in this order a provision that the proceeds shall be used to build new storage warehouses on the new lot, I think I should favor the order, but he asks us to vote for an order providing that the proceeds shall be turned into the general treasury, subject to future appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council. It seems to be a scheme on the part of a bankrupt administration to obtain more funds for its support, and, for one, I favor the assignment of the matter until it can be looked into by the members of the Council.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, with reference to the remarks of the last speaker, I want to say to him that when it was a question of giving an appropriation of money proper consideration in this body during the last three years, I want to tell that gentleman from Wd. 10, that it always received proper consideration at the hands of the members of this body. He will have to admit himself that it has received such consideration this year, and I admit that it has done so for the past three years. As for the gentleman from Wd. 11, I want to state that if he was so desirous of knowing the valuation of this property, he being in City Hall, where I have met him on several occasions, it would not have been a difficult thing or much out of his way for him to take a step into the Superintendent of Streets' office and find out the valuation of this property. Now, Mr. President, I do not know anything about this site in East Boston, and I do not know anything about the new site; but it seems to me that East Boston is the target tonight. I hope the members of the body will allow this matter to go through. There is no scheme here. The city has bought new property, and it desires to get rid of the old property. If the gentleman from Wd. 10 desires to know what they receive from this property, let him wait until they sell it, and then he will find out. If you keep assigning it from week to week, and from month to month, you will never find out.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope assignment will prevail, and in answer to the gentleman who stands in the same division as I do (Mr. Mulcahy), when he refers to the gentleman from Wd. 11 going to see the Superintendent of Streets and finding out the valuation of this property, I would like to tell him that I waited an hour the other day to see the Superintendent of Streets in reference to a matter about the Dover St. bridge. It was a matter affecting the bridge, Mr. President, where human life was at stake—

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President: I rise to a point of order.

Mr. LINEHAN (continuing)—and I waited an hour, and I could not see the Superintendent of Streets.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman from Wd. 14 will please state his point of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—As the gentleman has taken his seat, Mr. President, it is not necessary.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, it seems to be necessary for me to differ with the gentleman from Wd. 14 in everything tonight. I do not care a tinker's whether this is assigned for a week, for a month, or whether it is passed tonight. But I do want to answer the gentleman, the wise man from Wd. 14. He says this Council has voted money heretofore to the Mayor, and has passed orders giving him money and entrusting him with it. That is true, but we do not know what has become of it. Now, the fact that we have

erred in the past is no reason why we should continue erring. To use a phrase that is used a great deal in my ward, I want to say that I am a little "leery" of His Honor the Mayor. I want to say that I, as a member of this body, and as a democratic member of this body, have bought gold bricks. I want to say that last year we discovered a scheme in the Gibson St. order, in which it was proposed to sell city property located there. Perhaps there is something back of this. I will leave it to the judgment of the members whether it is necessary to assign it. I do not care whether it is assigned or not, but I did want to answer the gentleman from Wd. 14 in reference to action taken by the Council in the past.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the previous question.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I trust the main question will not be ordered, as I would like to say a few words more in regard to this, and I think there are several others who would like to speak upon it. I would be glad to give Mr. Kasanof the same privilege, whenever he wants it.

The question came on ordering the main question, and it was not ordered.

The question came on the assignment of the matter for one week.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, the Democratic oracle from Wd. 14 has said that when we are in City Hall we can go into the office of the Superintendent of Streets and find out just what that land is worth. In the next breath he says that he believes in passing this order right straight through, in a rush—don't wait a minute. That is all right, but perhaps we will wait. Then, before he gets through, he says that he don't know anything about that land, but that he is willing to vote for the order, although he acknowledges that he does not know anything about it. Now, for the benefit of that gentleman, I ask that assignment may prevail, in order that he can get some information, so that the next time he speaks on this order he will know something about it.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I desire to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 11 in reference to this matter. He tells me that I ought to know what I am talking about, or to get some information in relation to this order. I wish to tell him that there is information enough for me in the order as it is printed in the calendar. I take the word of the people who put it here. There is not any question but that this property is located there. That is information enough for me—that it is there, and that it is for sale.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I wish to answer the gentleman from Wd. 14. I am not prepared to take the word of the party who framed this order. We have taken it several times on financial questions, and it has proved a failure in several cases. I would like to know before this order is passed whether the land is worth \$2 or \$3 a foot, and if it is as valuable as the gentleman from East Boston claims, and if it is situated in the central part of the city, I think it is good property for the city to hold. I think it may increase in value in a week or two and that we had better hold it.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President and gentlemen, while I intend to vote for this order which is on the calendar, I will be fair enough to say that I think it is no more than right that it should be assigned. If I understand this matter rightly, the proceeds from the sale of this land are to be used for the erection of buildings for use as a sanitary yard, a paving yard, a sewer yard and a street cleaning yard. I understand that they are going to adopt new rules over there and have a street cleaning division, and also a branch of the sanitary division. The conditions are such that the yard they have is not big enough for that purpose, and as I understand it they intend to sell

this land in order to have more room, and in order to have the four divisions in one yard. While I intend to vote for the order, I think it would be no more than right to assign it for a week, so that we can get all the information we desire to.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want again to answer the gentleman from Wd. 14. In his last remarks he said that sufficient information was contained in this order for him. I would like to ask him if he received a gold brick circular, would that be any reason why he should buy a gold brick?

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, there is no member in this Council tonight who has enjoyed the keen wit of those who oppose the passage of this order any more than I do. I rise to say that I, as one man, would be quite willing to have this order assigned rather than have it run the chance of being defeated. I will, however, repeat my former words, to the effect that this land is very valuable, and that the property to which it is proposed to transfer the yard is not nearly so valuable, being wharf property, away down near to Chelsea Creek. It seems to me there should be no opposition to an order of this kind. I might be permitted to remark that the gentleman from Wd. 10 has never found any very great difficulty in discovering some hidden scheme of the Mayor's, behind any order that comes here from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. BORDMAN—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 2, I would state that I think we have very good justification for looking for hidden schemes.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I should like to say one word in regard to this order. I come from that locality. The property is valuable, and I certainly hope that this order will be laid over for one week, in order to give the members a chance to go there and see the property for themselves. I certainly would like to see the money expended in the new location. As the member from Wd. 10 has stated, I do not believe it should be put into the treasury, with a chance for it to go somewhere else. I certainly hope it will go over for one week.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was declared carried.

9. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, concurring in the recommendation of said Board of the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, and by an instrument or instruments satisfactory to the Law Department, may, in the name and behalf of the city, alter and amend the restrictions contained in deeds heretofore given to the city by the owners of lands abutting upon the public parks, by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and may insert after the word "chapels" in said clause the words, "or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said park."

The reading of the order was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 4, the message and communication were placed on file, and the order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

#### INTEREST ON TAXES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz:—

10. Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899,

or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of six per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said 1st day of November, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

The reading of the order was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14, and the question came on the amendment offered by Mr. Watson, to strike out the words "seven per cent." and to substitute the words "six per cent." therefor.

The amendment was adopted. Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I should like to amend the amendment by striking out the words "twelve per cent.," and by inserting the words "six per cent."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the amendment has been adopted.

Mr. EMERY—Well, mine is an amendment to the amendment.

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman kindly repeat his amendment?

Mr. EMERY—I move to amend by inserting the words "six per cent." in place of the words "twelve per cent."

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Emery's amendment.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, while any words of mine upon this subject may be unavailing, I desire to say a few words at this time. I wish to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the taxes provided for in No. 10 on the calendar are due and payable on October 1, and, as I understand it, if they are not paid by November 1, they go on interest at that time, and interest is charged at the rate of six per cent.; and if they are not paid by the first of January next, the interest shall then be increased to seven per cent., but on account of the adoption of the amendment, interest will now only be charged at six per cent. Now, Mr. President, I desire to call the attention of the Council to this one bare fact, that the agitation concerning this order, which started out in behalf of the poor men of the city—the man who might own a single little home and not be able to pay the taxes when they become due—has now come to the point where the member in the fourth division has offered an amendment in the interest of the banking people, and asks that the interest on shares of national bank stock shall be reduced from twelve to six per cent.—something most extraordinary, to my mind, Mr. President. I wish once more to call the attention of the Council to the fact that this order was framed by men who have a wider and better knowledge of the city's finances than I have, and than the majority of the members of the Council have. I hope that the amendment concerning the shares of national bank stock will not be adopted.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I would say, in answer to the gentleman who has just spoken that this matter was not brought up altogether by those who advocate this in the interest of the poor people. It was brought up in the interest of a plain principle of business—a principle that touches the rich as well as the poor. In regard to the amendment offered by Mr. Emery of Wd. 21 I would say, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 2, that it is largely the poor people who invest their money in savings banks. Seven-eighths of the capital stock of national banks is owned by the savings banks and represents the investments of the poorer class of people. Six per cent. interest is certainly a just rate of interest, and no one should be punished by

the city of Boston who is unfortunate enough not to be able to pay his taxes when they become due—especially when the city is making three per cent. upon every tax bill that is not paid. If the city of Boston was losing any money out of this, it would be a different consideration; but it is not, it is making money out of every tax bill that is not paid, for the reason that the money they hire does not cost them more than three per cent., and they are now asking the right to charge seven per cent and twelve per cent. I hope that the amendment will prevail.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 2 says that that law was framed by people who were more wise than he. I don't know who the people were, but I question whether they were wiser than he. The conditions have changed very much in the last few years, and I see no reason why the word "six" should not be substituted for the word "twelve." As regards the people being affected by the unpaid taxes on national bank stock, I think that has been a very much over-estimated quantity, for the reason that, so far as I understand it, all the banks in the city and surrounding cities pay the tax themselves, without delay. I have had more or less experience in a number of cases, and I know that the banks themselves have paid the taxes before the first day of November, when by not doing so they would be liable for any extra interest. But I think all corporations should be treated alike, and I hope the word "six" will be substituted for the word "twelve." There are not many shrewd business men who will pay six per cent. interest on unpaid taxes, when they can borrow all the money they want for considerably less than that.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I presume I am called upon to defend my amendment, which is to strike out the word "seven" in the 10th line, and insert in place thereof the word "six."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the amendment offered by Mr. Watson has been adopted (laughter), the question being on the additional amendment offered by Mr. Emery of Wd. 21.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, then I am not in as bad shape as I thought. I was after a nap in the corridors. (Laughter.) I am opposed to amending by striking out the word "twelve" and inserting in place thereof the word "six." I see no reason why the banks and the rich people who hold stocks in them should not pay 12 per cent if they are delinquent. Money today with the rich people is easy, and it is very hard with the poor people. That is the reason why I introduced my amendment reducing the amount from seven per cent to six per cent, in the interest of poor people. But I cannot agree with my friend from Wd. 20, that there should be any reduction in this other amount at all. I think the larger the penalty the better it is in the case of the banks. I hope the amendment will not prevail. I am sincere in this. I think the banks should pay their taxes when they are due. They are able to do so, and if they do not do so the larger the penalty the better.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I am at a loss to see the point in the arguments here tonight in regard to the payment of a rate of 12 per cent interest on bank stock. We all know—or at least any person who has looked into it knows—that at least 80 per cent of the bank stock of the national banks of Boston is held by the savings banks, and the largest percentage of the depositors in the savings banks are of the poorer people, people who put in one dollar, two dollars, three dollars, five dollars at a time. This stock which is held by the savings banks is paying them in the neighborhood of only 3½ to 4 per cent. Now, it is absolute folly to say that any holder of national bank stock who has not paid the tax on the

first day of November should pay 12 per cent upon it, when he is only getting 4 per cent on the investment. I have looked into this matter quite carefully, and I don't know of any national bank that has allowed the tax to go over for a moment. I should like to ask at this point, Mr. President, if a substitute order would be in order at the present time?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state that a substitute order would be in order at the present time.

Mr. WOOD—I will offer one, then, Mr. President.

Mr. WOOD offered the following substitute:

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year of 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of five per cent, per annum up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of six per cent, per annum after and including said first day of January, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, this is not an order which particularly concerns the people of my district, and perhaps I am becoming a little too prominent in the debate upon it. I have tried to uphold the original order every time it came into the Council. I would like to ask the gentleman who has offered the order to tell me, after I have concluded my few remarks, what provision he has made there in the way of penalty if the tax levied on the stock of the national banks is not paid at all? What clause is there in his amendment which provides that the bank shall suffer a certain penalty if they do not pay? I want to call the attention of the members to this particular fact, that the taxes which have been raised to meet the assessment levied by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are due and payable October 1st, and the order very leniently not only gives banks, but everybody else one month—the entire month of October—in which to meet their just debts. There is no interest to be charged up to anybody until the first day of November; and if the national banks cannot pay the tax due on their stock, when they are allowed the whole of the month of October to do it, I say it is not unjust to then charge them 12 per cent. I claim that the money which is due on the shares of stock of national banks should be paid when it is due. The argument that has been brought in here in reference to depositors has nothing at all to do with the question. Depositors in the savings banks of the city deposit their money and presumably pay their bills on the outside, and they expect the bank in which they deposit their money to pay its bills when they fall due. As I say, the banks are given the entire month of October in which to pay their debts, and then if they are not paid on the first of November they are charged 12 per cent, on the bank stock tax, which I claim is not an excessive charge.

Mr. WOOD—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman who last spoke, I would like to state that my order does provide for a 5 and 6 per cent charge on all taxes that are not paid on the first of November and the first of January, for this reason. National banks with money on hand to lend at 5 per cent, will not pay a 6 per cent rate to the city of Boston on the small amount they are called upon to pay; and that, so far as I can learn, no

national bank has ever paid the 12 per cent. There is absolutely no need of that amount of interest being mentioned in the order whatever, as the 5 and 6 per cent clause covers that. Also, when the poor people are referred to, who are the people who are interested in the national bank stock? It is certainly the poor people, through the savings banks. The fact is that this amount of money is set aside by every national bank to pay its taxes, and is deducted from the rate of interest paid the depositors and the depositors are made up largely of the poorer class of people.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I think it would be unwise to put an order through here tonight reducing below six per cent, the penalty for not paying the tax. I think six per cent. is low enough. Six per cent. is the legal rate of interest in Massachusetts, and I believe that is a fair and equitable amount charged when a man or a corporation does not pay taxes. But, according to the order as it appears on our calendar, with the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson), the stock of national banks would be in a class by itself. Now, I see no reason why the stock of a national bank should be subject to such a heavy penalty, if there is an unfortunate error on the part of the holder in any way, by which he neglects to pay the tax by November 1. I don't think, by reason of that, that he should be subject to quite the penalty that would apply to the stock in any Massachusetts corporation. The fact is that six per cent. is the legal rate of interest, and I should put that stock on the same basis as other things. I think that is business. I see no reason why, because the holders of national bank stock have not paid their tax by the first of November, they should be charged double what any other incorporated company under the laws of Massachusetts would be charged for a similar offence. I sincerely trust that the interest charge on the stock of national banks will be reduced to the same figure that it is for everything else, treating this whole question in a business-like way.

Mr. Wood's amendment was lost.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Emery's amendment, and Mr. Emery called for the yeas and nays; which were ordered.

Mr. Emery's amendment was rejected, yeas 28, nays 39:

Yeas—Atwood, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Miller, Moore, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—28.

Nays—Badaracco, Bagley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Gihlin, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasantof, Kelley, Klemm, Leftovith, Logan, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson—39.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Bradley, Casey, Jordan, Kiley, Leonard, Mansfield, O'Brien—8.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I would like to further amend the order by striking out the words commencing "up to the first day of January, 1900," and ending with "said first day of January."

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that in striking out the lines designated by the member in the 4th division, the order is practically the very order that was introduced as a substitute, and which was just defeated.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare the point of order well taken.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I ask the assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. EMERY—Mr. President, I would like

to amend the order by inserting the word "nine" instead of the word "twelve" in the 13th line.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Emery.

Mr. EMERY—Mr. President, my reason—Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I have not spoken on this question and the gentleman in the fourth division has, and it seems to me I should have the floor.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, inasmuch as the gentleman, who rose to offer the amendment, has not spoken to his amendment.

Mr. EMERY—Mr. President, my reason for offering this amendment is this, that before an amendment to the regular order was introduced, the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson) came to several of us and told us that if we would vote to make the amount of interest six per cent. in accordance with his amendment, he would put in an amendment reducing this 12 per cent to six per cent. That after his amendment was introduced and adopted, 6 per cent being substituted for 7 per cent, he went back on that, and now wants this amount retained as 12 per cent instead of 6 per cent. After we had received the promise of the gentleman in the first division that he would make it 6 per cent right through, he turns around and throws out of his amendment the 12 per cent applying to bank stock, allowing the 6 per cent simply to apply to the rest of the order. That is the reason why I have offered my amendment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to say that I made no promise whatever, as the member says. I don't know whether he refers to a promise made to himself or not, but I desire to say that while preparing to amend the order, changing "7 per cent" to "6 per cent," I accidentally, at the request of the gentleman from Wd. 20, also struck out the "12," and inserted in place thereof "6." But before the order was read I detected the error and had it fixed, so that when the order was read by the Clerk that did not appear. I agreed to nothing. The gentleman is laboring under a misapprehension. He is an old schoolmate of mine, but, at the same time, he may have taken a nap just the same. (Laughter.) I am inclined to favor 9 per cent for this reason. I feel, after thinking the matter over, that 12 per cent may be a little too much, in view of the argument offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens) that the poor people are the ones who deposit the money in the savings banks and that the savings banks invest their money in national bank stock. Of course, everything is thrown on the poor people; they always have to stand the brunt; and in view of that fact I am inclined to agree with the gentleman from Wd. 21 that 9 per cent will be sufficient. I am open to conviction at all times, and I am convinced, as far as that is concerned.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, the actions of some members this evening remind me very much of the old adage, that a drowning man will grasp at a straw. I think that was put very forcibly by the gentleman from Wd. 2 this evening, when he stated that when the argument was made against this very same order two weeks ago tonight, it was made to appear that they were trying to save the poor working man. I believe the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Miller) made that statement, that the poor working man would be affected, that no doubt the banks would have money enough to pay before the 1st of November, and that they would not be affected by it. If that is so, I don't see why they are so anxious this evening. If I am wrong, I am willing to acknowledge that I have made a mistake; but I do not see why the gentleman comes in this evening now and makes such an able

argument in favor of reducing this 12 per cent interest to 6 per cent. I believe the banks are rich and can pay before the 1st of November, and that they are willing to pay before then; so I don't think it will affect them. I was in favor of the amendment offered by Mr. Watson, because I believed at that time it would affect the poor people. But I hope this amendment will not prevail.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman I wish to say that I presume I am the man he refers to. But, if he remembers my remarks, he will remember that I said it was a business principle that I advocated, that I was not speaking for the protection of anyone in particular. The principle of charging 12 per cent. on bank stock is wrong. It is wrong on bank stock or anything else. If a gentleman doing business was obliged to pay 12 per cent. on some of his investments, on borrowed money, it would take but a very short time to prove that his undertakings would be unsuccessful. It is a wrong principle for the city of Boston to say that it will charge that rate of interest to certain people and not to other people. That is the reason why I hope that the rate of 12 per cent. will not be charged in connection with bank stock.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I still fail to see any reason why we should discriminate against institutions incorporated under the laws of the United States government, making twice the penalty on taxes not paid by them by the first of November that would be imposed in the case of the Boston & Albany Railroad, the Boston & Lowell Railroad, or any of the other big railroad companies incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, where ten times the amount which is put into bank stock is invested. There is not a great deal of capital in bank stock in the city of Boston, and about 80 per cent. of what there is, is owned by savings banks; and those, as you know, are controlled by poor people. That is what they are incorporated for. They are not allowed to take deposits of over one thousand dollars. Now, you want to discriminate against institutions under the United States Government, saying that it shall pay twice the amount, in case its taxes are not paid at a certain time that anybody else is expected to pay! Why should such an institution be subjected to twice the penalty that is imposed on any other corporation? I say that this is the most childish thing that ever came before the Council. I would like to hear a single argument in favor of it. I fail to hear any argument advanced by the democratic orators of the council showing why that class of institutions should be discriminated against.

Mr. TURNBULL—Mr. President, I think there has been enough debate on this subject, and I move the previous question.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I hope at this time that the main question will not be put. Several amendments have been offered here, and I think the members here who are interested in the question desire a little time to discover which is the most acceptable amendment, or whether it would not be better to pass the order without deducting any of those that are pending. I trust that the gentleman will withdraw his motion.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I simply wish to voice the sentiments of my colleague from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy), in order that the Council may once more hear from the democratic orators. Since the amendment has been introduced by the gentleman in the fourth division I have not had an opportunity to express an opinion in regard to it; and as I have studied up the matter a little I would like an opportunity to show again, as I think I have already done conclusively, with other members of this body, the absolute absurdity and falsity of the position taken by the gentleman in the 4th division.

The main question was declared ordered—Mr. Hickey doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The Council stood divided and the main question was ordered, 30 members voting in the affirmative, 12 in the negative.

Mr. Emery's amendment was declared carried, Mr. Hickey doubted the vote and asked for the roll call, which was declared not ordered.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Did I understand the presiding officer to say that a motion was made for a roll call?

The PRESIDENT—I said the gentleman from Wd. 2 desired a roll call.

Mr. MULCAHY—I didn't know that the gentleman from Wd. 2 made a motion to that effect, but I do know that the Chair put a motion to that effect, which in my opinion was not in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is out of order, that no motion of the kind was put. The question is on the adoption of Mr. Emery's amendment.

The Council stood divided, and Mr. Emery's amendment was declared adopted, 35 members voting in the affirmative, 17 in the negative.

The question came on giving the order as amended a second reading.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I rise to respectfully doubt the vote and to ask for a roll call.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state that it is too late to doubt the vote, the vote having been declared and the Chair having stated the next question before the house.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on giving the order as amended a second reading.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, my purpose in rising is to get some information. I understood it was the rule of the Council that whenever the previous question was ordered all amendments were stricken out.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question first comes on the amendment and then on the question.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, is debate in order?

The PRESIDENT—No debate is in order. The Chair will state that debate will be in order after the order is ordered to a second reading.

The order was ordered to a second reading, was read a second time, and the question came on its passage as amended.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, at last I have an opportunity to say a few words; as I understand it that is my privilege at this time, and I wish to refer, now that the opportunity is offered, to the amendment presented by the gentleman in the fourth division. I want to call to the attention of the members of the Council the simple fact that the same arguments which showed that the 12 per cent. should be retained also apply as showing that the amendment now offered should be rejected. I feel that there is no cause whatsoever, no good, substantial reason that can be shown by that member, why the stated per cent. should be reduced. The one apparent fact in the whole transaction is this, that debts are due from these national banks on October 1st. If they pay those debts on October 1st, or on any day in October, they are not charged any interest at all. If they neglect to pay them—after a full month, they are then, according to the provisions of this order, to pay 12 per cent. Now, the same argument applies here as before. It is not unjust, I claim, to assess shares of stock of national banks 12 per cent. when the holders neglect to pay the taxes when they are due. This Council previously this evening voted to stand by its former action, refusing to reduce the amount to six per cent.; and if they refuse to reduce it to six per cent., they should at this

time also refuse to reduce it to nine per cent. If this sort of thing goes on we will have other members getting up and putting in amendments calling for a reduction to eight per cent, and then to ten per cent., and so on, and we will be kept debating the subject here all night. My contention is that the Council has already disposed of the matter, that no argument can be applied to this that has not already been applied to the question earlier in the evening; and I certainly hope the amendment will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the passage of the order as amended.

Mr. MULCAHY—I trust that the amendment will not prevail at this time. The fact is, some of the gentlemen in this body are simply dodging around on this question of 12 per cent. If they cannot get it reduced to 9 per cent., as my friend from Wd. 2, Mr. Hickey, has said, they will introduce an amendment to get it reduced to 8 per cent. or 10 per cent. A few weeks ago it was a sympathetic fight for the poor people, now it is a fight for the banks. I believe in making the banks pay 12 per cent., if they do not pay their bills, and I trust that that amendment will be defeated as it stands.

Mr. WELLS—Mr. President, is an amendment out of order at this time?

The PRESIDENT—It is not out of order.

Mr. WELLS—Then, Mr. President, I would like to offer the amendment that was ruled out of order, and before any member rises to a point of order, I would like to read the whole order as amended, so it will be understood. The lines I ask

to have stricken out are simply the lines from 9 to 11, involving a repetition of the preceding lines. It seems to me funny to allow the order to read in the way that I now reads, after the amendments that have been already adopted. Therefore, simply in the interest of having the order read properly, it seems to me that the amendment I have suggested should be adopted.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Wells of Wd. 16.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Wells's amendment.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise for information. Didn't I understand the Chair but a few moments ago to rule out the same amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 16?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is out of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I ask for information.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the additional amendment offered by Mr. Wells of Wd. 16.

The amendment was declared adopted.

Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the amendment was adopted, 32 members voting in the affirmative, 14 in the negative.

The order was passed, as amended. Sent up.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, at 9:25 P.M., to meet on Thursday, March 30, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 27, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Codman.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, April 10th, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Hubert Riley, Wd. 13; J. Carson McWilliams, Wd. 17; Wm. F. McGonigle, Wd. 17; Warren L. Robinson, Wd. 21; Frank Chase, Wd. 21; Bernard E. Kenney, Wd. 17; George G. Hedden, Wd. 25; Patrick J. O'Brien, Wd. 16; William B. Stevens, Wd. 11; Robert J. Miller, Wd. 24; Dennis J. Sweeney, Wd. 15; Timothy F. Connolly, Wd. 5; Wm. P. Briggs, Wd. 24; Charles W. Bennet, Wd. 20; Wm. D. Buckley, Wd. 24; Adam C. Barnie, Wd. 10; Charles P. Blinn, Wd. 18; Richard L. Searle, Wd. 2; Daniel F. Collins, Wd. 17; Frank L. Wheeler, Wd. 25; John H. Lane, Wd. 2; James Walsh, Wd. 17; Caleb P. Buckman, Wd. 8; Azro B. Jaquith, Wd. 3; Joseph A. Brady, Wd. 14; George E. Adams, Wd. 19; Thomas J. McCarthy, Wd. 12; John H. Harrington, Wd. 13; Wm. H. Field, Wd. 9; Patrick F. Rooney, Wd. 6; Delbert W. Estabrook, Wd. 6; John R. Byrne, Wd. 14; Frank H. Randlett, Wd. 16; John J. Patton, Wd. 24.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, viz:—

(1) Phineas C. Kinney, to be a welgher of coal and measurer of wood and bark, for the term ending April 30th, 1899.

(2) John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the 1st day of May, 1899.

(3) Charles A. Belford, to be a constable of the City of Boston, to serve as such in connection with his official duties, for the term ending April 30th, 1899.

(4) William Park, to be an inspector of petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30th, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz:—

1. Louis and Henry Rosenbaum, four, at 113, 115, 117, 119 Richmond St., Wd. 6.

2. Edward L. Brodie, one, at 29 Spring St., Wd. 8.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles in Oak St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

4. On petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, for leave to lay, operate and maintain two temporary tracks across South St., Wd. 7.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and

were referred to the committees named, when appointed, viz:—

## Building Dept.

Frederick Ayer, for leave to build a wooden and brick stable on Grosvenor Pl., Wd. 21.

John A. Emery, for leave to build a wooden addition on 24-26 Island St., Wd. 17.

H. W. Coitman, for leave to build a wooden addition on 84 Marginal St. and Haynes St., Wd. 2.

## Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Edward Perry, two barber poles, at 800 Washington St., Wd. 7.

George W. Dunlap, an illuminated sign, at 206 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 16.

H. Kaufinan, a clock sign, at 270 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Vincent Russo, two barber poles, at 55 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Haynes, Sparrell & Co., a sign, at 301 Congress St., Wd. 7.

George F. Monahan, for leave to project one illuminated sign over sidewalk at 24 Travers St., and one at 212 Friend St., Wd. 8.

## Claims.

Harriet F. Lauriat, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 29 Bainbridge St.

Harriet F. Lauriat, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 31 Bainbridge St.

George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustees, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Forest Hills St.

Margaret M. McLaughlin, et al. for payment to Edward E. Richards of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Bay St.

Margaret M. McLaughlin, for payment to Edward E. Richards, of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on west side of Birch St.

Patrick McDermott, for compensation for damage to estate on Williams St., caused by a defective culvert in said street.

John M. O'Hara, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by a defect in Alford St.

Catherine B. McSweeney, for compensation for injuries sustained by her husband, Patrick F. McSweeney, while he was employed in the sewer department, which injuries caused his death.

Konrad Ziegler, for compensation for damage to his premises and property at 52 George St. by reason of the obstruction of the sewer in said street.

## Electric Wires.

Thomas M. Roddy, for relocation of a pole of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., in front of 58 Market St., Brighton.

## June Seventeenth.

First Massachusetts Regiment of Knights of the Golden Eagle, for an assignment in the June 17th parade, and an appropriation therefor.

## Lamps.

Benjamin S. Frost et al. for electric lights on Fairweather St. Wd. 17.

Thomas J. Godvin et als., for electric lights on Hyde Park Ave. between Forest Hills and Neponset Ave.

## Police (Ald.)

David A. Hollis, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Mrs. A. R. Peters, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

## Memorial Day.

Gettysburg Post No. 191, G. A. R., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

## Public Improvements.

Nicholas J. Halpine, Lieutenant U. S. N. for leave to propel through the streets of this city an automobile miniature man-of-war.

Frank Ferdinand, remonstrating against action of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in putting in columns, piling up dirt, etc., also against the closing of Zeigler St., and asking the Board of Aldermen to take some action in the matter.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to place an awning on its car-house to project over the sidewalk on Park St., Dorchester.

Sidney F. Squires, for leave to excavate the cellar of building 329-331 Tremont St., at grade 9.

Henry Parkman et al., trustees, for leave to construct a coal hole at 308-310 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Louis Segel, for leave to erect gyp posts in Leverett and Poplar Sts., Wd. 8.

Connery & Wentworth, for leave to erect one gyp post in State St. and one in Devonshire St., and to stretch gyp ropes across Congress St., Wd. 6.

Whidden & Co., for leave to erect two gyp posts in Bennett St., and one in Ash St., Wd. 7.

Frank G. Coburn & Co., for leave to project gyp ropes across Centre St. and Talbot Ave., Wd. 24.

J. K. Ryan, for leave to erect a gyp post corner Indiana Pl. and Harrison Ave.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

5. The order passed by this Board, viz.:-

"Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1899, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth. Be due and payable on the first day of October, 1899, that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1899, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of six per cent per annum (A) up to the first day of January, 1900, and at the rate of seven per cent per annum after and including said first day of January (B), except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of (C) twelve per cent per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to, and be a part of, such taxes."

Comes up, concurred in Common Council March 23, with these amendments: Strike out all between (A) and (B), and at (C) strike out "twelve" and insert "nine."

The reading was dispensed with, on motion of Ald. Colby, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:-

6. Action on the appointment of George M. Hosmer, to be a constable, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Children's Institutions Department, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Berwin and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yes 9, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### SUFFOLK REGISTRY CLERK HIRE.

A certificate was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, of the clerks employed in his office, the time occupied and amount of work done, etc., the total amount for clerk hire being \$220.45.

The list of allowances was approved by the Board.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 206 newsboys, four bootblacks, and one song vender.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS, DORCHESTER.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the loan bill the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for street improvements in Wds. 16, 20 and 24.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the streets of Dorchester were never in such a deplorable condition as they are at the present time. That is the opinion of the citizens of the district, and I am sure that my colleague from Wd. 20 will bear me out in the statement that \$100,000 is a small amount to be spent in the three wards, 16, 20 and 24, of Dorchester. We all know that Dorchester is building up rapidly, and that the Street Department cannot keep pace with the wants of the citizens of either of those wards. Last year, over 800 houses were erected in Wd. 20 alone, and the citizens who are building fine residences in Dorchester require that the streets shall be made passable. I am not criticising the Superintendent of Streets, who is doing everything he possibly can with the amount of money at his disposal, or the excellent foreman of the district, who is also lending a hand to make the streets passable out there. I believe more gravel and chips should be used upon the sidewalks out there, in order to make them safer for ladies and young children going to school. I sincerely trust that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will take this matter under consideration.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### REVISED GRADE OF ENDICOTT ST.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That this Board establish the revised grade of Endicott St., between Causeway St. and LaFayette Ave., as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said Endicott St. marked "City of Boston, Endicott St., City Proper, March 16, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements

#### PRESIDENT'S VISIT—CARRIAGE HIRE

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the expenses incurred by the Board of Aldermen for carriage hire on the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States to this city on February 16th, 1899, amounting to \$24.00, be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### REGULATION CONCERNING NEWS-BOYS.

Ald COLBY offered the following:—  
City of Boston.  
In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.  
A regulation to amend Chapter Two of Revised Regulations of 1898.

Be it ordered, etc.:-  
Chapter two of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended in section three by striking out in lines 23, 24 and 25 of said section the words "nor so work or sell in any other place than that specified in his license, when a place is so specified" and inserting in place thereof the following words: "nor to work or sell after nine o'clock in the evening, nor in any other place than that specified in his license, when a place is so specified, nor in the immediate vicinity of any store or stand occupied for the same business for which he is licensed."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Build-

ing Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Tony Chincariello (referred Feb. 27), sign, 297 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Frank F. Boodro (referred Feb. 6), two pole signs, 221 W. Eighth St., Wd. 15.

W. Creden & Co. (referred March 13), sign, 94 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Michael Basile (referred March 6), four barber poles, 118 Chelsea St., Wd. 2.

James Bonanzinga (referred Feb. 27), three barber poles, 236 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Barnett (referred March 6), two barber signs, 1270 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Andrew A. Badaracco (referred Jan. 30), illuminated sign, 121 North St., Wd. 6.

Fred D. Bacon (referred Feb. 13), sign, 71 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Christian Altman (referred Feb. 6), sign, 8 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Wing Kee (referred Feb. 27), sign, 1726 Washington St., Wd. 12.

George W. Ray (referred Jan. 16), sign, 1066 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

William Edwards (referred March 13), sign, 2132 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Garlock Packing Co. (referred Feb. 27), sign, 12 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

James A. Gay (referred March 6), two signs, 1068 Washington St., Wd. 9.

G. O. Goldsmith (referred Feb. 13), sign, 37 Haverhill St., Wd. 6.

Samuel H. Goldstein (referred Jan. 9), two pawnbroker's signs, 2020 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Grove & Flynn (referred Jan. 9), sign, 43 Bristol St., Wd. 9.

Alfred E. Haines (referred March 13), sign, 14 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Hanover Drug Co. (referred March 13), illuminated mortar, 257 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Hewes-Mayo Co. (referred Jan. 30), sign, 150 Lenox St., Wd. 13.

Robert Leavitt (referred Feb. 6), sign, 1222 Washington St., Wd. 9.

David Lipsky (referred March 6), sign, 1 Ferry St., Wd. 9.

Adolph H. Lock (referred March 20), sign, 1424 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Charles S. Miller & Co. (referred March 20), sign, 109 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Mills & Meyers (referred March 20), sign, 87 Albion St., Wd. 9.

Jacob Moshkovich (referred March 13), sign, 34½ Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

George Meirhsnc (referred March 20), sign, 11 Oswego St., Wd. 9.

Picard & Keough (referred Jan. 23), illuminated sign, 79 North St., Wd. 6.

George F. Monahan (referred today), illuminated sign, over sidewalk at 24 Travers St., and one at 212 Friend St., Wd. 8.

Quong Shong (referred March 6), sign, 1068 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Qung Lee (referred Feb. 20), two signs, 109 Cambridge St., Wd. 4.

J. Rosen (referred Feb. 27), illuminated sign, 42 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

K. Sapirstein (referred Jan. 16), sign, 62 Austin St., Wd. 5.

Thomas J. Shanny (referred Jan. 9), illuminated sign, 1 Green St., Wd. 8.

Frank Thomas (referred Jan. 30), illuminated sign, 98 Boyston St., Wd. 7.

Joe S. Tribuna (referred March 20), sign, 3 Lewis St., Wd. 6.

A. J. Wiley (referred Jan. 23), sign, 1 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

A. T. Brown (referred March 20), to construct basement of 185 Summer St., at grade 10.

Peter Pastene (referred Jan. 9), to excavate the cellar bottom of building Nos. 60-71 Fulton St., Wd. 6, to grade 3 feet, 9 inches.

J. L. & H. K. Potter (referred March 13), to construct basement floor of building 611 Albany St., at grade 8.

Edward Perry (referred today), two barber poles, 800 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Vincent Russo (referred today), two barber poles, 56 Howard St., Wd. 6.

H. Kaufman (referred today), clock sign, 270 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

George W. Dunlap (referred today), illuminated sign, 208 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that no action is necessary, viz:—

Quong Shong (referred Jan. 16), sign, 1063 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Qung Lee (referred Feb. 6), sign, 109 Cambridge St., Wd. 4.

Dr. H. C. Edwards (referred Feb. 6), two tablet signs, 15 Temple St., Wd. 7.

W. J. Logan & Co. (referred Jan. 9), illuminated sign, 40 Province St., Wd. 7.

John F. Ketterer (referred Jan. 9), illuminated sign, 168-170 Canal St., Wd. 3.

E. & F. Couture (referred Feb. 6), illuminated sign, 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

William H. Crone (referred Feb. 20), illuminated sign, 18 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

J. Breithwaite (referred Feb. 27), barber pole, 159 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

John A. Heyl (referred Feb. 13), sign, 243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

John V. Rieger (referred Jan. 23), V shaped sign, 36 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Flanders & Hoffman (referred Feb. 13), one sign, at 19 Province St. and one at 14 Chapman Pl.

George J. Steven (referred Jan. 23), sign, 17 Main St., Wd. 5.

Dr. Charles E. Hale (referred March 6), illuminated sign, 174 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Sing Lee (referred Feb. 27), three signs, 53 Harvard St., Wd. 7.

H. F. Parkhurst (referred March 13), illuminated sign, 3 Pitts St., Wd. 3.

Lawrence W. Lunt (referred Jan. 9), sign, 117 Washington St., Wd. 4.

Ryder & Brooks (referred Jan. 23), illuminated sign, 12 Essex St., Wd. 7.

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M. P. Sadier (referred Jan. 23), sign, corner Washington and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20.

J. H. Carlton (referred Feb. 6), V shaped sign, 103-105 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Beacon Lunch Co. (referred Jan. 23), illuminated sign, 7 Charles St., Wd. 11.

E. E. Gray & Co. (referred 1898), permanent awning of steel and iron in front of Nos. 132-4-6 Blackstone St. and Nos. 152-4-6 Hanover St.

Severally accepted.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:—

New Broom Co. (referred Feb. 20), sign, 55 Fulton St.

George W. Huot (referred Jan. 30), to paint with colored stripes an electric light globe at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

B. F. Larrabee (referred Jan. 23), sign, 55 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Majestic Dental Co. (referred Feb. 27), sign, 699 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James G. Abbot, Jr., (referred March 6), flag sign, 277 Washington St., Wd. 6.

J. E. Peckham & Co. (referred Feb. 20), sign, 35 Hartford St.

John Violetts (referred Jan. 9), flag sign, 1222 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Severally accepted.

(4) Report on the petition of C. A. Russell (referred from last year) for leave to project three bay windows from building 177 E St., corner West Ninth St., one over E St. and two over West Ninth St., Wd. 15—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

Also a report that leave be granted on the petition of James J. Murphy (referred from last year) for leave to project one bay window from building on southeast corner Camden St. and Columbus Ave., over Camden St., Wd. 12.

### NEWTONVILLE AND WATERTOWN STREET RAILWAY.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company (referred March 13), for a location for a turnout on North Beacon St. with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a turnout on North Beacon St., Brighton, near the bridge over the Charles River, said turnout being shown by red lines on a plan made by Hodges and Harrington, dated February 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon the condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, on a turnout on North Beacon St., Brighton, near the bridge over the Charles River.

And permission is hereby granted to the said Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use, such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated February 7, 1899, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted, said orders passed under suspension of the rule.

### BATH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Bath Commission to reinstate the members of the Bath Department who were employed on repair work during the

winter months, and put them to work at their regular department work and wages. Passed. Sent down.

### TUNNEL AT TRAVERS ST.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for the construction of a tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company at Travers St., between Haverhill and Canal Sts.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

### AWNING ON PARK ST, DORCHESTER.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning upon its car-house and waiting premises on Park St., at the corner of Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, extending over the sidewalk, as shown on a plan dated March 25, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

### REVISED GRADE, TALBOT AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That this Board establish the revised grade of Talbot Ave., at Dorchester, between Bernard St. and Soender St. as shown by red lines on the plan and profile of said Talbot Ave. marked "City of Boston Talbot Ave. Dorchester John E. Cheney Acting City Engineer Mar. 27, 1899," deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

### APPROPRIATION RESCINDED.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That so much of the loan order approved October 5th, 1896, as appropriated three thousand dollars (\$3000) for "Sewer Outlet, Porter St.," and the order approved December 11th, 1897, transferring the said amount to an appropriation for "Dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston" be, and the same hereby are rescinded.

Passed. Sent down.

### EAST BOSTON IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to pass a loan order appropriating the sum of \$3000 for

1. The erection of a clock in the head-house tower of South Ferry, Boston side, \$750;
2. The dredging of a channel for small boats at Jeffries Point, East Boston, \$750;
3. The construction of a flight of steps on the hillside from Leyden St. to Gladstone St., \$1500.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I will say, in explanation of that order, that \$3000 was appropriated originally to build a dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St. in East Boston, in order to flood the flats. The city had been emptying sewage there for twenty-five years, and in warm weather it was very offensive; and the Board of Health thought if a dam was built there it would in some way abate the nuisance, by having the flats covered with water all the time. But, when the city went to build the dam it was discovered that it was entirely private land belonging to the East Boston Company, and that company objected to the city building it unless the city agreed to take up the dam when they got ready to fill the flats. That the city refused to do. So the money has lain idle for two or three years. We in East Boston, aldermen and councilmen,

feel that this money which has been appropriated for East Boston should be spent there, and we would like to have it. The way the matter stand now, the city could not build the dam even if it wanted to do so. The East Boston Company would bring suit against the city if it attempted to do so. Another thing—the East Boston Company is going to begin filling the land very soon, so that there is no necessity for work by the city. We ask for the passage of the order, that we may get the money, and we suggest to the Board of Aldermen that it be appropriated for a clock in the headhouse of the South Ferry, Boston side; for the dredging of a channel for small boats at Jeffries Point, and for the construction of a flight of steps on the hillside from Leyden St. to Gladstone St. We believe those are the most important things in East Boston. If the Chairman will permit, I would like to read a letter from the East Boston Company, showing that that company is now ready to commence filling the flats. Therefore, there is no need of the money appropriated by the city for that purpose, anyway. "In reply to your inquiry concerning the property of the Maverick Land Company, recently acquired by this corporation and the controversy over the pollution of these flats during the last twenty-five years by the arbitrary action of the city in emptying its sewerage matter, we wish to say that the directors of this corporation upon the request of the Street Department, gave permission to construct a dam, provided that the same clause was inserted in any agreement between the city and this corporation as was inserted regarding the Cottage St. bridge.

As it is the purpose of this company to commence filling the property acquired of the Maverick Land Company this year, they cannot permit the building of any permanent obstruction to the entrance of these flats, and if any authority presumes to coerce us, we shall be obliged to seek protection in the courts.

Yours respectfully,  
Charles E. Adams, Treas.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Adams, at 3:42 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:03 P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Sidney F. Squires (referred today) for leave to excavate the cellar of building 329-331 Tremont st., at grade 9—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the order (recommitted today) granting leave to the Boston & Albany Railroad company to construct temporary tracks across South St., Wd. 7—recommending reference of same to committee on railroads, with instructions to report to the Board of Aldermen on the same at the next meeting.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(3) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today) for leave to place an awning on its car house, to project over the sidewalk on Park St., Dorchester—recommending the passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the West End Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use a permanent awning upon its car house and waiting premises on Park St., at the corner of Dorchester Ave., extending over the sidewalk

as shown on a plan dated March 25, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department, Wd. 20; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Call St., between Keyes and Boynton Sts., and Keyes St., between Call and South Sts., during necessary sewer construction on said streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of J. K. Ryan (referred today), for leave to erect a guy post corner Indiana Pl. and Harrison Ave.,—recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John K. Ryan to erect, maintain and use one guy post on the corner of Indiana Pl. and Harrison Ave., Wd. 7, for use in track construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Frank G. Coburn & Company, (petition referred today), to stretch, maintain and use guy posts over and across Centre St. and Talbot Ave., for use in constructing the Dorchester High School, Wd. 24.

The Schofield Heirs, (petition referred March 20), to enlarge the present bulkhead opening with wooden cover in sidewalk in front of estate 20 Thacher St., Wd. 6, to be the following dimensions—two ft. by 2 feet.

Whidden & Co. (Petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use two guy posts in the roadway on Bennett St., and one in Ash St., at or near the corner of said streets, Wd. 7, for use in building construction.

Cannery & Wentworth, (petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use one guy post in State St., at or near the Worthington Building, and one in Devonshire St., opposite No. 43, with the necessary ropes attached hereto, and to stretch guy ropes over and across Congress St. at Congress Sq., for use in constructing building at 15 and 17 Congress St., Wd. 6.

Atherton T. Brown, (referred March 20), to construct, maintain and use an area with sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 185 Summer St., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

John McGaw (referred March 13), to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 128-130-132 Charlestown St., Wd. 8, as shown on plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

Reuben Sherburne (referred March 20), to construct, maintain and use areas with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 17 and 19 Bennett St., Wd. 7, dimensions as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

Louis Segel (referred today), to erect, maintain and use four guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Levrett and Poplar Sts., for use in constructing new building at 50 to 64 Leverett St., Wd. 8; the location of said posts to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

Henry Parkman and another, Trustees (referred today), to construct, maintain

and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 308-310 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the order for payment of carriage hire on occasion of the President's visit (referred today)—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the order to establish the revised grade of Endicott St. (referred today), that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### RIFLE RANGE FOR MILITIA.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to report in writing to this Board, at its next meeting, what, in his opinion, are the duties and the powers of the Board of Aldermen in relation to the passage of such legislation as will provide a Rifle Range for the use of the Militia in Boston.

Passed.

#### PLAYGROUND, EVERETT ST., BRIGHTON.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on

Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground, as in former seasons, and to expend not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### LEGAL VOTERS TO BE EMPLOYED.

Ald. DIXON offered the following:—

An Ordinance to amend Chapter Three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section twelve by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates twenty-one years of age or over, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. ADAMS, the Board refused reconsideration on all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5:07 P. M., on motion of Ald. O'Toole, to meet on Monday, April 3, at 3 o'clock P. M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 30, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Bath Commission to reinstate the members of the Bath Department who were employed on repair work during the winter months, and put them to work at their regular department work and wages.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground, as in former seasons, and to expend not exceeding the sum of two hundred (200) dollars for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Dept., when appointed.

3. Ordered, That so much of the loan order approved October 5, 1896, as appropriated three thousand (3000) dollars for "Sewer Outlet, Porter St.," and the order approved December 11, 1897, transferring the said amount to an appropriation for "Dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston," be, and the same hereby are, rescinded.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

## RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, reconsideration, viz:—

4. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, and by an instrument or instruments satisfactory to the Law Department, may, in the name and behalf of the city, alter and amend the restrictions contained in deeds heretofore given to the city by the owners of lands abutting upon the public parks, by substituting the word "seventy" for the word "sixty" in the clause relating to the maximum height of buildings allowed on the restricted premises, and may also insert after the word "chapels" in said clause the words, "or above the grade of the ground at the principal front of the building, in case the grade of said ground is above the grade of said park."

The question came on motion (notice filed by Mr. Chamberlain) to reconsider vote of March 23, whereby above order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I will ask for the reconsideration of the reference of No. 4 to the Committee on Ordinances for the reason that the Committee on Ordinances have not yet been appointed, and after they have been appointed, it will probably be one or two weeks before they are organized and ready for work. I understand that there are two or three gentlemen who wish to build at once, and a communication in regard to this matter will be found in the City Record, page 212. As I understand it, this order is merely put in to make the height of buildings 70 feet on this parcel of land near the Fenway, which would make it in accordance with the height of the buildings on the other Back Bay lands. I can see no reason why the reference

should not be reconsidered, and I hope it will be, and that the order will be passed tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I have no objection to reconsidering the reference of this order, but I do desire to say a word in reference to it. A certain member of the Board of Aldermen is attorney for a party of gentlemen who own land abutting on the park, and when his interests are at stake, that alderman thinks the Common Council quite a body, but at other times, he thinks it amounts to nothing. I hope the reference will be reconsidered, Mr. Chairman, and that the order will pass, but I want to bring the attention of the Council to the fact that that alderman is only friendly to the Council when his interests are at stake.

Reconsideration of the reference to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed, was had, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the order be referred to the Committee on Park Department, when appointed.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I hope this order will not be referred to the Committee on Park Department. The reference to the Committee on Ordinances has been reconsidered in order that the order might go on its passage tonight. It does not seem to me that there is any reason why this matter should be delayed any longer. The Mayor is in favor of it, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Law Department are in favor of action of this kind, and so I can see no reason for referring the order to any committee. I hope it will be passed tonight.

THE PRESIDENT—The chair will direct the Clerk to read the order for the information of the Council.

(The Clerk read the order as it appears on the calendar.)

The question was put on Mr. Cuddy's motion to refer to the Committee on Park Department, and, the Chair being in doubt, a rising vote was taken. Before the result was announced the President said: The Chair will declare the doubt solved, and it is very evident that the sentiment of the Council is against reference. The Chair will therefore declare the motion to refer rejected. The question is on giving the order a second reading.

The order was read a second time and passed.

## SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, assignment, viz:

5. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the land and buildings owned by the city, now used by the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department, and situated between Chelsea and Paris streets, East Boston, and that the Mayor be authorized to execute a deed of the same in the name of the city; the proceeds received from such sale to be turned into the Treasury, subject to subsequent appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move you, that No. 5 be referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, while perhaps the ultimate decision of the Council may be to refer this order to the Committee on Finance when appointed, I wish to say just a word at this time. It seems to me that this order calls for nothing unreasonable, unfair or unjust. It provides merely for the selling of land for which the city has no further use. It provides for the selling of land in order that money may be turned into the City Treasury, subject to appropriation by the

Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the City Council; and I feel that this council will be making no mistake in passing the order to a second reading at this time. I am opposed to its reference to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, the object of assigning this order at the last meeting of this Council was in order to give the Mayor an opportunity to give the Council information as to the scope of the order and the value and amount of the land. But His Honor the Mayor has seen fit to give to the Council no information; and, therefore, I should say it was only good judgment on the part of the Council to order its reference to the Committee on Finance when appointed. I hope that motion will prevail.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will not be referred to the Committee on Finance. This is a very important order. If this yard is sold I have no doubt they will use the money for the purpose of improving the new yard. At present they have a stone crusher there in the old yard, and are scaring horses, and there have been a number of runaways on account of it. There is also a school which the noise from this stone crusher seriously affects, in connection with the class lessons, and so on. It is going to take a good many thousand dollars to put the new yard in condition and money is needed for the purpose. There is a new wharf to be built, with all the necessary buildings and I see no reason why this matter should be laid over. I think it should be acted upon tonight, that the order should be passed, giving to the people of East Boston what they want; and the money will be spent, in my opinion, in a proper manner.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, last week I put in a request that that be assigned for one week, and asked for more information from the Mayor's department as to how much land there was there and how much it was worth. We have received no information whatever, and I supposed from another source that I should have received that information tonight. Personally, I do not care whether this is assigned or not, but I am very much against passing that order until we have been informed as to the amount of land and as to the value of that land. For that reason, I hope that it will be referred.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to state that it is a matter of indifference to me how this land is disposed of, but I want to see the city get its rights. It is stated here in No. 5 that the superintendent of streets will have the disposal of this land. Now, we all know who have had anything to do with the superintendent of streets that he is not a business man, and that he cannot transact his business with credit to the city. We all know that he has had no business training. The only knowledge we have of his business training is that he was an inspector of ash barrels before he was appointed superintendent of streets. For that reason, I think a committee should be appointed, and I think the committee on finance is the proper committee to handle this thing.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I desire to add to the words of the gentleman from Wd. 13, that Mr. Wells is also a candidate for Mayor. (Laughter.)

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the gentleman in this division is pretty well posted in regard to Mr. Wells. I do not know what his occupation was before he became superintendent of streets, but they have always given him credit for using a great deal of discretion at times. Whether or not he has used it with the gentleman of Wd. 13, I do not know. I think there is a good deal of sarcasm on his part. Mr. President, as I understand

it, it has always been considered proper to give the head of a department, with the approval of the Mayor, the power to sell any property, and this has been conformed to in this order. I see no reason why this should be assigned or referred.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 14, who sits in this division, that that list which came in here of contracts that were given out without public competition was a disgrace to any head of a department.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 14 as to Mr. Wells's duties previous to his becoming superintendent of streets, I would state that he was chasing fire bells in Boston. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to refrain from demonstrations.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I would like to ask any member of the Council, from East Boston or otherwise, if they can give me some information. I find on page 353 of the Minutes of last year, in the meeting of the Common Council of April 29th, that it passed the following orders:—

"Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the estate owned by the city on Paris, Marion and Chelsea Sts., East Boston, now used as a yard for the Paving and Sewer Divisions of the Street Department.

"Ordered: That the proceeds received from such sale be appropriated for the construction of buildings upon the estate purchased last year for the use of the Street Department on Chelsea St., East Boston, the same to be used for the Paving, Sewer, Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions of the Street Department."

That order was concurred in on May 2nd by the Board of Aldermen, and was signed by the Mayor. I should like to ask why, since the authority was given last year for the sale of this property and for the use of the proceeds, that authority has not been carried out? If it is not known, I think it might be a matter to be considered by the Finance Committee.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance was declared carried. Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance was carried, 34 members voting in the affirmative, 13 in the negative. Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz.:—

6. Mayor's message returning with his approval the following ordinance:—

An ordinance to amend chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained, etc.:—

Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section 12 by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

The question came on the passage of said ordinance, notwithstanding the objection of the Mayor.

Assigned until 9 o'clock, on motion of Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13.

Later in the session, Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 said—Mr. President, I move you, sir, reconsideration of the vote whereby No. 6 on the calendar was assigned to 9 o'clock, hoping that the same will prevail.

Reconsideration was carried, and the question came on the passage of the ordi-

nance, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I desire to offer an amendment to the ordinance (sending an amendment to the Chair).

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the amendment is not in order at this time. The question is on the passage of the ordinance, notwithstanding the objection of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. LINDHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words before this ordinance comes to a vote. My only objection in introducing the ordinance was because of a duty that I owe to my constituency. This is something which affects every citizen of Boston, an ordinance which every faithful representative of the people should vote for. Mr. President, but a few months ago, there was a great strike on in the State of Illinois, and the mine operators of the State were importing cheap labor from the South, when the Governor of the State of Illinois warned them not to bring them in. He said: "If you persist, I will meet them at the State line and shoot them to pieces with gatling guns." Now, that is the sentiment we want to see here in Boston. That is the sentiment of home rule. Coming from a race of people who are firm believers in the principle of home rule, I say that the citizens of Boston should get what is due them, should get the benefit of what they pay for. History repeats itself—it is an old saying, but a true one, if we go back to the old Revolutionary days, we will find the people of that time standing, as the people of Boston do today, for home rule. They were then struggling under the heel of British tyranny.

Where was the Josiah Quincy of those days? Where was he? Protecting the British soldiers on State St. from the indignation of the citizens of Boston. It was the same then as it is today—a fight between Josiah Quincy and the people, at all times. It was only a few days ago that the State Legislature passed a bill, about which I think you all know, in reference to three days' grace. It received the veto of the Governor. Now, Mr. President, what did the Legislature do? The moment the bill came to them they immediately passed it over his veto—and I say they had a perfect right to do so, as I say the Common Council has a perfect right to do tonight. That is the position the members of this body should take this evening and at all times on anything which is a benefit to the people of Boston. I sincerely hope this ordinance will pass.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word in regard to this order. I hope every member of the body will vote for this ordinance tonight, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor. In fact, I believe the ordinance would justify a unanimous vote. I don't see how any person coming here and representing the legal voters of Boston can vote otherwise than in favor of the ordinance. The Mayor has stated that we have no right to take part in the employment of labor by the city. I believe we are not attempting to take any part in the employment of labor—but it is our duty, a duty we owe to the citizens of Boston, to pass this ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor. The Mayor states that the ordinance is illegal. The Corporation Counsel has stated that it is illegal. I don't question but what the Corporation Counsel has given his decision in good faith; but I believe it should be the duty of those affected by it, the non-residents, to show that it is illegal—not our duty. Our duty is simply to those who send us here—the citizens, taxpayers, the legal voters of Boston. Therefore, we owe them the duty of passing the ordinance tonight, in the spirit of protecting them. Let the non-residents affected by it, if they wish to do so, prove that it is ille-

gal in the courts. He says that a great many non-residents are working here who would have to be dismissed.

Well, as I say, we are not here to legislate for non-residents. There is not a position in the City of Boston, from the Mayor's position down, but what can be filled by citizens of Boston; and when the Mayor says it is impossible to fill some positions in the City of Boston with citizens of this city, I say it is a gross insult to the intelligence of the citizens of Boston, to say the least. We have been given credit not only all over the United States, but throughout the world, for sending out some of the brightest, brainiest men, the greatest financiers all over the world. Yet the Mayor of this city says we cannot find people within our borders fit to fill positions in the city employ! I question the truth of the statement. I admit and believe that there are times when certain positions cannot be filled within the scope of the friendship of the people who may be in power; but I believe if the ordinance is passed it will compel them to search the city of Boston for proper men, regardless of such considerations, thereby filling positions under the city government with citizens of the city. I will say a word in closing. The School Committee this year has done more in the line of home rule than in the past. It is going on record as in favor of home rule, and I believe if this Council does not stand by home rule it will certainly not uphold the reputation made by its predecessors. I certainly hope every member of the Council will vote tonight in favor of the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor. I wish to state to those members who may be friendly to the Mayor—more so than myself—that they must bear in mind the fact that the Mayor was not responsible for their election. The voters of this city send them here, and the members of this body tonight are to decide whether or not they are in sympathy with the Mayor as against their entire constituencies. I will leave the matter to the members themselves.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope that this ordinance will pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor. This matter was before this body last year, when we tried to get some information regarding non-resident employees of the City Hospital; and at that time we held up an appropriation that was asked for until we received the information we desired. It seems to me that this is a parallel case. I believe that if the city of Boston is good enough to work for, it is a good enough place for its employees to live in, and I feel that any employee of the city should at least pay their share of the taxes to maintain the municipality which supports them.

Preference should be given to the citizens of Boston in employing all kinds of labor, and I trust that this ordinance may be passed tonight. There are plenty of competent people in Boston who are out of employment and who would gladly take the places now occupied by non-residents and fill the positions as well as the tax dodgers do. They should be given the preference, and I trust that we will pass this ordinance over the Mayor's veto.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I feel as though the gentleman who drafted this ordinance should have given some protection to the boys who are employed by the City of Boston. He does not in any way, shape or manner offer in his ordinance any protection to the boys who are employed by the city, and there are several of them, as each and every member knows—and if this order is passed, I see no protection for them whatever. That is one of the reasons why I am opposed to this ordinance. I understood the Chair to rule out an amendment offered by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Walker) covering that point. I intended to offer an amendment of a similar na-

ture, but under the circumstances, that amendment having been ruled out, I shall not offer mine. If there can be some protection offered to those boys who are employed by the city, I will vote for this ordinance.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that any ordinance which has been vetoed by His Honor the Mayor cannot be amended, but that later on, after the ordinance becomes operative, an opportunity will be afforded to offer an amendment to it. The question is on the passage of the ordinance notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to take a portion of the Mayor's message, which I shall read as my text this evening. (Reading).—

"In respect to the merits of the amendment now proposed, while I have considerable sympathy with the purpose in view, it seems to me it would be going altogether too far to lay down an absolute rule that in no case should any person not a legal voter of the city be employed as a male subordinate in any department."

He says that he is fairly friendly to the project. If so, why does he not let it become an ordinance and leave the burden upon the people who do not vote in Boston to prove that it is unconstitutional? Mr. President, the ordinance as it now reads, according to His Honor the Mayor and the learned Law Department, is not legal. He says it has no legal effect. Why did he not veto that when it first passed? Why did not he take some notice of it at that time? If there is any reason for it, I should like to have him tell me. I say, if there is any trouble in proving the ordinance unconstitutional, the burden should be upon the people who live outside of the city, and not upon the Mayor of Boston and the City Government. I trust that we will pass it, notwithstanding the Mayor's veto.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I desire to say but a word in reference to this matter. I think it is about time that a halt should be made by several of the departments who are going outside of the city of Boston to hire help. It is but a few years ago that the Trustees of the Public Library went to the West and brought on here a gentleman named Mr. Putnam, and they put him in a position as Librarian and Secretary of the corporation, and proffered him a salary of several thousand dollars a year. The Public Library was built by the citizens of Boston, by the taxpayers of Boston, and has inscribed upon its front that fact. I think the architects left out one clause. They should have appended "and for the employment of its citizens." Now, Mr. President, I have nothing to say against Mr. Putnam, because I think he has filled his position in a fitting manner. He is qualified for the position, and he is about to leave us now. He has been called by the President of the United States to preside over the library of Congress. I hope that the trustees hereafter will hire a citizen of Boston for that position. It is but a little while ago that the trustees of another department went out west, to Ohio or Indiana, and tried to engage a pedagogue and to bring him on here to Boston, to preside over and manage our poor unfortunate boys down the harbor. It was but a little while ago, and I am sorry to hear the low sentiments of the gentleman from Wd. 14, on the other side of the Council, speaking against this amendment.

When a citizen of his own ward stands a good chance of being elected military instructor in the public schools, he stands up here in the position of certain people in control of that quasi-public corporation, the Boston Elevated Road, who made the remark that they could get down in Digby and Halifax, better men, more reliable men, than they could find walking the

streets of Boston. I am surprised, Mr. President. And the honorable Chief Executive makes a statement in the communication to the Council, among other things, as follows: "This provision, however, for the reason above stated, has no legal effect." He refers, Mr. President, to the ordinance which was passed last year. I would like to ask His Honor the Mayor, Mr. President, why he let that ordinance go by? If the ordinance was at fault last year, if it had no legal effect, I am in favor of amending it. Perhaps the amendment would have no legal effect, but it would give some of these people a chance to contest the legality of it in the courts. Mr. President, I might say, in closing, that I shall always vote for a measure of this kind, believing, as I do, in Boston and her institutions, believing that there are men who are citizens of Boston, men of science, of art, of culture, and of learning, who can fill any position that the city of Boston requires of them.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I respectfully move the previous question.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I trust that the gentleman will withdraw that motion, for I want to say a few words in regard to this matter. It is something that I feel is my duty.

The question was put on ordering the main question, and it was declared not ordered.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, and members of the Council, I think this ordinance, No. 6 on the calendar, is one that is very interesting to us, taking up our attention more, probably, than any other has for weeks. I think it is a very important matter and one that should be considered very carefully. On page 16 of the Revised Ordinances, section 12, it says: "But shall employ none but citizens of the United States in any capacity, and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston." I think that is quite explicit. I probably have as high an opinion of the citizens of Boston and of their ability to do everything, as any person in this body, but in certain cases, if there is any better ability to be obtained outside of the city of Boston, and if the city of Boston can be the gainer by obtaining it, I see no reason why we should not have the privilege of securing it. The gentleman in the first division says that we imported a man from the Western States to be librarian of the city of Boston. That is true, and if this order had been passed then, we should not have had the valued services of Mr. Putnam as librarian of the city of Boston—and I think it is a very wise thing that we should have had them. The President of the United States and the Congress of the United States have practically said that he is the best man in this country to fill the position of librarian in Washington today. Now, I think the city of Boston, in having him catalogue the books in our library, look after the buying of the books that have been bought, and attend to the affairs of the library in general, have been wonderfully fortunate. I certainly trust that the city of Boston has within its limits some man who can be appointed to that position, and someone who will be perfectly competent to fill that place. One of the members of the School Committee of the city of Boston told me within a few days that a very large percentage—I think he said it was over 40 per cent., and I believe over 50 per cent.—of the Masters and sub-masters of the city of Boston are residents of other towns and cities in the vicinity of the city of Boston. I had it from what I think is good authority that this body has no control over the school committee of the city of Boston in any way. In case we did, and an ordinance of this kind was passed, what would be

the effect upon the schools of Boston? I think that in almost all parts of the country the schools of Boston are looked up to, and that they are admitted to be well run; but if this ordinance had been passed some time ago and if we had had authority over the school committee, the personnel of the school teachers would have been entirely different from what it is today. There may be some teachers today that are not desirable, but I think we will all acknowledge that the schools are well run.

There might be some cases in which, if that order had been passed, many individuals would be pleased. Perhaps I would. I don't know whether I would or not; but I think there are many cases where it might work to the detriment of the city of Boston. In certain cases, where expert opinion is required, and where the expert happens to live over the borders of the city,—in Cambridge or Chelsea—and those places are practically Boston, because Boston is the centre of this part of the country, I see no reason why, if a person lives on the other side of the river, and that man happens to be an authority in regard to certain things, we should be deprived of his services. I do believe myself most assuredly in the ordinance as it read before, that in all cases we shall give preference to the citizens of Boston; but I do not think it is wise to make a prohibitory law, and to say that in no case shall we be at liberty to employ the best people.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I believe in Boston for Bostonians. I am very sorry to differ from my republican friend from Wd. 11, but I do not think that the question is so urgent as he thinks. I also believe that in certain cases we should be able to go beyond the limits of the city of Boston for an expert in some special line, but I think that in those cases the department who proposes to hire experts should be compelled to come to the City Council for their authority to do that sort of thing. That can always be done, by the authority of the executive department, aided by the two branches of the City Council.

We can suspend the ordinance, to suit a special case. I believe that we should make this provision as stringent as possible, and confine city employment to citizens of Boston themselves. I do not feel that there is any force in the remark in the message of His Honor the Mayor stating that the present ordinance is of no avail. I feel that it has a moral effect upon the officers of the various departments of the city, and I believe that if we have this proposed amendment, we will strengthen them very much, and that we will place upon the departments which propose to employ the outsiders the burden of proof, and the burden of testing the legality of this act. I have yet to accept the opinion of the Corporation Counsel of Boston as authoritative in matters of this sort. I know of many laws which have been passed by the houses of Congress and approved by the President of the United States that have stood for years and have been recognized as law, and after a number of years those laws have been put to a test, and have been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. A law of this sort may block many appointments before somebody tests its legality; and until it has been tested and shown to have no force, it will be in force. I think it is the duty of every member of the Council to do everything he can to protect the citizens of Boston, and to keep the citizens of Newton, of Cambridge, of Winochester and of Salem from getting the more lucrative positions in the employment of the City of Boston, and of saying "I do not care to live within its limits."

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I wish to state, in reply to the gentleman

from Wd. 14 that Ald. Dixon introduced an amendment to the ordinance, which was referred to the Committee on Ordinances on Monday at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which reads as follows:—

An Ordinance to amend Chapter Three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section twelve by striking out the words "of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and, if male subordinates twenty-one years of age or over, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity."

That provides for the employment of minors, and also excludes the employment of non-residents and non-citizens. Just a word to the gentleman from Wd. 11, Mr. Stevens. He says that there would be somebody hurt by the adoption of this ordinance. There is no question about it, that some person would have to be dismissed in consequence of the passing of this ordinance; but I believe it is our duty to legislate for the majority, and not a small minority.

Mr. CASEY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I hope this ordinance will not pass to night. As a democratic representative of the laboring people, I think this ordinance is more harmful than it is beneficial. My district has many laboring people in the employ of the city of Boston—as many as any district—and I have never heard a complaint from them of a case where an alien has been given the preference over a citizen. If this ordinance passes, it means the discharge of all the boys in the employ of the city of Boston. I do not think that is right. I think the members who are in favor of this ought to have the ordinance referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and that committee can bring in something which would be for the benefit of the people. I think this is nothing but a sorehead administration order, passed for the purpose of trying to hurt the present administration. I hope that the ordinance will not be passed.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to make one statement for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens). In speaking with the corporation counsel the other day, he took up the charter of New York and read from it where school teachers in the schools of New York have to be citizens of the city of New York, and more than that, where they had to be residents of the district which they teach in. So far as the gentleman who sits in the second division (Mr. Casey) is concerned, when he talks about this ordinance being a sorehead ordinance, I say that his statement is foolish and childish, and his constituency should treat him the way he deserves to be treated (laughter).

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to reply to my colleague, in a few, appropriate words. I want to inform him, through you, Mr. President, that the boys in Wd. 18 never elected him to the Common Council, and the boys in Wd. 18 will not elect him to any other office that he seeks. It is the male voters of Wd. 18 that put him here, and they put me here. Mr. President, I want it to be distinctly understood that today in Wd. 18 the people who are loafing are kicking about outsiders working in the employment of the city of Boston. He knows it is so. I throw it in his teeth. He says he has never heard any complaint, but he knows that the people in Wd. 18 are disgruntled because of the way that this administration is taking care of non-residents, and allowing citizens of the city to go unemployed. He may call it a sorehead administration ordinance, if he pleases, but I think he at least ought to call it a sorehead anti-administration ordinance. Perhaps it is, but it is mighty good legisla-

tion for the people of Boston, and those are the people who send us here, and not the boys. I trust that we will pass the ordinance over the Mayor's veto.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I do not know how the gentleman from Wd. 15 can manage to misconstrue my statements to such an extent that he said I was the lone sentinel, standing up here and opposing this ordinance. I want him to understand that I represent the constituents of Wd. 14, and that I owe nothing to him—and I believe that I am capable of representing my constituents properly. When he says that I oppose this ordinance he misconstrues my statements entirely. I told him that I was in favor of the ordinance, but I said that the boys should receive some protection—and I say so now.

Mr. DONOHUE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I cannot see any arguments that are advanced by the opposition to this ordinance tonight that have any great weight whatever. I would like to reply to the gentleman in the fourth division, who states that this ordinance, if passed, would keep us from having the valuable services of Mr. Putnam as librarian. He says that the President of the United States tenders him the position of librarian of Congress. I would like to state, for the information of that gentleman, that the President of the United States also tendered that position to Congressman Barrows, and for political reasons he was not confirmed by the United States senate—not because he was not competent to fill the position in every way, shape and manner.

I want to say that my colleague from Wd. 14 last week said that he was loyal enough to the Mayor to uphold him in the veto, anyhow. I would like to state, for the benefit of that gentleman, that if this ordinance had passed one of his constituents, the acting superintendent at Long Island, might get the position, and they would not have been scouring the country for a man to fill that position. The man is competent, in every sense of the word. Mr. President, when the gentleman in the third division introduced this amendment to the ordinance, he did so with the advice of the Corporation Counsel. Now, Mr. President, the Mayor of Boston sends his veto here and he says that he is backed up by the same authority. There is plenty of room for doubt, when the Corporation Counsel gives two different opinions, and I would like to see the thing tested. I believe it is just as the gentleman from Wd. 18 says that the burden will lay with the non-residents of the city of Boston to prove that it is unconstitutional, and, for that reason I hope that the ordinance will be passed over the Mayor's veto.

Mr. STOCKTON of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I simply desire to say that I entirely agree with my colleague from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens) and hope this ordinance will not be passed over the Mayor's veto. When the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Linchan) holds up to us as a model the schools and government of New York City, which has passed an ordinance similar to the one which is now before us, I don't think he is paying any great compliment to the city of Boston.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered, and the ordinance was passed, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, yeas 61, nays 7:—

Yeas—Atwood, Padaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cudde, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblein, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice,

Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—61.

Nays—Armistead, Bradley, Casey, Kasanof, Mansfield, Stevens, Stockton—7.

Absent or not voting—Curley, Emery, Klenn, Leonard, Nangle, Sullivan, Tobin—7.

Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that reconsideration on a veto message is not in order.

#### PUBLIC LANDING, EAST BOSTON.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz.:—

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to lease a suitable location in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Wd. 2, to be used as a public landing, at an expense not exceeding three hundred (\$300) dollars; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12, the order was amended by striking out at the end thereof the words "City Council, Incidental Expenses" and inserting in place thereof the words "Street Department, Bridge Division," and the order was read a second time as amended, and was passed. Mr. Bart's of Wd. 1 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### RULES AND ORDERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10, for the committee, submitted the following:—

The special committee appointed to prepare and report a draft of the rules to govern the Common Council for the year 1899, having considered the subject, respectfully submit herewith the accompanying draft:—

The rules recommended for adoption are substantially the same as those of the previous year, the only notable changes being the insertion under Rule 4 of the title adopted by the Council on January 19, relative to the preservation of order, and amendments in Rule 5 and Rule 16, providing that members may file orders and resolutions with the clerk up to five o'clock P.M. on the day of the meeting, such orders and resolutions to be read and acted upon in order of filing under the fifth order of business. Under the eighth order of business opportunity is still given for the introduction of orders and resolutions as under the previous rules.

For the Committee,

John Bordman, Jr., Chairman.

#### RULES AND ORDERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, the regular meeting of the common council shall be held on every Thursday, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., and on the appearance of a quorum the council shall be called to order. In the absence of the president the oldest senior member present shall take the chair, and a president pro tempore shall be chosen by ballot; and, if an election is not effected on the first trial, on subsequent trials a plurality vote shall elect.

The roll shall be called at each meeting of the council, the time of said roll-call to be at the discretion of the president, but not later than nine o'clock.

President.

Rule 2. The president shall appoint and announce all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and shall communicate his appointments to the council at the meeting following such action, if not made during a session. All vacancies upon committees shall be filled in the manner of original

appointment, and members so appointed shall take rank according to the date of their appointment, unless otherwise designated by the president.

Rule 3. The president may at any time call another member to the chair, but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment. In all cases the president may vote.

Rule 4. The president may make any rules that he deems proper to preserve order in the council chamber during sessions of the council; and in case any member or members, other than the one recognized by the chair, insists on occupying the floor for any purpose, except to rise to a point of order, he shall, upon request of the president, take his seat, and upon refusal to comply with such request, the president shall direct the City Messenger to cause said member or members to be removed from the council chamber, such removal to remain in effect during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered by the president. He shall also forbid smoking in the council chamber during a session.

Clerk.

Rule 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the acts, votes, and proceedings of the common council, and a separate record of all decisions of the chair upon questions of order. He shall have the care and custody of all papers belonging to this branch of the city council; and shall prepare a schedule of business in order for each meeting, in such manner as the president may direct.

He shall receive all orders and resolutions filed by the members of the council prior to 5 o'clock P. M. on the day of the meeting, and shall arrange them in the order of their receipt and shall indorse on each the time at which it was filed.

He shall draw up and send all messages to the board of aldermen; and shall retain in his possession all papers until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is made he shall keep the papers pertaining thereto until the right of reconsideration has expired.

#### Conduct of Members.

Rule 6. Except when otherwise provided, no member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes, and a further equal time if the council so vote. No member shall speak a second time on a question, if another member, who has not spoken, claims the floor.

Rule 7. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Every member, while speaking, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and shall refrain from personalities, and shall not refer to any other member of the council except by a respectful designation; and no member shall speak or vote out of his place without leave of the president.

#### Quorum.

Rule 8. Whenever a member raises a doubt of a quorum being present, the chair shall ascertain and declare whether a quorum is present or not. For this purpose he may at his discretion, or on motion sustained by one-fifth of the members present, order the roll to be called. If there is no quorum present, he shall declare the council adjourned.

#### Committees.

Rule 9. All matters relating to the election of members shall be referred to the standing committee on elections, which shall consist of five members.

Rule 10. There shall be a standing committee on judiciary, consisting of five members, who shall have the power to obtain the opinion of the corporation counsel on all matters that shall be referred to them.

Rule 11. All committees of this council

shall be notified of their meetings by the clerk of committees. They shall not sit during sessions of the council without special leave, nor be called on less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the notices are mailed by the clerk or despatched by special messenger, unless all the members consent; and the clerk shall keep a record of their doings. The member first named shall be chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, in which case the council shall be notified of the change; and the same rule shall apply to members serving on joint committees.

The absence of a member from three successive, duly called, meetings of any committee except on account of sickness or absence from the city, proved to the satisfaction of the president, shall be deemed a resignation on the part of such member from such committee, and the vacancy caused by the resignation shall be filled by the president at the next meeting of the council.

The clerk of committees shall report at each meeting of the council all resignations effected by the preceding clause.

Rule 12. Special committees of the council shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 13. No report of any committee shall be received unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. Such report, when presented, may be ordered to be printed, and shall then take its place among the unfinished business for consideration at the next meeting.

#### Committee of the Whole.

Rule 14. When the council shall determine to go into a committee of the whole, the president shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

Rule 15. The rules of proceedings in the council shall be observed in the committee of the whole, so far as they are applicable; but the previous question shall not be moved, and a motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again shall be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

#### Order of Business.

Rule 16. At every meeting of the council the order of business shall be as follows:—

First. Reading of the records of the preceding meeting, if called for by a majority of the members present.

Second. Messages from his honor the mayor, reports of city officers, and other communications addressed to the council.

Third. Papers from the board of aldermen.

Fourth. Reports of committees, which shall be called for by divisions in numerical order.

Fifth. Motions, and orders and resolutions filed in accordance with Rule 5. Such orders and resolutions, in the order of their receipt by the clerk, shall be read once, and upon motion, referred to their appropriate committees or assigned to the next meeting. If no objection is made, or the rules are suspended, orders and resolutions may, at the time they are offered, be given a second reading and passed.

Sixth. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.

Seventh. Notices of motions for reconsiderations. (See Rule 25.)

Eighth. Motions, orders and resolutions which shall take the same course as provided in the fifth section of this rule. Papers shall be called for by divisions in numerical order, and only one member in a division shall be recognized until each division has called.

Rule 17. All papers addressed to the council shall be presented by the president, or by a member; and, unless the council shall otherwise determine, they shall be read by the president, or such other person as he may request, and be taken up in the order in which they have been presented.

Rule 18. All ordinances, orders, and resolutions shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, after each of which debate shall be in order, and they shall then be put on their passage. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first, the document may be read by its title only.

Rule 19. No ordinance, and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing the expending of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document.

#### Motions.

Rule 20. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President shall so direct, and no other motion shall be entertained until a reasonable time be afforded for compliance with such direction.

Rule 21. In naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall first be put to the question.

Rule 22. When a question is under debate, the President shall receive any of the following motions, but no others:—

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. The previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To assign to a time certain.
6. To amend.
7. To refer to a committee.
8. To refer to another board.
9. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall not be applied to each other, except that the motion to assign, amend, refer, or to close debate at a specified time, may be amended; and the previous question may be demanded upon an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. When one of these motions has been made, none of the others, inferior to it in precedence, shall be made, and, in proceeding to vote, motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank, as above arranged. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 23. When a matter has been assigned to be taken up at a fixed hour, or at a certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the time appointed, or at any time subsequent thereto, during the same or succeeding meetings, be in order upon the call of any member and take precedence of all other business.

Rule 24. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:

- A standing committee of the council.
- A special committee of the council.
- A joint standing committee.
- A joint special committee.

Rule 25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided business of a nature to be recorded on the journal has been transacted since a motion to adjourn was rejected; and such motion shall be decided without debate.

Rule 26. Debate on a call for the previous question, or on a motion to close debate at a specified time, or on a motion to lay on the table, or take from the table, shall not exceed ten minutes, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. In such debate, however, the merits of the main question shall not be discussed.

Rule 27. Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it; and any member may move at any time for the suspension of any rule or rules.

#### Previous Question.

Rule 28. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main

question be now put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided.

Rule 29. When the previous question is ordered, the vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question.

Rule 30. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, except on an appeal; and on such an appeal no member shall be allowed to speak more than once without leave of the council.

#### Appeal.

Rule 31. No appeal from the decision of the president shall be entertained unless it is seconded; and no motion but to adjourn shall be in order till the question on the appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the council?" and it shall be deemed to be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes given are to the contrary.

#### Voting.

Rule 32. If the president is unable to decide, or if any member doubts a vote, the president shall cause a rising vote to be taken on the question without further debate. The president shall appoint two tellers for each division of the council, as fixed by him, who shall agree, on a count, and report the result aloud to him.

Rule 33. A motion that any pending vote shall be taken by yeas and nays shall be in order at any time, and no debate shall be allowed thereon, but it shall be passed by the assent of one-fifth of the members present. Every member present shall answer to his name unless excused before the vote is taken.

Rule 34. After the announcement of a vote not taken by yeas and nays, any member may move for a verification thereof by yeas and nays, and on such motion a debate of the original question, not exceeding five minutes, shall be permitted, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, provided one-fifth of the members voting shall so require.

#### Reconsideration.

Rule 35. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, either immediately after the announcement of such vote, or whenever motions are in order; or if any member, who is not shown by a yea and nay vote to have voted against the prevailing side, shall give notice to the clerk, before ten o'clock a.m. of the next day but one following that on which a meeting was held (except the final meeting of the year, or that preceding any adjournment for over two weeks), of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next meeting at which said motion is reached in the order of proceedings.

Rule 36. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall speak more than five minutes. Whenever a matter has been especially assigned, a notice, as above specified, to reconsider any vote affecting it shall be considered whenever such special assignment takes effect.

Rule 37. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon either of the following motions:—

- To adjourn.
- The previous question.
- To lay on the table.
- To take from the table.
- To close debate at a specified time.

## Rescinding Votes.

Rule 33. After a vote has been refused a reconsideration, it shall not be rescinded unless two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the common council vote in the affirmative.

## Elections.

Rule 39. All officers receiving any compensation from the city of Boston, who are elected by the city council, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be chosen in this branch by ballot. In all elections by ballot the number of blanks cast shall be reported. Ballots cast for ineligible persons shall be counted and reported, but only for the purpose of ascertaining the whole number of ballots cast. If the person chosen is ineligible, the ballot shall be void and a new ballot be taken.

## Seats of Members.

Rule 40. No person except a member of the council shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the council is in session. The seats of the members of the council shall be numbered, and shall be determined, in the presence of the council, by drawing the names of members and the number of the seats simultaneously; and each member shall be entitled for the year to the seat bearing the number so drawn against his name, and shall not change it, except by the permission of the president.

## Spectators.

Rule 41. The City Messenger shall allow no person upon the floor of the Council Chamber, or in either of the ante-rooms, except members of the City Government, heads of departments, and reporters, without the permission of the President; and, while the Council is in session, no person, except members of the City Government, heads of departments, and reporters, shall be allowed in either of the ante-rooms on the easterly side. The President shall order such accommodations on the floor for reporters and spectators as he shall deem proper; provided, however, that no spectators shall be seated behind the members of the Council.

Rule 42. The Council Chamber shall be used for meetings of the Council only, unless by special vote of the Common Council; provided, that during the summer recess the President may allow the Chamber to be used for public purposes, in all cases reporting his action to the Council at its next meeting. The anteroom and large committee-room on the east shall be subject to the same rules, except that the President may allow committee meetings to be held therein at times when the Council is not in session. The Clerk's room shall be assigned to the Clerk of the Common Council for occupancy and use. The anteroom between the Council Chamber and the Clerk's room shall be used during the meetings of the Council to give access to the seats on the floor, and for such other purposes as the President may direct; provided, that smoking there shall not be allowed on the part of visitors. The general care and supervision of these rooms are hereby intrusted to the City Messenger, subject to the direction of the President; but no expenditure of money shall be made except by direct vote of the Common Council.

## Parliamentary Practice.

Rule 43. The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in Cushing's "Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" shall govern this Council in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the City Council.

## Repeal.

Rule 44. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the common council present and voting thereon.

The reading was dispensed with, and the report and rules were recommitted to the committee on motion of Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13.

## CLOSING OF DUDLEY SCHOOL.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to close the Dudley Grammar Schoolhouse, Roxbury, until such time as said committee is prepared to complete the sanitary improvements recommended by the Board of Health. The Common Council believes that gross negligence has been manifested by delaying for several years the work which should have been done in this building, that the taxpayers of the district have the right to demand proper school accommodations for their children, and that it is inhuman to oblige teachers and pupils to expose themselves to loss of health merely to save a paltry sum to the City Treasury.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, my purpose in introducing this order tonight is to bring to the attention of the people of Boston and of this Common Council the condition of affairs that now exist in the Dudley St. School, in my district.

I attended the Dudley St. School about seventeen years ago. The conditions that existed then exist now, and I have introduced this order because of the fact that many of the residents of my ward send their children to that school, and in view of the fact that many of them have come to me and have complained of the conditions which existed there, and have said that unless something was done to better the conditions they would have to take their children from that school, for they preferred to have their children grow up without any education than to go there and contract diseases which would lead to their death. Diphtheria is one of the diseases which arises from the conditions existing there. The condition of the drainage is such that they have had numbers of diphtheria cases. Mr. President, the Dudley St. School was built in 1873. By some log-rolling on the part of Alderman Sayward, the bill was got through both branches of the City Government and was placed in charge of the committee that had charge of building schools. \$90,000 was appropriated for the purpose, and in view of the fact that Mr. Sayward was a builder, and in view of the fact that he wanted some work from the city of Boston, by log-rolling he was able to get that contract awarded to Mr. William H. Sayward, now secretary of the Master Builders' Association of Boston, who was then a dry goods clerk in the store of Hovey and Company. Mr. President, I desire to bring to the attention of the Council, and of the citizens of Boston, the fact that the reformer of today was a little shady years ago. The reformer of today was feeding at the public crib in 1873. That school, when built in 1873, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Common Council, was ten years behind the times, absolutely.

Now, Mr. President, what is my grievance? I will tell the Council. Teachers without number have been confined to their beds, and they have attributed it to the sanitary condition of the school. Many teachers are sick today. Some of them are recuperating down South, at their own expense, because of those conditions. Many of them are sick now at home. I might name them, if necessary, Mr. President. The Master, Mr. Chase, is fast losing his health. When he came there, he was a strong man. Today, he is physically disabled. One teacher who came there from the Vernon St. School took charge of a class which was in the corridors of the Dudley St. School. In a short while, she was taken sick, and the consequence is that today she is absolutely deaf—all due to the sanitary condition

of that school. I want to say, Mr. President, that the conditions that exist in the Dudley St. School are allowed to exist because it is a poor school, and that they would not be allowed to exist one hour in the Back Bay or in any influential district. Poor children go to this school-house, therefore they must suffer. Mr. President, I desire to direct a few remarks to School Committeemen Calderwood and Strange, who have been on the school committee at least five years. Mr. Calderwood is a resident of Roxbury. He knows the condition of this school. I would like to ask him what is the trouble? Why has it not been attended to? The roof of the Dudley St. School is so bad that the rain pours in in floods. It leaks down through floors below the roof. I was down there today and was shown that by the Master of the school. I desire to call the attention of the Council to a few letters published in the Boston Traveler. Here is one from Master A. L. Rafter, who is now Head Master of the Martin School, in Roxbury. He writes as follows:—

"I am perfectly willing to give my opinion as to the want of ventilation in the Dudley School. I am certain that I suffered from dead and impure air while I was in the building. I trace a very bad case of tonsillitis which I had to room 6. I suffered almost continuously from headache while there; it was especially bad during the afternoon session.

(Signed) "A. L. Rafter."

Now, I want to bring to the attention of the Council the order sent to the School Board by the Board of Health of the City of Boston—and this is not the first order. They have sent them there continually for five years, and this is merely a sample of those sent previously. Here is what Dr. Durgin of the Health Board says:—

"Repeated complaints, examinations and reports to the School Committee and Superintendent of Public Buildings have been made without avail, and covering a period of several years. Another examination has been made within a few days, which shows the continued bad condition of the ventilation, plumbing and draining of the building. There is a lack of traps, a defect in the drain, putty joints, insufficient flushing, offensive odors, want of repairs otherwise, and inefficient means of ventilation. The Board of Health would respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that the sanitary condition of the building be improved as soon as practicable."

That letter was referred last evening, without hearing or debate. Now, Mr. President, the Board of Health have remarked, as I understand, that if a private building was in the condition the Dudley St. School was in, it would be condemned at once and ordered vacated. Mr. President and gentlemen of the Common Council, there are large numbers of children attending that school, and this condition of repairs is a menace to their health. It is high time that the School Committee should do something. I want to ask the School Committee what they have done for the school children of Boston in the year 1898, which would cause them to charge \$1.62 more for teaching a child than it cost previously. I respectfully trust that this order will pass, and that the School Committee will take some notice of the present condition of affairs in the Dudley St. School.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GASTON SQUARE.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the open space formed by the intersection of Zeigler, Roxbury and Washington Sts. be hereafter called and known as Gaston Sq., in memory of William Gaston, late Mayor of Roxbury, Mayor of Boston and Governor of Massachusetts. Passed. Sent up.

#### PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the same as in former seasons the lot of land known as Nightingale Field, on Morton St., Dorchester; the expense of same not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Hibbard moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### FOOTBRIDGE, WORDSWORTH ST.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a footbridge over the railroad tracks at Wordsworth St., Wd. 1, so that liability of accident at this point may be lessened.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, WARD 19.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of Thirty Thousand Dollars for an engine house and combination truck at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Calumet Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### FISHER AVENUE SEWER.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to commence the construction of the sewer in Fisher Ave., Wd. 19, as soon as possible.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RUGGLES STREET PAVING.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for paving of Ruggles St., between the location of the tracks, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and Parker St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### VACATION FOR FIRE DEPT. EMPLOYEES.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the employees of the repair shop, Boston Fire Department, two weeks vacation, the same as other members of said department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PRINTING OF BUILDING LAWS.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to prepare and publish an edition of 1500 copies of a digest of the building laws; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Printing, when appointed.

#### PUBLIC LECTURE APPROPRIATION.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to submit to the Common Council a complete itemized statement of all charges made against the money appropriated during 1898 and 1899 for "Free Public Lectures."

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LEASE OF LAND.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to lease to the Trustees of the Boston College in Boston, for a term of ten years, and for a nominal consideration, and subject to such further terms and conditions as said Board may deem advisable, a strip of land owned by the city of Boston, extending from Norfolk Ave. to Massachusetts Ave. in said Boston, the same to be used with the land on each side of said strip of land, for an athletic field.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENT OF PUTNAM SQ.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the park in Putnam Sq., Wd. 1, to be planted with grass and flowers and to be enclosed with a wire fence.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to instruct the patrolmen doing duty in the vicinity of Putnam Sq., Wd. 1, to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct in the park located in said square.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

SIDEWALK, WHITE ST.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the sidewalk adjoining the reservoir on White St., Wd. 1, in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

ASPHALTING WALKS, PUBLIC GARDEN.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the Superintendent of Public Grounds to asphalt or otherwise improve the walks in the Public Garden adjoining the entrance to the Subway.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PAY OF SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Common Council why the order passed by both branches of the city government in relation to employees of the city who served in the late Spanish-American War, and who were to receive pay while in the service has not been complied with.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the City Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with the information asked for in the orders which passed the Common Council on February 3, 1899, relating to the payments of moneys to parties on the city pay-rolls purporting to represent men deceased, and relating to heads of departments receiving from the city treasury sums in excess of their salaries as established by ordinance.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PETITION REFERRED.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 presented the petition of the Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association asking for an increased appropriation for Memorial Day.

Referred to the Committee on Memorial Day, when appointed.

EMPLOYMENT OF RESIDENTS.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to prepare and report an amendment to the Revised Ordinances of 1898 providing that no person shall be employed in any department of the city of Boston who has not lived in said city one year and has not a legal residence therein.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances when appointed.

CONDITION OF FROTHINGHAM SCHOOL.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to take the necessary steps to put the Frothingham Schoolhouse, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PRINTING OF BUILDING LAWS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be authorized to prepare and cause to be printed fifteen hundred copies of a digest of the Building Laws, revised up to the date of the passage of this order; that each member of the City Council be provided with twelve copies and that the remaining copies be placed in the charge and control of said commissioner; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

Referred to the Committee on Printing, when appointed.

LIST OF STREETS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council a list of the streets given by the City of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in said city and for other purposes, in accordance with the act of the legislature of 1833, and the amounts given by said railroad company to said city in return for the property.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider; lost.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WOODWARD ST.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate an electric light on Woodward St., at corner of Glover Ct., Wd. 15.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

NIGHT CAR, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. FENTON offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Co. be requested, through the Board of Aldermen, to run a night car by way of Dorchester St. to Field's Corner, in connection with the regular night car running on Broadway to City Point.

Passed. Sent up.

IMPROVEMENT OF WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. BRODERICK of Wd. 23, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place Washington St., between Walk Hill St. bridge and Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23, in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

WIDENING OF SOUTH ST.

Mr. BRODERICK offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause South St., Wd. 23, to be widened to sixty feet, from Key's St. to the Arborway.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## TRACKS ON SARATOGA ST.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be requested not to grant a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to lay rails on Saratoga St., between Orient Heights and Winthrop Bridge, Wd. 1, until said company establishes and maintains a waiting room at the Boston side of the North Ferry.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I simply desire to state that members of this body for the last five years have been trying to get a waiting room on the city side of the North Ferry, and I have made that attempt myself the last two or three years. I wrote a letter to the second vice-president of the company a few weeks ago, asking him to give the East Boston representatives a hearing regarding that waiting room; and he wrote back saying that the waiting room was unnecessary, that the directors of the road knew what the people of East Boston wanted as well as the representatives of East Boston. This proposed route will be of no benefit at all to the citizens of Boston. It is a vacant road for the whole length of the proposed trackway, and I sincerely hope that the road will take some notice of this order and will place a waiting room at the ferry.

The order was read a second time and passed.

## MEMBERS PRESENT.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Doherty, Donahue, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Glinlin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—67.

Absent—Curley, Klemm, Leonard, Logan, Nangle, Sullivan, Tobin—8.

## STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 25.

Mr. ROLLAND of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, make necessary repairs on Everett St., Wd. 25, and place crosswalk on same at junction of North Beacon St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. ROLLAND of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove plank sidewalk on Franklin St., Wd. 25, and substitute in place gravel or other hard substance.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## NEW CHAIRS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Mr. CARROLL of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to provide new swivel chairs for the Common Council Chamber.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## TIME FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN TO VOTE.

Mr. CARROLL of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow members of the Fire Department sufficient time to vote at caucuses under the

same regulations as they are allowed that privilege at elections.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. CARROLL of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Police Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow members of the Police Department sufficient time to vote at caucuses under the same regulations as they are allowed that privilege at elections.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the appointment of members of the joint standing committees, on the part of the Common Council, as follows:—

## Joint Standing Committees.

Art Dept.—Stockton of 11, Leonard of 9, Bagley of 1, Logan 14, Wood 20, Fenton 15, Jordan 22, Sweeney 7.

Assessing Department—Peck 12, Carroll 3, Harvey 24, Watson 18, Broderick 23, Atwood 16, Doyle 19, Tobin 9.

Auditing Department—Stevens 11, Casey 18, Mildram 24, Johnson 2, Badaracco 6, Kelley 4, Battis 1, Bordman 10.

Bath Department—O'Brien 6, Brauer 23, Kasanof 9, Simpson 1, Giblin 15, Roemer 22, Rice 2, Eddy 16.

Building Department—Bennett 5, Hibbard 24, Stone 7, Eddy 16, Linehan 13, Battis 1, Watson 18, Brauer 23.

Cemetery Department—Brauer 23, Emery 21, Hickey 2, Jordan 22, Bradley 6, Broderick 23, Kasanof 9, Mulcahy 14.

City Clerk Department—Emery 21, Brennan 17, Harvey 24, Casey 18, Madden 5, Peck 12, Johnson 2, Broderick 23.

City Messenger Department—Mansfield 10, Gibbons 5, Mildram 24, Badaracco 6, Simpson 1, Brennan 17, Doyle 19, Leonard 9.

Claims—Logan 14, Bagley 1, Watson 18, Bordman 10, McInerney 19, Walker 25, Linehan 13, Rice 2.

Clerk of Committees Department—Flynn 17, Moore 10, O'Brien 6, Wells 16, Doyle 19, Carroll 3, MacDonald 12, Curley 18.

Collecting Department—Stockton 11, Johnson 2, Wood 20, Tobin 9, Klemm 21, Nangle 19, Roemer 22, Mulcahy 14.

Contingent Expenses—Wood 20, Kelley 4, Mildram 24, Doyle 19, Lorey 22, Tobin 9, Armistead 11, Brennan 17.

Election Department—Turnbull 4, Moore 10, Gibbons 5, Winsloe 21, Leonard 9, Stockton 11, Badaracco 6, Simpson 1.

Engineering Department—Leftovith 8, Peck 12, Sweeney 7, Rice 2, Sanderson 25, Kelley 4, Mildram 24, Leonard 9.

Finance—Kiley 8, Stevens 11, Turnbull 4, Lydon 13, Chamberlain 12, Howard 20, Martin 15, Connolly 17.

Fire Department—Watson 18, Moore 10, Sweeney 7, Stevens 11, Collins 13, Lorey 22, Fenton 15, Bagley 1.

Health Department—Linehan 13, Jordan 22, Stevens 11, Leftovith 8, Mansfield 10, Turnbull 4, Wells 16, Bennett 5.

Hospital Department—Donovan 7, Armistead 11, Fenton 15, MacDonald 12, Flynn 17, Mansfield 10, Gibbons 5, Walker 25.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Simpson 1, Kasanof 9, Winsloe 21, Johnson 2, Atwood 16, Bradley 6, Harvey 24, Mulcahy 14.

Institutions Department—Sweeney 7, Wood 20, McInerney 19, Collins 13, Mansfield 10, Martin 15, Battis 1, Hibbard 24.

Lamp Department—McInerney 19, Emery 21, Mulcahy 14, Walker 25, Bradley 6, Winsloe 21, Hickey 2, Wells 16.

Legislative Matters—Stone 7, Bordman 10, Connolly 17, Stockton 11, Lydon 13, Wood 20, Logan 14, Sanderson 25.

Library Department—Connolly 17, Stevens 11, Gibbons 5, Bagley 1, Rolland 25, Cuddy 8, Klemm 21, Donahue 14.

Market Department—O'Brien 6, MacDonald 12, Giblin 15, Hibbard 24, Cuddy 8, Sanderson 25, Donovan 7, Bennett 5.

Ordinances and Law Department—Kiley 8, Chamberlain 12, Stone 7, Linehan 13, Wood 20, Connolly 17, Stockton 11, Giblin 15.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—

Martin 15, Winsloe 21, Newhall 23, Doherty 3, Moore 10, Badaracco 6, Atwood 16, Rice 2.  
Park Department—Collins 13, Howard 20, Nangle 19, Emery 21, Horrigan 3, Hibbard 24, Giblin 15, Sanderson 25.

Police Department—Lydon 13, Chamberlain 12, Sweeney 7, Miller 20, Horrigan 3, Moore 10, Turnbull 4, Lorey 22.

Printing—Cuddy 8, Chamberlain 12, Stone 7, Armistead 11, O'Brien 6, Bennett 5, Eddy 16, Donahoe 14.

Public Buildings Department—Bagley 1, Donovan 7, MacDonald 12, Cuddy 8, Klemm 21, O'Brien 6, Martin 15, Horrigan 3.

Public Grounds Department—Collins 13, Howard 20, Donahoe 14, Klemm 21, Curley 18, Wells 16, Flynn 17, Leftovith 8.

Public Lands—Lydon 13, Jordan 22, Donovan 7, Rolland 25, McInerney 19, Harvey 24, Turnbull 4, O'Brien 6.

Registry Department—Howard 20, Casey 18, Wells 16, Hickey 2, Winsloe 21, Madden 5, Lorey 22, Newhall 23.

Schools and Schoolhouses—Martin 15, Miller 20, Connolly 17, Peck 12, Lydon 13, Emery 21, Curley 18, Logan 14.

Weights and Measures Department—Nangle 19, Walker 25, Carroll 3, Newhall 23, Madden 5, Eddy 16, Hickey 2, Armistead 11.

Street Department—Fenton 15, Bagley 1, Flynn 17, Lorey 22, Nangle 19, Broderick 23, Howard 20, Leonard 9.

Street Laying-Out Department—Jordan 22, Fenton 15, Peck 12, Doherty 3, Brauer 23, Donahoe 14, Miller 20, Tobin 9.

Treasury Department—Stevens 11, Sullivan 4, Chamberlain 12, Madden 5, Roemer 22, Newhall 23, Rolland 25, Doherty 3.

Water Department—Donovan 7, Rolland 25, Logan 14, Roemer 22, Flynn 17, Atwood 16, Casey 18, Sullivan 4.

Wire Department—McInerney 19, Miller 20, Watson 18, Roemer 22, Gibbons 5, Bordman 10, Sullivan 4, Horrigan 3.

Music Department—Klemm 21, Flynn 17, Atwood 16, Collins 13, Mildram 24, Sullivan 4, Mansfield 10, Johnson 2.

Statistics Department—Turnbull 4, Peck 12, Rice 2, Sanderson 25, Casey 18, Newhall 23, Eddy 16, Nangle 19.

#### Joint Special Committees.

Fourth of July—President of the Common Council, Bagley 1, Rice 2, Horrigan 3,

Turnbull 4, Bennett 5, O'Brien 6, Donovan 7, Cuddy 8, Leonard 9, Bordman 10, Armistead 11, Chamberlain 12, Collins 13, Donahoe 14, Martin 15, Eddy 16, Connolly 17, Watson 18, McInerney 19, Howard 20, Klemm 21, Jordan 22, Brauer 23, Hibbard 24, Sanderson 25.

Labor's Holiday—Watson 18, Moore 10, McInerney 19, Lorey 22, Leftovitch 8, Bagley 1, Stone 7, Horrigan 3.

Mayor's Address—Badaracco 6, Chamberlain 12, Kasanof 9, Atwood 16, Mulcahy 14, Mildram 24, Watson 18, Hickey 2.

Memorial Day—Lydon 13, Bordman 10, Leonard 9, Doyle 19, Simpson 1.

Rules and Orders—Logan 14, Kiley 8, Stockton 11, O'Brien 6, Sanderson 25, Martin 15, Klemm 21.

Seventeenth of June—Bennett 5, Horrigan 3, Turnbull 4, Gibbons 5, Kelley 4, Carroll 3, Sullivan 4, Doherty 3, Madden 5.

Investigate Rainsford Island—Linehan, Chamberlain, Stone, Bordman, Cuddy.

#### Common Council Special Committees.

Badges—Hibbard, 24; McInerney, 19; Bagley, 1.

City Hall Elevator Accident—Kiley, 8; Linehan, 13; Logan, 14; Stevens, 11, Eddy, 16.

Discharge of City Employees—Kiley, 8; Bennett, 5; Chamberlain, 12; Connolly, 17; Hibbard, 24; Linehan, 13; Walker, 25.

Playground, Wds. 18 and 19—McInerney, 19; Nangle, 19; Watson, 18; Curley, 18; Flynn, 17; Doyle, 19; Klemm, 21.

Public Buildings, Repair Division, Investigation—Linehan, 13; Kiley, 8; Stevens, 11.

Rules and Orders—Bordman, 10; Lydon, 13; Eddy, 16; Rice, 2; Stone, 7.

Street Department, Sewer Division, Re-statement of Employees—McInerney, 19; Flynn, 17; Donovan, 7; Atwood, 16; Battis, 1.

Water Tax in Boarding and Lodging Houses—Chamberlain, 12; Moore, 10; Turnbull, 4; Armistead, 11; O'Brien, 6.

Police Ambulance, Dist. Nine—Winsloe, 21; Eddy, 16; Flynn, 17.

Adjourned at 9:18 o'clock P. M., on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to meet on Thursday, April 6, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 3, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent, Ald. Codman and Doyle.

On motion of Ald. Colby, the reading of the record of the last meeting was dispensed with.

HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of James Fitzgerald for leave to project two bay-windows from building 375 and 381 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Department.

Henrietta Goldsmith, for leave to connect two wooden buildings on 1281-1283 Tremont St., cor. 3-5 Prentiss St., and 9 Prentiss St., Wd. 18.

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petition for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Cynsure Cycle Co., a V-shaped sign, at 49 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Thomas Moulton, two barber poles, at 6 Friend St., Wd. 6.

R. E. Munch, four signs, at 267 Washington St., Wd. 6.

H. W. Lockwood & Co., an illuminated sign, at 74 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., two V-shaped signs, at 190 High St., Wd. 7.

John B. Manjoe, three barber poles, at 1173 Washington St., Wd. 9.

James Ivers, a barber sign, at 167½ Congress St., Wd. 7.

W. Creden & Co., two signs, at 94 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

George W. Oliver, for payment to Harry W. Powers of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Armandine St.

Charles A. Chase, to be paid for damage to estate 142 Castle St., caused by drain being filled with sand.

Alice E. Gould, for compensation for damage to estate 63 Beech Glen St., caused by blasting.

Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Gladstone and Walley Sts., Wd. 1, and Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Board of Health.

Annie B. Bates, for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 115-117 Warren Ave.

Lamps.

Salvation Army et als., for an electric light on Common St.

Licenses.

T. R. Henry, Manager, for a permit for Helen Davis and Arthur Thompson, under 15 years of age, to appear at Columbia Theatre, for the week ending April 8.

George W. Magec, Manager, for a permit for Lester, Nat and Ralph Benson and Gene Joiner, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, for the week ending April 1, 1899.

Memorial Day.

Petitions for appropriations for Memorial Day:-

Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R. A. and N. U.

Thomas F. Meagher Command No. 3, U. V. U.

Railroads.

Waltham, Newton & Forest Hills Street Railway Company, for a location for tracks and the overhead electric system, on Baker and other streets.

Lizzie G. Thoits, that the Board of Aldermen estimate the damage to her by the taking of her estate on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Co.

Public Improvements.

Richard J. Powers, for leave to lay a 1¼ inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 102 Third St., Wd. 13.

Christian P. Plett, for leave to lay a 1¼ inch pipe under and across sidewalk, at 334 Eighth St., Wd. 13.

Connelly & Wentworth, for leave to close Congress Sq. to public travel during building operations.

William H. Clafin & Co., for leave to erect a post with a sign, at 180-188 Congress St., Wd. 7.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from Corinth St. to Linden St., Wd. 23.

Woodbury & Leighton, for leave to erect guy posts in Purchase and Cove Sts., Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

M. F. D'Arcy, 720-722 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

James V. Devine, E. Cottage St. (north side) corner of Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Edwin A. Stevens, Magnolia St., corner of Magnolia Sq., Wd. 16.

William Ready, 386-388 Market St., Wd. 25.

Paine Furniture Co., 48 Canal St., Wd. 6.

Albert L. Jewell, 123-136 Adams St., Wd. 20.

A. C. Chisholm, Hartford St., corner Cheney St., Wd. 21.

OVERCROWDING OF THEATRES.

The following was received:-

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Apr. 3, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

I transmit herewith for your information a communication from the Board of Police, with enclosure, on the subject of overcrowding theatres.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Police Department.

Office of the Board of Police,

March 28, 1899.

Honorable Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir: I send you herewith copy of correspondence between J. C. S. Taber and the counsel for the Board of Police, on the subject of overcrowding theatres, and especially with reference to crowding passageways leading to exits.

As the Board of Aldermen have the licensing power and the theatres are under their charge, we thought it proper that you should be informed on this subject so that the Board of Aldermen could make such rules and regulations as they deem necessary.

Yours very truly,

A. P. Martin, Chairman.

71 Aldie St., Allston, March 26, 1899.

Board of Police Commissioners, City of Boston:-

Gentlemen: I wish to call your attention to the dangerous crowding of the upper gallery of the Boston Theatre, not only allowed but encouraged by the management of that house on the night of Feb. 9, 89, during the performance of "Carmen" by the Ellis Opera Co. The seating capacity of this portion of the house was oversold by 200 at least, and these people and others who took unsatisfactory seats near the stage, stood in the passageways, as shown in the accompanying rough plan. The writer occupied a seat near X, and was in a position to see all the facts he states. A friend of undoubted integrity was unable to get inside the auditorium at all and made the statement given hereafter in regard to the police officer.

There is but one entrance to the upper gallery of the Boston Theatre. It is wide

enough in itself and gives reasonable means of exit to the occupants of about one-third of the seats. Those on the left. Four rows back of the gallery railing there is a passageway leading across the whole width of the house and wide enough most of the way for two people to walk abreast. On one side of this passage are the backs of the seats and on the other side a raised platform for other seats. The feet of those occupying these seats come to the front edge of this platform, in front of which there is no railing. There is a large post at the entrance to this passageway, leading to the right, so that the exit to about two-thirds of the seats is reduced to room for only one person, at a point about 15 feet from the gallery door. The other gallery floors of this house have passageways back of the seats of such width and position that they are not liable to be used as standing room to a dangerous degree. In the upper gallery all the passageways are within the auditorium. What happened on the evening of Feb. 9, 1899, is as follows: Tickets far in excess of the seating capacity of this part of the house were sold. In fact the crowd was so large in the ticket lobby that the doors were opened 15 minutes or more before the usual time to allow would-be purchasers to get to the box office windows. Women were not only jammed on the stairs as in unavoidable in such a mass of crowding people, but were subjected to the "battering ram tactics" of the football flying wedge indulged in by a party of 20 year old hoodlums in respectable apparel. There was no one at hand to stop this outrageous action and it was continued to the top of the stairs. Once in, the crowd took possession of the good seats and the aisles down to the railing. They did not sit down. They stood in the cross passage and jammed the entrance until an usher came in and filled up the seats in the "chute" at the extreme rear. He made no attempt to clear the passageways and at the time he left the gallery the condition was about as shown. When the performance began those occupying seats at the right of the entrance stood up and the crowd in the entrance way crowded in with them so that there was a solid dam of people from the wall to the post "A" which completely cut off all means of exit in this direction. No attempt was made by the officer to clear this away or was he inside the auditorium.

During the performance a woman standing in the northerly part of the gallery, near "B," became faint, and an attempt was made to get her out. As the aisle was blocked, some men who were with her pounced on the exit door on that side of the house, but to no purpose, and finally attempted to cross to the other side of the house. By walking on the platform over the feet of those sitting they reached the crowd of people at the post, where it was necessary to use argument before those standing there would make the slightest effort to allow them to pass. I would like to know what the additional exits are for and where the keys are kept. Why those farthest from the street are subjected to a threefold risk in case of a stampede and why the management are allowed to sell tickets to people who not only fill all the seats but overflow out on to the stairs where they can neither see or hear. Tomorrow night another opera season opens by the company who last year filled the Mechanics Building. That building will accommodate from 30 to 50 per cent more people than the Boston Theatre. It is safe to say that the crowds attending this week and next will be greater than those to witness the performance by the Ellis Co. That means that the condition I have described will be repeated several times unless prevented by law. I would like to attend these performances but I consider the risk in doing so greater than I ought to undergo. Should any alarm be aroused with the crowd as I saw it, there would have been a terrible stampede, in which broken limbs and

bruised bodies or worse would reach an appalling figure. I have attended the opera for several years and sit very near the entrance where I can see every movement of the officer. His duties are performed in a very perfunctory manner, and the crowd is seldom made to clear the passageways. They are sometimes made to make an opening, but if it is closed up again the officer seems to feel that he has performed his duty and does nothing about it.

Respectfully,  
J. C. S. Taber.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ELECTRIC PLANT, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 3, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
I transmit herewith copy of a communication received by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment from the Trustees for Children, urging the necessity of making provision for electric lighting in the House of Reformation on Rainsford Island, together with an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating four thousand dollars (\$4000), for this purpose. Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, March 31, 1899.  
To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees for Children, urging the necessity of an appropriation for an electric light plant for the House of Reformation on Rainsford Island.  
Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Children's Institution Department,  
Trustees for Children,  
32 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.,  
March 24, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:—  
Dear Sir: I enclose herewith a letter received by the Board of Trustees in relation to a matter which might have resulted very seriously.

The Board feel that they cannot assume the responsibility for the recurrence of such an accident, and therefore would respectfully ask that the present lamps be replaced by electric lights.

The Board has voted that iron fire escapes be placed upon the building, and that the needed apparatus for forcing water be established; and also that the small boys should be removed into the building formerly occupied by the Sumner Hospital.

In this connection, I would say in reply to your favor of the 20th inst., that the majority of the Board is unwilling to grant the use of the buildings formerly occupied by the Sumner Hospital to that Institution, feeling that the buildings are needed for the younger boys of the House of Reformation. Believe me, very respectfully yours,  
H. A. Lamb, Chairman.

City of Boston,  
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island,  
Boston Harbor, March 21, 1899.

To the Trustees for Children:—  
In connection with my report to you regarding the accident of March 1, 1899, I wish to make the following recommendations:

- 1st. A safe system of electric lighting should be put in for the whole island, thus eliminating the danger from oil lamps.
- 2nd. A pump should be placed in the boiler room, of sufficient power to force a good stream of water to the upper floors.
- 3rd. The small boys, now in the attic, should be removed to the building at the other end of the island, formerly used for a summer hospital, thus placing them out of danger, relieving the overcrowding, and

at the same time separating them from the older boys, which latter is much to be desired.

Under these conditions no boys would be more than two flights (22 feet) from the ground, with ample means of exit at each end of the building, one of them a wide iron stairway, with broad landings, built in a brick well. There would be modern and available means of extinguishing a fire, with but little possibility of any occurring.

Respectfully submitted,  
John C. Anthony, Supt.

City of Boston,  
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island,  
Boston Harbor,  
To the Trustees for Children, of the City of Boston:—

It is my duty to report to you an event which in its outcome was unimportant, but the possibilities of which were appalling.

On the evening of March 1, 1899, just after the boys had retired, one of the lady teachers started to put out the light of the large hanging lamp in her schoolroom. This lamp had been in position all day, and had been lighted all the evening, and was apparently perfectly secure, but the usual means of extinguishing the light brought the large fountain to the floor, barely missing the teacher and one of the matrons who was present. The oil spread rapidly and at once ignited. No outcry was made, but the officers were quietly summoned and two streams of water from the hose, and three fire extinguishers were playing on the flames within three minutes, with hardly a word being spoken. The fire was subdued after scorching the floor and two desks, and burning the books in these desks. The flames and smoke at once attracted the attention of the boys in the dormitories, and but for the energetic work of the watchmen and instructor of athletics, aided by some of the larger boys who kept their heads, a panic certainly would have taken place.

I cannot speak too highly of the prompt and efficient manner in which the whole affair was handled by my officers, or of the quiet bravery shown by the two ladies present, but I feel that after such a warning the conditions here should be fully known and realized by all in any way responsible for this Institution.

This accident occurred by the hand of a careful officer, and was, I believe, practically unavoidable. It happened under most favorable conditions, when the officers were at hand, when the boys were not present; on the second floor where the water pressure is fairly good, and where the hose could be brought close to the flames. However, under a hundred other probable conditions, the results would be most disastrous.

I need not here set forth the dangers attendant upon the use of kerosene oil for lighting purposes, as they are acknowledged. The water pressure on all the floors is practically useless, as no stream could be thrown to any distance. On the upper floors it is especially low. Precautions such as water buckets, which are always full, and hand grenades and extinguishers, which are always at hand, would be useless in any extended conflagration. The position of the younger boys, who are obliged, by our crowded condition, to sleep in the attic on the fourth floor, is especially dangerous.

For these reasons I deem it imperative upon the honor and consciences of those who have it in their power, to eliminate, as far as possible, the imminent dangers from fire which threaten the inmates of this Institution, and with this report I feel justified in saying that, while I shall do all in my power to guard against them, I can no longer, under present conditions, take the responsibility for any future accidents of this nature.

Respectfully submitted,  
John C. Anthony, Supt.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.  
March 31, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of Four Thousand Dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the trustees for children in establishing an electric lighting plant at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was sent down to the Common Council without alteration.

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**CHELSEA BRIDGE—WIDENING OF DRAW.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 3, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on March 31st, appropriating thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), for widening the north draw of the Chelsea bridge.

The estimated cost of widening this draw to 60 feet amounts to \$45,000. Mr. Henry M. Whitney, on behalf of the New England Gas & Coke Co., has already offered to contribute the sum of \$10,000 towards this widening, and the appropriation was passed at the figure above named in the hope that this contribution might be increased to cover the whole difference of \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.  
March 31, 1899.

Ordered, that the sum of \$30,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in widening Chelsea Bridge draw opening, at the north draw, from its present width of 45 feet to 60 feet; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Laurence Minot,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for the order the Clerk has just read, coming from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but, at the same time, I desire to record myself against the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in this particular. It is unfortunate that the law gives this honorable board no authority to increase the appropriations that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may see fit to make. I have given this particular subject some attention since it was first brought before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and I sincerely and honestly believe that the sum appropriated is hardly sufficient to carry out the work that should be done. As I have said before, it is very unfortunate that the Board has no authority in this matter; and I do hope that some day the time will come when either the law relating to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be changed or that that board will be abolished.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would

like to say merely a word in advocacy of the measure. This will not only be for the advantage of the New England Gas & Coke Company, but it will develop the industries of Charlestown and will be of benefit to that section in connection with the railroads. The dock facilities in Charlestown, in connection with ocean traffic are being rushed to the very utmost at the present time, and it is altogether probable that if this thing is done the Boston & Maine and other corporations will take advantage of the large extent of flats along the Charlestown water front and develop them, and it will be a splendid thing for that section.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to continue for just a moment and to compliment the Chair, for I know the Chairman of the Board has strongly advocated, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, this project being carried through in a proper manner. I have spoken with him about it, and I know his sentiments on this subject. I know it is not his fault that the amount is not as large as it should be.

The order was approved by the Board of Aldermen; sent down.

#### WATERING OF STREETS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Apr. 3, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, which explains itself. I desire to emphasize the urgency of this matter, and to express the hope that immediate action will be taken on it. Until the necessary action is taken by the City Council, the responsibility for neglect to water the streets will rest with the City Council, and not with the Street Department, as that department cannot proceed without authority.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, Apr. 3, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to call your attention to the fact that no authority has been granted to this department by the City Council to water the streets during the current year, as required by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1897. Until such authority is granted, it is not possible for this department to make the proper arrangements, and I would say that we are now greatly handicapped by the delay. The street-watering season has already begun, and unless immediate action is taken by the City Council, there will be very general and proper complaint from the citizens, who must suffer from the dust nuisance until this department is authorized to furnish relief. Yours very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells,  
Supt. of Streets.

Sent down.

#### PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 3, 1899.

To The City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on March 31st, appropriating four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$475,000) for providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
March 31, 1899.

Ordered: That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations, the following amounts and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purpose specified; and that

to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$475,000), viz:

Grammar school house, East Boston (14 room building).....	\$95,000
Primary school house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional.....	10,000
Primary school house, Roxbury (6 room building) .....	40,000
Grammar school house, South Boston (14 room building).....	100,000
Primary school house, Brighton (12 room building) .....	70,000
Grammar school house, Dorchester (14 room building).....	100,000
Primary school house, Ward 20, site....	5,000
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools.....	55,000
Total .....	\$475,000

Passed, and we certify that none of the appropriations above made are to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John H. Sullivan,  
Laurence A. Not,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS—VETOES.

The following were received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 3, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed at your last meeting granting permission to Grove & Flynn to project a sign at 43 Bristol St., Wd. 9, for the reason that the said vote permits the sign to project into the street five times as far as is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission, in opposition to the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being yeas none, nays 10.

The following was also received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 3, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to W. Creden & Co. to project a sign at 94 Essex St., Wd. 7, for the reason that the vote grants permission to project the sign farther into the street than is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission, in opposition to the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being yeas none, nays 10.

#### CONSTABLES.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,  
April 3, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint the following named persons constables of the City of Boston, for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Connected with official positions:—Richard F. Andrews, Thomas A. Ball, John H. Banks, Charles A. Belford, Daniel F. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, John E. Cadigan,

William W. Campbell, William A. Coburn, William P. Cook, Frank B. Cotton, Thomas A. Crawford, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Downs, William L. Drohan, John A. Duddy, Cornelius A. Dugan, Charles H. Filesetti, Thomas Folger, Elijah D. Foss, Henry Fox, John J. Franey, William W. Griffin, John F. Harrigan, Charles Harrington, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, James O. Jordan, James P. Keiher, Samuel Kelley, Edward Kelly, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, William H. Murphy, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, James O'Donnell, Thomas J. O'Neil, Alvah H. Peters, A. Vin I. Phillips, Patrick F. Reddy, John H. Riley, John Robie, Nathaniel G. Robinson, B. Franklin Sanborn, Henry J. Schenck, Charles J. Smith.

#### To Serve Without Bonds.

Truant Officers—George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Halsey, John T. Hathaway, James P. Leeds, David P. Long, John McCrillis, George Murphy, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Swcnee, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Woodfiale.

Probation Officers—Nathaniel Leonard at Charlestown, Calvin A. Littlefield at East Boston, George N. Parker at South Boston, William A. Blossom at Roxbury.

With S. P. C. T. C.—Edwin R. Smyth, Monsier D. Mann, William R. Critcherson.

With S. P. C. T. A.—Lemuel B. Burrill, Charles F. Clark, James Duckering, James R. Hathaway, Thomas Langlan.

With St. Vincent De Paul Society—John B. F. Emery.

Not Connected With Official Positions—Charles A. Bancroft, Clarence B. Benedict, Joseph H. Blatt, John B. Bowen, Solomon Brids, Paul C. Brooks, Joshua Brothers, Benjamin F. S. Bullard, James M. Carter, William H. Chick, James J. Clark, John F. Clark, Michael Cangianno, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, James H. Cruff, James W. Currier, George C. Davis, Horace Dennis, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, Thomas J. Drury, John A. Duggan, Peter P. Fee, Thomas Fee, William E. Fitzgerald, Walter A. Goddard, George W. Goode, Charles G. Goussebaire, Scars H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Charles A. Grover, Joseph Guttentag, Edward J. Holland, John W. Holmes, Edward L. Hopkins, Charles A. Horigan, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, Parker N. Jenkins, Horace A. Jordan, Clarence G. Kellogg, Edward W. Kelly, Gusteen L. Kennerson, William H. Kennedy, William Adams, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, George M. Locke, George W. Lowther, Wm. H. Lyon, Henry Martyn, William A. Mason, George R. Mathews, James McDonough, Michael McEleney, Joseph L. McLaughlin, Robert M. McLcish, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, George H. Nason, James Needham, Philip O'Brien, Isalah Pa'ne, Jr., George F. Pierce, Benjamin F. Powell, John G. Ray, Peter U. Reinstein, Robert Reid, Thomas D. Roberts, John J. Rogers, George Henry Royce, John L. Russell, George J. Ryan, Charles A. Savery, David Shepero, William A. Sheehan, Henry W. Shepard, Abraham T. Silberstein, Morris Silverstein, John J. Sullivan, Frederick L. Smith, Forest E. Starr, Herbert W. Stebbins, Anson Stern, Calvin Stowe, William H. Swift, Frederic S. Walker, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Barnett White, Wm. L. White, Frank Yonaco, Henry S. Worrall, George L. Wrighton.

Laid over until the next meeting, under the law, and ordered printed.

#### OFFICIALS PAID BY FEES.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor,  
April 3, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: I hereby, subject to your approval, make the following appointments:

(1.) John J. Caddigan to be Chief Weigher and Inspector of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2.) James Collins and Edward Hughes to be Assistant Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3.) The following named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, William G. Bail, James E. Barnett, George L. Batchelder, John L. Batchelder, Jr., Frederick J. Bradford, Barney M. Brennan, Thomas F. Brennan, Michael J. Brennan, John H. Brinc, Walter Bryant, Franklin J. Burnham, John L. Caldwell, P. J. Caldwell, Donald S. Campbell, William A. Campbell, John H. Card, Edward N. Clancy, A. D. Clark, Frederick E. Cleaves, Thomas Colbert, Nelson B. Coll, Charles J. Collins, Edward E. Cove, Hugh F. Crane, Arthur R. Crooks, Fred Cutter, James B. Dana, Asa W. Davidson, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, F. W. Dickinson, Alfred Doane, Charles E. Dodge, John F. Donovan, Luther W. Drown, John H. Duffill, John W. Edson, Albert Eaton, Richard W. Edds, William H. Fitz, John C. Felker, Jr., Arthur L. Fish, Edmund D. Fitzpatrick, Daniel F. Flynn, George E. Frost, Henry A. Frost, Nellie M. Frost, Thomas F. Gallagher, Benjamin A. Gardner, Martin Gilbert, J. M. Gilman, Thomas F. Golding, Henry F. Gould, Robert J. Gove, Wesley A. Gove, William A. Gove, Charles T. Grant, William C. Hain, Charles A. Hamann, George P. Hamlin, Joseph L. Harding, J. Arthur Heaton, Stephen Henton, Sidney C. Higgins, Winfield W. Hill, F. A. Hobbs, Samuel Hosea, Jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Elisha C. James, E. W. Johnson, Harry W. Johnson, Henry R. Jordan, John Kelly, John Kelly, Jr., Maurice Kingsbury, Phineas C. Kinney, Edward A. Labrop, William D. Leeds, Clarence J. Libbey, Marcellus H. McElroy, George W. Merrill, Joseph F. Mills, Armine W. Montgomery, Richard J. Moore, Fred C. Morgan, Fred L. Moses, Russell Mascalus, John F. Nelson, John B. Nickels, Horace L. Porter, William H. Pierce, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Hugh H. Ralph, P. J. Powers, Horace G. Robbins, Joseph Robbins, Dennis D. Ruddy, James Russell, William J. Seaver, D. C. Sheehan, John H. Smith, Lucius W. Smith, Clinton E. Somes, George C. Squier, Frederick S. Stanwood, James P. Stewart, Norman Q. Stewart, William F. Stewart, Clinton G. Stickney, Charles E. Stone, G. Louis Stowers, Frank E. Sullivan, Henry F. Thomas, Hollis O. Thomas, Fred S. Thompson, Frank O. Thompson, Charles F. Tirrell, John P. Toomey, Joel E. Vinal, Howard Wale, Alfred A. Waldron, Charles S. Wellington, G. C. Whipple, Michael F. Walsh, John R. White, Charles R. Williams, James Wilson, Henry G. Wilson, Edward J. Whitmarsh, J. Clarence Whitney, James F. Wilson, Benjamin D. Wood, Harry M. Wood, Frederick A. Worden, Frederick T. Wort, Ernest A. Worth, Moses E. Young.

(4.) The following named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, George L. Batchelder, James B. Dana, John M. Davis, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, Luther W. Drown, William H. Eitz, Joseph Flores, J. Authur Heaton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, Jr., John W. Hunter,

Frank B. Ingalls, Phineas C. Kinney, Albert T. Orrall, Dennis D. Ruddy, Frank E. Sullivan, Frank O. Thompson, Howard Wade, J. Clarence Whitney.

(5.) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Horace W. Aitken, Ebenezer Barrett, William Bentley, Lawrence A. Bragan, David Burke, Elmer E. Chain, Edward N. Clancy, Michael Collins, Charles R. Clifford, Michael F. Codire, Cornelius Cowhig, Patrick T. Corcoran, Charles A. David, Robert J. Desmond, John Deveraux, F. W. Dickerson, Alton F. Dow, Daniel F. Enos, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Hugh Flanagan, Carroll Gates, John H. Gillogly, William Gleason, Henry F. Gould, George Gourley, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Joseph G. Herrick, Joseph A. Hiii, Daniel Hurley, George W. Keith, William T. McLaughlin, Cornelius Murphy, James A. Murphy, R. E. Newman, Alfred J. Sidwell, James Slessor, James E. Soutter, John Steeie, Charles E. Stone, Fred. J. Sullivan, Loring H. Tucker.

(6.) The following-named persons to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Morton Alden, Charles E. Avery, Joseph P. Carmody, Elmer E. Chain, Charles R. Davis, John M. Davis, Robert J. Desmond, F. W. Dickson, John H. Dunn, William M. Dunn, Ervin F. Eaton, Thomas B. Gammon, John H. Gillogly, Henry F. Gould, William Lincoln, Jarius L. Litchfield, S. B. Keene, William T. McLaughlin, Richard J. Moore, Leslie A. Pike, Edward G. Stanley, Charles E. Stone, Charles F. Thompson, Andrew N. Wyeth.

(7.) The following-named persons to be Field Drivers and Pound Keepers for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Joseph H. Murphy, in Brighton; Henry Griffith, in Dorchester; John Rooney, in East Boston; William T. McChesney, in South Boston; William Cotter, in the Back Bay district; and— in Roxbury.

(8.) The following-named persons to be Superintendent of Hay Scales for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Herbert C. Davis, North scales; Edwin T. Frost, South Boston; Charles W. Richardson, Roxbury; Benjamin F. Paine, Brighton; Thomas R. Frost and Lewis L. P. Atwood, West Roxbury; Timothy Dunn, South scales; William J. Mathers, East Boston.

(9.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Gustave Amsler, Charles E. Byrnes, John L. Caldwell, Thomas W. Carey, Edward N. Clancy, Nelson C. Clement, Fred. Cutter, Patrick D. Curry, Charles A. David, Alfred Doane, Charles F. Doherty, John F. Donovan, L. T. Farnum, George Gourley, John Hurley, John W. Kelley, Maurice D. Kingsbury, Henry D. Lynch, Robert P. McCann, Eugene McCarthy, George W. Merrill, Armire W. Montgomery, Robert A. Murray, Thomas H. O'Brien, Dennis O'Neil, Dennis O'Sullivan, James Slessor, William F. Stinson, Edwin F. Tarbox, F. S. Thompson, Bert Walbridge.

(10.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899:

Joel W. Bent, Frederick L. Dodge, Jacob N. Gray, and Charles Warren Hapgood.

(11.) William B. Bayley and Frank L. Bowker, to be Surveyors of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(12.) Josch B. Sias and Edward R. McLain to be Fence Viewers for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(13.) James H. Cleaves, Robert F. Means to be Inspectors of Petroleum and its products for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(14.) John J. Powers, Sewall B. Farnsworth and Edward R. Maxwell to be Measurers of Upper Leather for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(15.) Patrick J. McCarthy to be Inspector of Lime for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law, and ordered printed.

#### PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

2. Message of the Mayor vetoing ordinance passed by the City Council amending chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, in section 12 "by striking out the words 'of the United States in any capacity and shall give preference in all cases to citizens of Boston,' and inserting in place thereof the words 'and, if male subordinates, legal voters of Boston, in any capacity.'" Said ordinance comes up passed in Common Council March 30, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor—yeas 61, nays 7.

The Board voted to reconsider its previous action on the ordinance, and the question came on the passage of the ordinance, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The vote on the passage of the ordinance stood, yeas 7, nays 2:

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Dixon, McDonald, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Co'by, Day—2.

The ordinance was declared not passed, and the veto sustained.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I ask a reconsideration of the last vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will inform the alderman that there can be no reconsideration now, reconsideration having once prevailed.

Later in the session the Chairman said:—

The Chair will call the attention of the Board to this fact, that it required a two-thirds vote of the entire branch where the ordinance originated to pass it over the mayor's veto in that branch; but in this branch it requires only a majority of those present. The consequence is that the ordinance is passed in concurrence, over the Mayor's veto.

Ald. O'Toole—Mr. Chairman, may I go on record as voting on that question now, or is it too late?

The CHAIRMAN—The request of the alderman is solely within the province of the Board. Ald. O'Toole asks the privilege of going on record.

There being no objection, Ald. O'Toole was allowed to vote, and voted "yes," the vote then standing, yeas 8, nays 2, on the passage of the ordinance over the Mayor's veto.

3. Notice of appointments on the part of the Common Council of joint standing and joint special committees.

Placed on file.

The two following orders were passed by the Common Council and sent up:

4. Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested not to grant a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to lay rails on Saratoga St., between Orient Heights and Winthrop bridge, Wd. 1, until said company establishes and maintains a waiting-room at the Boston side of the North Ferry.

5. Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through the Board of Aldermen, to run a night car by way of Dorchester St. to Field's Corner, in connection with the regular night car running on Broadway to City Point.

Severally referred to the Committee on Railroads.

6. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for

playground purposes, the same as in former seasons, the lot of land known as Nightingale Field, on Morion St., Dorchester, the expense of same, not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) dollars, to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to lease to the Trustees of the Boston College, in Boston, for a term of ten years, and for a nominal consideration, and subject to such further terms and conditions as said board may deem advisable, a strip of land owned may the city of Boston, extending from Norfolk Ave. to Massachusetts Ave. in said Boston, the same to be used with the land on each side of said strip of land for an athletic field.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the open space formed by the intersection of Zeigler, Roxbury and WASHINGTON Sts., be hereafter called and known as "Gaston Sq." in memory of William Gaston, late Mayor of Roxbury, Mayor of Boston and Governor of Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The next two orders come up for concurrence in their reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for the paving of Ruggles St., between the location of the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and Parker St., Wd. 19.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars for an engine-house and combination truck at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Calumet Sts., Wd. 19.

Passed in concurrence.

11. The order passed by this Board March 20, authorizing the leasing of a public landing in the vicinity of Jeffries Point, Wd. 2, "the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for (A) City Council, Incidental Expenses"—comes up concurred with this amendment; at (Δ) strike out "City Council, Incidental Expenses" and substitute therefor "Street Department, Bridge Division."

Passed in concurrence.

**ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS.**

The Board proceeded to take up unfinished business, being action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

12. John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins, to be members of the Board of Assessors, for the term of three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as there are several members of the Board absent today, I move that the action on these three names be assigned to the next meeting.

Action on No. 12 was assigned to the next meeting.

Later in the session, Ald. McDonald moved a reconsideration of the assignment to the next meeting.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I very much dislike to disagree with or oppose the motion made by my colleague from Wd. 20, but I had this matter assigned, earlier in the meeting, for the purpose of letting it go over for one week, in order that it might be acted upon by the full board. I thought, inasmuch as two or three members are absent today and this is quite an important matter, involving the confirmation of three of the principal assessors, for a term of three years, it was no more than fair and right that it should be acted upon by the full Board. I therefore hope reconsideration will not prevail, but that the matter will be allowed to come up next week.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I voted with my colleague from Wd. 20 to

lay the appointments over for one week, because there were present at the time only eight members of the Board. As we saw by the vote on several appointments which appear on the calendar, there were but eight votes cast. Now, it seems to me that these gentlemen appointed by His Honor the Mayor have served in this capacity for a number of years, that nothing can be said against them, and I believe, as a compliment to them, that the appointments should be confirmed this afternoon.

Reconsideration of the assignment was declared carried. Ald. Adams doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote against reconsideration this afternoon. I will say, in explanation of my position, that I voted last year for the confirmation of Mr. Donovan and shall do so again; but I think when any member of this Board asks that action be delayed for such a reason as that given by Ald. Adams, of Dorchester, as a matter of courtesy it is due to him that his request be granted. When the time comes, I shall, in fact, vote for all three appointees. I know of nothing which would warrant me in voting against them. For that reason, I will say, in support of my position, that I shall not vote for reconsideration this afternoon. But when the proper time comes I shall vote for confirmation of the three gentlemen whose names appear on the calendar.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote no on reconsideration, because I think it is foolish for us to pass a vote reassigning a matter of this kind, as we did early in the meeting, and then, because somebody hustles around, to change over at the latter part of the meeting. On the question of reconsideration I shall vote "No."

The motion to reconsider was lost, yeas 3, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, McDonald, O'Toole—3. Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Colby, Dixon, Fresho—6.

(Ald. Day announced that he was paired on this question with Ald. Codman.)

On motion of Ald. Colby, the Board voted to consider Nos. 13, 14 and 15 collectively, viz:—

13. Charles A. Belford, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

14. Phineas C. Kinney, to be a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

15. William Park, to be an Inspector of Petroleum and its products, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation.

Committee—Ald. Colby and McDonald. Whole number of ballots 8; yeas 8, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

**BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On the following petition, viz:—  
Gipson & Knight, for leave to project two bay windows from building corner Clayton and Dickens Sts., one over each street, Wd. 24; an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon April 17, at 3 P. M., to consider the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**CONSTABLE'S BOND.**

A communication was received from the City Treasurer approving of the constable's bond of George H. Hosmer, filed today.

The bond was approved by the Board.

**PETROLEUM LICENSES.**

Notices were received from the Fire Commissioner of his approval of the following petitions:

Glaister Manufacturing Co., for a license to store and keep for sale, oils or fluids

composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.

E. C. Powers, for a license to store the above products at 301 Fuller St., Wr. 24.

The said licenses were approved by the Board.

#### PROJECTIONS, SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:

W. Creden & Company, to project two signs at 91 Essex St., Wd. 7.

John B. Manjoe, to project three barber poles at 1173 Washington St., Wd. 9.

James Ivers, for a barber's sign at 167½ Congress St.

Cynosure Cycle Company, to project a V-shaped sign at 49 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Thomas Moulton, to project two barber poles at 6 Friend St., Wd. 6.

R. F. Munch, to project 4 signs at 267 Washington St., Wd. 6.

H. W. Lockwood & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 74 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., to project two V signs at 190 High St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows, as follows:—

John O'Connor (petition referred from last year) 2, from building 50 Elery St., Wd. 15.

Bernard J. Devine (petition referred March 20), 3, from building 66-68-70 A St., Wd. 13.

Louis & Henry Rosenbaum (petition referred March 27), 4, from building 113-115-117-119 Richmond St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that permits be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

George W. Magee, Manager, for a permit for Lester, Nat and Ralph Benson, and Gene Joiner, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week ending April 1, 1899.

Manager T. R. Henry, for a permit for Helen Davis and Arthur Thompson, children under 15 years of age, to appear at Columbia Theatre for week ending April 8.

Reports accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 371 newsboys, 42 bootblacks and 4 vendors.

Reports accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

#### RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company for a location for two temporary tracks across South St., Wd. 7, (referred March 27).—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Boston & Albany Railroad Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use two temporary tracks across South St., Wd. 7, until September 1, 1899, upon condition that protection to the public satisfactory to the Board of Aldermen is provided; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by the Engineer's Office, Boston & Albany R.R. Co., dated March 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Boston & Albany Railroad Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted Feb. 27), for a location for double tracks on Washington St. between Newcomb and Ball Sts.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use double tracks on Washington St., between Newcomb and Ball Sts., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Pimpton, dated January 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Waltham, Newton & Forest Hills St. Railway Company, for a location for tracks and the overhead electric system on Baker and other streets.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, April 24, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Lizzie G. Thoits (referred today), that the Board of Aldermen estimate the damage to her by the taking of her estate on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Company—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That the petitioner give notice to said Boston Elevated Railway Company to appear before this Board at a meeting thereof to be held at Boston, at City Hall, on the 24th day of April current, by serving it with a true and attested copy of said petition, with this order thereon, fourteen days at least before said twenty-fourth day of April current, that it may then and there show cause, if any, why said petition should not be granted, and to answer to the said petition.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask some information in reference to

that matter. That is a petition filed with this honorable Board, sitting as County Commissioners. Now, the question I desire to ask the Chairman is, whether that public hearing is to be held by the Committee on Railroads or by the entire board, sitting as County Commissioners?

Ald. DIXON—By the entire Board, sitting as County Commissioners.

The report was accepted and the order of notice was passed.

#### REVISED GRADE OF STREETS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That this Board establish the revised grade of Parker Hill Ave., at Roxbury, from Hillside St. to Huntington Ave., as shown by red lines on plan and profile of said Parker Hill Ave., dated May 26, 1897, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in his office.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That this Board establish the revised grade of Vale St., at South Boston, between Dorchester St. and Mercer St., as shown by red lines on plan and profile of said Vale St., marked "City of Boston, Vale St., South Boston, July 19, 1898. William Jackson, City Engineer," deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PLANK SIDEWALK, PETERS ST.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place suitable signs and construct plank sidewalks on Peters St., Wd. 14.

Passed.

#### TREES ON SARATOGA ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to plant five trees in the sidewalk in front of estates 427, 429, 431 and 433 Saratoga St., the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### NORTH SHORE TRACTION TRACKS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads be requested to give a hearing as soon as convenient on the petition referred February 13, for the removal of the tracks of the North Shore Traction Co., now controlled by the Lynn and Boston Railroad Co., from Walley St., East Boston.

Passed.

#### WIDENING OF BATTERY ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan the sum of \$32,000 for the widening of Battery St., from Commercial St. to the ferry, in accordance with the plan now in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed. Sent down.

#### PLAYGROUND, FRANKLIN PARK.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to allow young boys their former "Playground" at Franklin Park.

Passed. Sent down.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, SAVIN HILL AVE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light between 300 and 304 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### REPAYMENT TO HUGH McLEOD.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Treasurer repay to Hugh McLeod the sum of eighty-three and sixteen one hundredths dollars, being the amount as-

with interest, between the amount assessed his estate on Josephine St., for the laying out and construction of said street, by the order of assessment of the Board of Street Commissioners of May 22, 1897, and the amount assessed said estate by the revised order of assessment by said Board of February 17, 1898, said McLeod having paid the original assessment in full.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. BRICK, Chairman pro tem of the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Gladstone and Walley Sts., Wd. 1, and Glenway St., Wd. 20—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, April 10, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 3:35 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the communication from His Honor the Mayor (referred today), transmitting communication from the Board of Police, etc., on the subject of overcrowding theatres, — recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(2) Report on the message from His Honor the Mayor in reference to the watering of streets during the ensuing year under the assessment plan (referred January 30)—recommending the passage of the order accompanying the same, and that said message be sent down.

Report accepted, said order (that all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters), passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the order in regard to interest on unpaid taxes, etc. (referred March 27)—that the board non-concur in the amendment passed by the Common Council.

The report was accepted, and the board voted to adhere to former action. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition (referred March 27), of Nicholas J. Halpine, Lieutenant U. S. Navy, to propel through the streets of this city an automobile miniature man-of-war—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(5) Report on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, as follows:—

Christian F. Plett, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 331 8th St., Wd. 15.

Richard J. Powers, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with an iron screw cover attached thereto, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 102 Third St., Wd. 13.

Woodbury & Leighton, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary

ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets, viz:—

- 1 at or near 267-273 Purchase St.;
- 1 at or near 229 Cove St.;
- 1 at or near the corner of Cove and Summer Sts.;

same to be placed in location satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(6) Report on the petition of Connery & Wentworth (referred today), for leave to close Congress Sq. to public travel during building operations—recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Connery & Wentworth to close Congress Sq. at or near Congress St., Wd. 6, to public travel during the construction of building Nos. 13, 15 and 17 Congress St., according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of John Soley & Sons (referred today), for leave to move a wooden building from Corinth St. to Linden St., Wd. 23—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, Mansard roof, 35 ft. in length by 24½ ft. in width, by 30 ft. in height, from present location on Corinth St., through Corinth, Birch and Pennfield Sts., and across private lands to lot on Linden St., Wd. 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(8) Report on the petition of W. H. Clafflin & Co. (referred today), for leave to erect a post with a sign at 180-183 Congress St., Wd. 7—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(9) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

A. C. Chisholm, Hartford St., cor. of Cheney St., Wd. 21, gravel, with granite edgestone.

M. F. D'Arcy, 720-722 Saratoga St., Wd. 1, brick with granite edgestone.

James V. Devine, East Cottage St., north side, cor. Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16, brick with granite edgestone.

Albert L. Jewell, 128-136 Adams St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with steel bound curbing.

Edwin A. Stevens, Magnolia St., corner of Magnolia Sq., Wd. 16, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

William Ready, 388-388 Market St., Wd. 25, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Paine Furniture Company, 48 Canal St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(10) Reports recommending the passage of the orders (referred today) establishing the revised grades of Parker Hill Ave. and of Vale St.

Reports accepted, said orders passed.

#### TREES ON CORDIS STREET.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree at No. 29 Cordis St., Wd. 5; and also to remove a dead tree at No. 95 Elm St., Wd. 3. The expenses of the same to be charged to Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### ELEVATED STATION, CHARLESTOWN

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to provide at least one station on the elevated line now building between

the stations now arranged for in City and Sullivan Sqs., Charlestown District.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE—DORCHESTER.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a decayed tree in front of premises 23 Withington St., Dorchester, the expense to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### COST OF WIDENING BEACH ST.

Ald. BARRY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, an estimate of the cost of widening Beach St., from Washington St. to Atlantic Ave., to a width of 60 feet.

Passed.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RAILROAD WORK.

Chairman BARRY presented the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for an extension of time of six months in which to lay curves at the corner of Washington and Hanover Sts.

In connection with the above the Chairman offered the following:—

Ordered—That the time for completing the work of laying double curves at the corner of Washington and Hanover Sts. by the West End Street Railway Company as authorized by an order approved Dec. 7, 1898, being the 17th location, so-called, be extended to October 1, 1899.

Passed.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman Barry announced the appointments of aldermanic membership of the following committees:—

Committee on Finance—Ald. McDonald, Doyle, Presho, O'Toole, Berwin.

Committee on Management of Rainsford Island—Ald. Dixon, Adams, Day, Codman, Brick.

Notice sent down.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. DAY moved a general reconsideration on all votes taken today, trusting the same would not prevail; lost.

#### CALL FOR RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, with no intentional discourtesy to the Committee on Railroads, I desire to give notice at this time that at the next meeting of the Board I shall call for a report of the Committee in reference to the location of tracks of the American Sugar Refinery in South Boston.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Railroads have had several meetings, and I think the general makeup of the Committee is such that it is capable of reporting back to this board upon any matter that may be before it without the member from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) asking for it. If I remember rightly—while I don't mean to be discourteous to the alderman from Wd. 6—last year a certain bill was before the Police Committee that stayed there for ten long months before it was called up and acted upon.

In regard to this petition of the Standard Refining Company, I believe the committee is to give a hearing upon the matter next Wednesday, that the Chairman of the committee has called a hearing for that day, and I believe the gentleman has been informed to that effect. We are expediting the business of that committee as much as we are able to. I believe the petition has been in for three or four weeks, and it is a subject of magnitude, in my estimation, something that is a detriment to the people of South Boston; and, while I am not now called

upon to explain my position, because I don't want to anticipate my vote as a member of that committee, I do think that is a large undertaking, something that the people of South Boston are very much interested in. Of course, it takes time to look into these matters; but I can assure the gentleman that this will not stay in the Committee on Railroads as long as that matter I have referred to stayed in the Committee on Police last year.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rather anticipated that the honorable alderman from Roxbury would make reference to the delay in the Committee on Police upon the bill in reference to the pay of the policemen. As one member of the Committee, I did everything I could reasonably to expedite the matter. The result of that speaks for itself. I am not in any way responsible for the failure of the order to pass the government. But I do want to say that comparisons are no argument. This is an entirely distinct matter. The granting of the privilege to the American Sugar Refinery Company bears no comparison whatever to the matter to which the honorable alderman has reference, and I take this occasion, while referring to this particular matter, to say that I am a member of a number of different committees in this hall and, actuated by courtesy, I have allowed the chairmen of the several committees of which I am a member to conduct meetings as I saw fit.

I shall, however, in the future, give my particular attention to committee work, and shall insist on the Chairman of the Committee seeing that a report is made on different matters which should be acted upon, one way or the other, as soon as possible. I am getting sick and tired of being accosted on the streets by representatives of various corporations and others having matters before committees, as I have been time and time again, and asked why some action is not taken one way or the other. There is no reason for such delays as we have here on many matters. We can act on a great many questions coming before this board in one week as well as in six weeks. I take no stock in this talk, of which we hear so much, about matters being so important that they have to be delayed for a long

time. I believe members of the board of aldermen are just as competent to pass on matters brought before them as forty thousand people who may be brought in here to give opinions of various kinds, one way and the other. Perhaps I owe an apology to the gentleman who has just spoken, by reason of the statement he has made that the committee intend to give a hearing next Wednesday. I supposed that, under the ordinary parliamentary procedure, the report would have come in here by this time; and if I had known that there was to be a hearing upon the matter next Wednesday I would perhaps have said nothing about it.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I will simply say, in answer to the statement of the alderman from Wd. 6 in reference to expediting business, that probably twenty-five petitions have come before the railroad committee since the committees have been appointed, and I think there are now lying on the shelves of the Committee perhaps three or four petitions of some magnitude and this is one of them. As a member of the committee, I want to say to the alderman from Wd. 6 that if he were in the legislature and questions came before that body in which the people were greatly interested, and somebody should ask for the referendum, that the voice of the people might be heard on the matter, he would probably vote against it, in accordance with the position he now seems to take in reference to committee work in City Hall.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Railroad Committee I would simply say that the Committee visited Granite St., South Boston, last Saturday, as well as the Boston & Albany Railroad, in connection with the matter upon which we have reported today, and, as regards Granite St., we sent out notices for a public hearing next Wednesday at two o'clock. Ald. Colby, McDonald and Adams were over there last week and examined the place. The citizens of Wd. 13 wanted us to give a public hearing upon it, and so we are going to have one next Wednesday at two o'clock.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Adams, at 5:04 P. M., to meet on Monday, April 10, at 3 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, April 4, 1899.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 2 P.M., for the purpose of drawing jurors. Chairman Barry presided, and a quorum was present.

The call for the meeting was read and placed on file.

Under Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, twelve traverse jurors were drawn for the fourth session of the Superior Court, April sitting, as follows:—

Standish Wilcox, Wd. 7; Richard Power, Wd. 19; Albert E. Dana, Wd. 17; Henry W. Perkins, Wd. 9; Patrick J. Brophy, Wd. 13; Michael J. Sullivan, Wd. 14; John J. Scanlan, Wd. 16; John B. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 19; Almon Allen, Wd. 20; Wesley A. Gove, Wd. 1; Edward B. Bayley, Wd. 11; Frederick T. Paul, Wd. 3.

Adjourned.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, April 6, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## REPORT FROM BOARD OF POLICE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 5, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police acknowledging the receipt of orders of your body requesting that the patrolmen in the vicinity of Putnam Sq. be instructed to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct on the park located on said Square, and requesting that sufficient time be given police officers to vote at caucuses. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Office of the Board of Police,

April 4, 1899.

Honorable Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir: The Board of Police is in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing an order of the Honorable Common Council desiring that the patrolmen doing duty in the vicinity of Putnam Sq. be instructed to prevent loitering or disorderly conduct on the park located on said square, and in reply would say that instructions will be given to the officers in accordance with the provisions of the order.

Also your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing an order to the effect that sufficient time be given officers of this department to vote at caucuses under the regulations such as are allowed at elections, and in reply would say that instructions will be given in accordance with the provisions of the order.

Yours truly,

A. P. Martin, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

To the Committee on Claims—Patrick P. King, for compensation for damage to estate caused by alleged defective sewer on Eagle St., East Boston.

To the Committee on Memorial Day—Edward W. Kinsley Post 113 G. A. R. for the usual appropriation for Memorial Day.

Gen. R. S. Mackenzie Garrison No. 4, R. A. & N. U. for appropriation for memorial purposes.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message relative to necessity of passing order for street watering.

Placed on file.

2. Notice of announcement of committee appointments, viz.:

Joint Standing Committee on Finance.—Alderman McDonald, Doyle, Presto, O'Toole, Bervin.

Joint Special Committee on Condition of Rainsford Island Institutions.—Aldermen Dixon, Adams, Day, Codman, Brick.

Placed on file.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan the sum of \$32,000 for the widening of Battery St., from Commercial St. to the ferry, in accordance with the plan now in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Park Commission-

ers be requested to allow young boys their former "Playground" at Franklin Park.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the City Treasurer repay to Hugh McLeod the sum of eighty-three and sixteen one-hundredths (\$83.16) dollars, being the difference, with interest, between the amount assessed his estate on Josephine St., for the laying out and construction of said street, by the order of assessment of the Board of Street Commissioners of May 22, 1897, and the amount assessed said estate by the revised order of assessment by said Board of February 17, 1899, said McLeod having paid the original assessment in full.

Referred to the Committee on Claims, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18.

Later in the session Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 said:—

Mr. President, I would like to move a reconsideration of the vote whereby No. 5 on the calendar was referred to the Committee on Claims. I merely move that reconsideration hoping it will prevail because this order is a mere matter of form. The order simply provides for the repayment of the difference between the original assessment and the assessment of February 15 of this year, the original assessment having been paid in full. There are to be a number of these revised assessments coming before the Council, and, this being a mere matter of form, I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, in view of the fact that I was the member who moved the reference to the Committee on Claims, I am perfectly willing that reconsideration shall prevail.

The Council voted to reconsider reference to the Committee on Claims, and the order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

6. The order concerning the payment of taxes, assessments and interest, passed by this Council, with certain amendments, on March 23, comes down non-concurred in, the Board of Aldermen adhering to its former action, whereby said order was passed without said amendments.

The question came on receding and concurring with the Board of Aldermen; declared lost.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided and the motion to recede and concur was lost, six members voting in the affirmative, nineteen in the negative.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, if not too late, I further doubt that vote and ask that the matter be assigned to nine o'clock.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair asks that the gentleman from Wd. 14 will please separate the two motions. The question is now on solving the doubt, if the gentleman asks for a verification.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I move to reconsider and ask that the matter be assigned to nine o'clock.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has declared that the Council refuses to recede and concur. Mr. Mulcahy moves a reconsideration and that the matter be assigned to nine o'clock.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned to nine o'clock. It seems to me that the members of the Council have made up their minds to stand by their former action, and I don't see wherein the gentleman can gain anything by having this matter assigned to one hour later. I hope assignment will not prevail, but that the Council will stand by its former action.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope that assignment until 9 o'clock will prevail. I would like to have an opportunity at that time, when the question of reconsideration is carried, to speak upon the question on its merits. When this came before this branch of the City Council before, we amended the original order as it came to us from the Board of Aldermen in two places. The second time it

was amended it was only after a long debate, and I believe that after a full and free discussion the matter will be concurred in with the Board of Aldermen. I hope that assignment will prevail.

The motion to assign was lost.

The motion to reconsider was also lost.

The Council voted to non-concur and adhere to former action. Sent up.

7. Mayor's message, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Trustees for Children, and the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 31, which order comes down without alteration:—

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in establishing an electric-lighting plant at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on the adoption of the order, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the member from Wd. 13, who is especially interested in Rainsford Island, is not present at this time, I move that this order be assigned to half past eight.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I could not understand what the gentleman said. It was something in reference to the gentleman from Wd. 13. Now, I do not know why he should delay this matter because of the absence of the gentleman from Wd. 13. He may not be here this evening at all. I hope the matter will be acted upon now.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter until half past eight was lost.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I should like to ask for information. Did not this body, during the course of last year's session, appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, and, if so, why should we be asked to appropriate \$4000 more?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 20, as well as other members of the Council, will direct the Clerk to read the communication from the Trustees for Children, in connection with No. 7 on the calendar.

(The Clerk read the communication, as printed in the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen on April 3d).

The order was adopted, in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

8. Mayor's message, transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 31, which order comes down without alteration:—

Ordered, That the sum of thirty thousand (30,000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in widening Chelsea bridge draw opening, at the north draw, from its present width of forty-five feet to sixty feet; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on placing said message on file and passing the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

9. Mayor's message relative to street watering, and recommending the speedy passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters.

The message was placed on file and the

question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the street railways operating in the city of Boston, which enjoy all the benefits and privileges that the city can give them, are the great means of creating the dust, and the great cause of the necessity of street watering, I would like to offer an amendment, that would include them in the assessment for the watering, along with the abutters. This order reads that the abutters shall be assessed, and I would like to offer an amendment that any street railway company operating its cars in the city of Boston shall be assessed an equal amount with the abutters, in streets watered by the city of Boston in which their cars are operated.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. Collins reduced his amendment to writing, and presented it, as follows:—

Move to amend by adding the following: "That any Street Railway Company operating its cars in the City of Boston be assessed an equal amount with the abutters on the streets watered by the City of Boston."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that he is in doubt as to whether or not his amendment is legal, but he will put it for action by the Council.

The amendment was declared adopted. Mr. Watson of Wd. 13 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote.

Mr. TURNBULL of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, on the legality of that amendment. I thought the Chair said it was illegal.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he does not feel required to make any ruling upon the legality of the amendment whatever. He simply intimates to the Council that he has some doubts as to its legality, but is willing to submit it to the judgment of the Council.

A rising vote was taken on the adoption of the amendment, and it was adopted, 21 members voting in the affirmative, 7 in the negative.

The question came on the adoption of the order as amended.

At the request of Councilman Hibbard of Wd. 24, the order was read, as amended, for information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will suggest to the Council, and to the gentleman from Wd. 13 particularly, that in order to make the wording of the order consistent, the word "wholly" should be stricken out.

Mr. HIBBARD—Mr. President, I should like to ask if it would be in order to move to amend the order by striking out the words "the city limits" and inserting in place thereof "within a radius of four miles of City Hall?" That would make this order the same as the order which was passed last year. I move that as an amendment simply on the ground that in the outlying district, which I come from, there are large tracts of land which would receive no benefit from the street watering, and which, I believe, it would be an injustice to tax, as they do city property. Therefore, I offer that amendment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. Hibbard reduced his amendment to writing, and presented it, as follows:—

Amend by striking out the words "city limits" and inserting in place thereof the words "radius of four miles of the City Hall."

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move to further amend the order by striking out the word "wholly".

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, is it in order to speak on the merits of the question at the present time, or simply on the amendment?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say

that discussion is in order upon the amendment.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am opposed to the entire bill as it has been amended, in view of the fact that on the narrow streets where the cars run the cost of street watering will be far less than on some other streets, such as Kent St., in my ward, a back street. It will cost far more on Kent street than on a street like Guild Row, Mr. President, the abutters would have to pay more. For that reason I trust that the whole order will be defeated.

The question was on Mr. Collins' amendment.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that this matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council, so that there may be an opportunity to look into this thing. This comes up now for the first time, and I think a number of members would like a chance to look into the amendment offered by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Collins).

I therefore move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### LIST OF CONTRACTS.

The council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz:

10. Message of the Mayor transmitting a list of certain contracts entered into by the city through the Street Department. (City Doc. 66.)

Placed on file.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

The PRESIDENT, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on the order (referred March 30) rescinding the loan appropriation of \$3000 for "Sewer Outlet, Porter St." and the order transferring said amount to an appropriation for "Dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston"—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, that this is for the rescinding of an order appropriating \$3000, which was rendered unnecessary owing to the taking of certain land by the East Boston Land Company.

The report was accepted and the order was passed in concurrence.

#### LACK OF WORK IN PARK DEPARTMENT.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council of the reason of the enforced idleness of certain employees in their department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, WD. 6.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to secure the territory bounded by Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper Sts., and cause the same to be laid out for the purposes of a public square and playground.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the General Court and advocate legislation giving the City of Boston authority to take by right of eminent domain the land bounded by Somerset, Beacon, Bowdoin and Allston Sts., for the purpose of erecting thereon a new City Hall, the expense of the same to be outside the debt limit.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I have introduced this order in view of

the fact that the State has under consideration a proposition to take the land adjacent to the State House for the new park, which has been reported on favorably by the Committee on State House. The City Hall of today is too small to carry on the business of a large city like ours. Thousands of dollars are spent every year for offices outside of the City Hall, which could be saved if we had a building large enough to accommodate all the departments. I think if the State proposes to acquire land in that vicinity that this is the time to act towards getting a new City Hall, before the value of the land is increased by the laying out of the new park.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I was just about to move that this be referred to the Committee on Legislative matters.

The order was referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

#### BOSTON LABOR ON DRY DOCK.

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 offered the following:—

Whereas, It has been learned that the United States Government has awarded the contract for the construction of a new dock in the Navy Yard at Charlestown, and that it is the acknowledged intention of the contractors thereof to import and employ a large number of laborers, while this community is already overcrowded with citizens in great distress on account of want of work, be it

Resolved, That the President of the Common Council, in the name of the people of Boston, transmit to the President of the United States a protest against increasing the great distress existing among the citizen-laborers in our city, by the importation of alien labor to perform work on government contracts to the exclusion and detriment of our unemployed people.

Mr. President, I have introduced these resolutions tonight at the request of a large number of citizens, who believe that the work done in our city should be done by citizens of Boston. The contract for the new dry dock in Charlestown, I understand, has been given to O'Brien & Sheehan, the New York contractors. They are the contractors who brought on alien laborers from New York a couple of years ago to do work on the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. It is their avowed intention to bring on fifteen hundred alien laborers to do the work at Charlestown, yet there are hundreds of our citizens who are out of work at the present time, including a great many of the soldiers who went to the front but a few months ago. I believe the mechanics and laborers residing in Boston are as capable as any, and I hope the passage of the resolutions will have some effect in giving them a chance.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I heartily indorse the resolutions as just read in our hearing, and I move you, sir, that when the vote is taken on the passage of the resolutions the roll be called.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I heartily coincide with the gentleman from Wd. 7 (Mr. Donovan) in the remarks he has just made. As a representative of Charlestown, I want to say that Charlestown, as a suburban district of Boston, probably furnished the largest number of men to the United States Government in the late war; and I want to say that, as Charlestown is the district in which the Navy Yard now is, we desire that Charlestown men—or, if not Charlestown men, certainly Boston men—may be employed in that yard.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I heartily indorse all that has been said by the previous speakers. It is true that the alien has been given a far better chance in the matter of employment by the city of Boston than the legal voter, and

the sentiment of the citizens of Boston was made known to the administration last Thursday evening, when we passed an ordinance making it necessary that those employed by the city should be legal voters. Now, Mr. President, I have been told by those who are well informed that it is the intention of this company to bring foreign help here. I am a living witness, Mr. President and gentlemen, to the fact that these same contractors employed Italians at \$1.25 per day on the grade work done by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, at Roxbury. I don't know what effect this resolution may have, but I wish to say I am satisfied that all the people of Boston are opposed to aliens coming to Boston and receiving pay for work in this way. I trust that the resolution will pass.

The resolution was read a second time and passed—Yeas 65, nays 0.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovitch, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—65.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Broderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Flynn, Klemm, Leonard, Linhan, Nangle, Peck, Stockton—10.

#### INCREASE OF PAY—PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Pauper Institution Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to increase the pay of all officers, excepting the superintendent and deputy superintendent, employed at the institutions on Long Island, to the same amounts allowed similar officers employed at the institutions on Deer Island.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MACADAMIZING OF RUGGLES ST.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the macadamizing of Ruggles St., between Shawmut Ave. and Cabot St., Wd. 18.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, WARD 23.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 presented a petition signed by Patrick J. Kelly and numerous others in favor of the location of an engine house at the corner of Neponset and Hyde Park Aves., and in connection with the same offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to locate the proposed new engine house, Wd. 23, on Hyde Park Ave., near Neponset Ave.

The petition and order were referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 submitted the following:—

I hereby desire to resign from the following committees, known as the committees on Cemeteries, Collecting, Mayor's Address and Lamp Department.

Placed on file.

#### GUTTERS AT HEATH ST. BRIDGE.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company

to restore the copper gutters removed from its road elevation at Heath and New Heath Sts., Wd. 19, as the sidewalks are impassable in stormy weather owing to the dripping of muddy water from the bridges.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAVING OF HEATH AND NEW HEATH STS.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the paving with granite blocks of Heath and New Heath Sts., between the location of the American Brewing Company and Columbus Ave. extension, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### EMPLOYEES DISCHARGED IN BATH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council a complete list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of said department.

Passed.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF HARWICH ST.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put Harwich St., Wd. 10, in a suitable condition for travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EMPLOYEES ON UNION BASIS.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to use his influence with the New England Sanitary Product Company to have said firm place their employees on a union basis.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, WD. 10.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Committee on Public Grounds Department be requested to select and report to the City Council a suitable lot of land in Wd. 10 which can be hired and used for playground purposes.

Mr. MANSFIELD—Mr. President, in introducing this order for playgrounds I realize that the subject of playgrounds has been pretty well covered this year, but I recently learned that the boys in Wd. 10 have no place for a playground. I think that one of the largest wards in the city should have a place of that kind provided for the boys. In recent years, the boys in that ward have had the privilege of playing baseball, football, etc., on any of the vacant lots, but the territory has been pretty well filled up now, and through an order of the Board of Police they are now excluded from these vacant lots. The only chance they have is in the streets, and they are quickly driven out of there. This afternoon, with Mr. Moore, my colleague, I travelled through the Back Bay District, and I found several lots that I thought would be suitable for this purpose. Of course, I do not expect to get a full-fledged gymnasium, but if you give a boy a baseball and a bat and plenty of fresh air, I assure you that he will get plenty of healthy exercise.

I find that there are a number of lots in the ward suitable for this purpose that can be obtained. One is at the corner of Haviland and Turner Sts., another lot is situated on Hemenway St., bordering the Back Bay Fens, another is at the corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Aves. The lot that took my eye was the one on Hemenway St., bordering on the Fens. It

seems to me that at a very small expenditure of money the brush could be burnt and a suitable place could be built there for the boys. In this era of playgrounds, I think Mayor Quincy should lend his aid to us in this matter and help the Committee. I know that Mr. Moore and myself would be very glad to assist the Committee in this matter in any way that we can.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department.

#### WATER SERVICE, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Council why the high pressure water service has not been extended to the Lower Mills district, Dorchester, in accordance with statement made by him in his letter to the Mayor of November 7, 1898, and transmitted to the Council November 18, 1898.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CONDITION OF ADAMS STREET.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to order the contractor who built the sewer in Adams St., Dorchester, to place the street in proper condition for travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, TILESTON SCHOOL- YARD.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to lay out and construct as a park and playground a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is now not used for any purpose.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MACADAMIZING PARKER STREET.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remacadamize Parker St., between Centre and New Heath Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 21.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Holborn and Gannett Sts., Wd. 21.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAVING OF ESSEX ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pave Essex St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 4.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light on Brighton St., between Perkins and Cambridge Sts., Wd. 4.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NIGHT CAR, BUNKER HILL ST.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to run one of the Charlestown night cars over Bunker Hill St.

Passed. Sent up.

#### BRIDGE DIVISION EMPLOYEES.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reinstate such of the employees of the Bridge Division as lost their employment in said division on account of enlisting in the army or navy during the recent war with Spain.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

#### TREMONT ST. TRACKS.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council the senate of this Commonwealth should take favorable action upon the bill concerning the restoration of the railway tracks on Tremont St., as the same is demanded by a large majority of our citizens, especially those who constitute the working classes; the action of the house of representatives in regard to this matter is worthy of the highest commendation and the senate may rest assured that the people of Boston will greatly appreciate its concurrence with the house in voting in favor of the restoration of the tracks.

Ordered, That the senate be furnished with a copy of this resolve by the clerk of the Common Council.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I introduce this resolution this evening, believing, as I do, that the people of my district and beyond my district are in favor of the relocation of the tracks on Tremont St. I have had personal experience as to whether or not the subway is satisfactory in the matter of transporting passengers. I desire to say that at some times in the day the subway is adequate, but at certain hours—for instance, between half past 4 and half past 6 to 7 o'clock in the evening—a person cannot get down and take a car at the Scollay Sq. or Park St. stations without running the risk of losing a leg; and if you want to be gentlemanly—as I always do—you cannot expect to get into a car inside of ten minutes without walking over 15 or 20 women. Now, I voted against the subway. I believed it was no good—I am one of those who are consistent, and I believe now it is no good. I don't believe the stations can be made adequate for the people. They are not adequate now, and as years go on they will become still more inadequate. Boston has a growing population, and how are you going to accommodate that population? You may be told that the West End Road will be the gainers by having these tracks replaced. Why, they will not gain a cent. I and others who now go down into the subway to get a car will hereafter get it on Tremont St. The Boylston St. station is adequate, but the Park St. and Scollay Sq. and other stations are not. In view of the fact that the stations cannot be enlarged, and in view of the fact that the East Boston ferry cars, which once ran on Tremont St., are now running up Washington St., adding to the congestion, I believe, in the interest of the people of my district and of those living in the suburban parts of the city, that they should be given the right to go down on the surface of Tremont St. instead of through the subway. I believe that in speaking for this resolution, I am speaking in the interests of the people of Boston.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I desire to offer this as a substitute resolution.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the common council of the city of Boston no action should be taken by the legislature of this year looking to the restoration of street railway tracks upon Boylston and Tremont Sts., but that the matter

should be postponed until the elevated railway is in operation and the people are given an opportunity of judging whether the complete rapid transit system voted for by them in 1894 is a satisfactory solution of the transportation difficulties of the city or not and that no law should be passed at any time permitting the Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate cars upon the portions of Boylston and Tremont Sts. from which the tracks have been removed without making good to the city the loss in the revenues of the subway which might be caused by running the cars upon the surface of these streets instead of in the subway, and that no law should be passed interfering in any manner with the rapid transit plans deliberately adopted by the people of this city at the special election of 1894, unless such law is first submitted as the act of 1894 was, for popular approval.

Ordered, That the clerk of the common council be instructed to transmit copies of this resolve to both branches of the legislature and to the governor of the Commonwealth.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on substitution.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, at the special election participated in by the people in 1894 it was voted, by the voice of the people of this city, that the subway should be built, and after that a contract was entered into between the city and the West End Railroad in connection with the subway. Now, when the people of this city voted upon that matter, that vote included the taking up of the tracks on Tremont St. from Scollay Sq. to Boylston St., and on Boylston St. from Tremont to Park Sq. When the citizens of Boston voted upon that question, little did they dream that at this time there would be a bill before the Massachusetts Legislature repealing that law and allowing the West End Road to relocate its tracks on Tremont and Boylston Sts. Now, what is the situation? Work is being done by the Boston Elevated Railway Company. That work will probably not be completed within a year. I have been told that every well-known lobbyist who hovers around the State House has been there during the last week working in the interest of the bill that is pending there.

I am told that those same men are around City Hall tonight. What are well known lobbyists around for? In the interest of the people or in the interest of corporations? No wonder this railroad wants to have that contract rescinded. When they signed that contract they agreed to pay a certain sum in the way of annual rental—in the neighborhood of \$200,000 for the use of the subway, and under the terms of that contract if a certain number of cars went through there should be a toll on the cars, and the amount of that, after paying for the rental and cost of maintenance, should go for the maintenance of parks. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to what that amount will be. I am told upon what I consider as good authority as any in the city that the loops are used very nearly to their full capacity; also that the two through tracks, in connection with Shawmut Ave. and Tremont Sts., through to the Union Station, are used only to 30 p. c. of their capacity. Now, when the elevated system is completed and the cars go from Roxbury to Charlestown, it is proposed to send those cars through there. That will give rapid transit. Now, the West End road wants to break faith with the people. It entered into a contract, under a law which was made by popular vote of the people. Today neither the people of Boston nor the members of the City Government have the slightest say as to what shall be done with the streets of Boston. I say the law that forbids us

having anything to do with that question is wrong. It is time that we should have something to say about it. This great monopoly which is controlled from Wall St., comes here and tries to have the Massachusetts legislature get a law which expresses the will of the people repealed. They want the tracks relocated on Tremont St. I think they want to keep the street occupied, so that there will not be a chance for any other transportation company—automobile or otherwise—to run vehicles there.

In many of the principal cities of the world electric cars and other such vehicles are not allowed to go through the streets in the heart of the city, except underground, and in many of the cities—such, for instance, as London and Paris—they have motor carriages of some kind, running by steam, electricity or compressed air, which have been found to work well. But, in spite of the voice of the people of this city, the West End Road comes in here and says: "Let us have the tracks back." To my mind, one of the reasons why they want them back is to try to prevent any other company accommodating the citizens of Boston. Some other company may do it as well as they. Another reason why they want to have this done, in my opinion, is because inside of three years, if we hold them to the contract they deliberately signed, there will be an excess of practically \$30,000 per year, a large amount. The whole of that will go towards the maintenance of our parks. I heard what I consider one of the best authorities in Boston, one who has had as much to do with the subway as almost any man in the city, say that the revenue in three years would be \$50,000, while others have placed it at \$20,000. That is the lowest amount I have heard estimated, which amount would go for the maintenance of the parks. I don't believe there is an honorable representative here from any ward in the city of Boston but would like to see the parks of Boston get that money. It is something that would benefit East Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Brighton, and the whole city. If we hold the company to their contract, the parks will get the benefit of it. Let us allow that the amount will be \$50,000, that means 3 per cent. interest on over \$1,600,000. That is, we would be practically getting the revenue of \$1,600,000. I don't believe the representatives of the people of this city want to see a contract of that kind turned aside by a Wall St., New York, corporation, which shall dictate to the city of Boston that those tracks shall go back, allowing neither the people by popular vote, nor their representatives in the Board of Aldermen or this chamber, to have the slightest say in the matter. Mr. President, I hope the substitute will be adopted.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, inasmuch as this matter has not been passed upon by the House, but is still before it for action, I move the reference of the whole matter to the next meeting of the Council.

The question came upon the motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, now I am going to ask the member of the Council to be fair. Come out and go on record in this matter! Don't dodge! Before the next meeting of the Council, next Thursday, the House of Representatives and the Senate will have passed upon this bill. I believe that my order is in the interest of the people. I want to say, however, in answer to Mr. Stevens, that he is a member of the Republican party, and that the Republican party of the State of Massachusetts is responsible for the present car conditions in Boston. They are the people who granted the franchise to the West End Road. They voted for it on the strength of money promises. The legislature of Massachusetts was owned by

the West End road. Now, the statement has been made that lobbyists have been around here, I want to say that is a dream—spirits. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. WATSON—That originated from a joke, Mr. President, and fellow members, I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 11 that I will go further in this matter than he will. I will vote, if my vote will do it, to make the city of Boston the owner of the West End Street Railway and of the Boston Elevated road? I am in favor of municipal ownership. That is what I am in favor of. Will he go as far as I will? He speaks of the fact that the cars at Adams Sq. and Scollay Sq. do not carry many people. I want to say that possibly they do not, because you can go down just a little ways and get cars to Chelsea, East Boston, Charlestown, or any place that you want to go, but you cannot get cars to go up Tremont St. unless you go clear up to the edge of the subway. I am satisfied that this is a movement to make Tremont St. the Fifth Ave. of Boston. We know that there is at the present time a petition asking for the right for motor machines in the city of Boston, and I have no doubt that a franchise will be granted them. I want to ask him, does he want to have the motor machines of Boston have an exclusive right to Tremont St.? The West End Street Railway car, I want to say, is the poor man's vehicle. That is the vehicle of those who have no horses and carriages. I want to say that, in the interests of the people, I hope that assignment will not prevail, but that the substitute resolution will be voted down and that my resolution will be passed.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned to the next meeting. This is a very important subject, and ere this Council meets again a vote may be taken at the State House upon the matter. I think that our decision on this matter tonight will have much to do with the vote up there during the coming week. I will not speak upon the merits of the question, because the question is on the assignment of the matter to the next meeting. I trust that assignment will not prevail, but that the members will have a chance to speak upon the question.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I certainly hope that this will not be assigned for one week. I am prepared, as one of the members of this Council, to vote upon this subject tonight, and to vote upon it as I think the merits of the question deserve. I believe that the tracks should go back on Tremont St. Certainly, our part of the ward is very poorly represented in cars today, and I think that would give us a much larger outlet than we have at the present time. I sincerely hope that this will not be assigned, but that we will come together and vote upon it tonight. I am prepared to vote upon the subject tonight, without laying it over for a week, and I do not want to see any lobbyists, either, in order to enable me to make up my mind how to vote.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything upon this matter tonight, but as a matter of fact, I have not looked very deeply into the matter, and I should certainly be in favor of assignment, rather than to be obliged to vote tonight upon this matter. If I were obliged to vote tonight upon it, I should vote against the relocation of the tracks, because that is the only avenue that the teamsters have from the North End of the city to the South End today. If the tracks are to be relocated, that would take away from them the only good avenue which they have. I am in favor of assignment for a week. From my knowledge of the matter tonight, which is not very extensive, I should be compelled to vote against it.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I certainly hope this matter will not be assigned for one week. I should like to see it go through tonight, and I should like to see these members vote for the resolution introduced by Mr. Watson, of Wd. 18. When the tracks were ordered off Tremont St. the people in Roxbury, in the district in which I live, thought that it was the biggest piece of injustice that was ever perpetrated. That is the only means they have of getting over to East Boston. There are quite a number of people in my ward who work over there in East Boston, or in the North End, and those people have to lose about twenty minutes every day in coming and going to their work, owing to the congestion on Washington St. The subway was built to relieve the congestion on Tremont St. and Washington St. What has it done? It has doubled it on Washington St. There is not a car running on Tremont St. I will tell you my own experience, gentlemen, tonight, in coming down here. It took me fifteen minutes to come from Boylston St. to Milk St. There was a string of cars, and it caused a great delay. Almost any time that you go up there, you can see a long string of cars. It was only a short time ago that Councilman Lydon and myself were up there, commenting on the congestion on Washington St. I would like to see the tracks go back, in order to relieve Washington St., and in order to give the people of my ward a chance to get to their destinations.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I cannot agree with the gentleman on my left (Mr. Lydon). I hope this will be assigned. This is a question that should not be decided in five, ten or fifteen minutes. We should be given a longer time before being obliged to make up our minds how to vote upon it. If I am called upon to vote upon this question tonight, I shall vote against the relocation of tracks on Tremont St. If I had a week's time I might change my mind. I think this question should be thoroughly looked into. I am not prepared to vote intelligently upon it tonight, and hope the matter will be assigned for one week. I hope the motion to assign will prevail. If not, I should like to have an opportunity to speak on the question further.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned. The majority of members in the metropolitan district, both in the House and Senate, are in favor of relaying the tracks. I trust that the Council will go on record tonight as in favor of having the tracks put back.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I hope this order will not be assigned. I voted for rapid transit, when it was submitted to the people, and ever since that day I think they have been giving East Boston poorer railroad facilities than they had before—and the same people who are fighting for the rapid transit today are the people who fought the tunnel, and who have fought it ever since it first started. Some of those representatives from Wd. 11 who are making the trouble tonight would change their opinions if they moved to East Boston. There is no doubt that East Boston is affected more by the cars being removed from Tremont St. than any other district—not only on account of their not going on Tremont St., but because of there being so many on Washington St. There are so many cars on Washington St. that the cars from the ferry very often come up in a bunch, and then again, for half an hour there will not be any at all. Now, a great many people—in fact, the whole of our people—in East Boston, are working people—people who work along Tremont St. and past Boylston St. In the meetings that have been held in regard to the relaying of the Tremont St. tracks, East Boston has taken a very decided stand, and a very interesting part in the cause of getting the tracks back, and in the Legislature, the members from Suf-

folk County have almost unanimously voted to have the tracks relocated, I sincerely hope that we will act upon that resolution tonight, and that Mr. Watson's resolution will be adopted.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will not be assigned for another week. Whenever an important question like this comes up, some gentleman—and very often it is the gentleman from Wd. 11—generally jumps up and assigns it for one week. Then, the matter is just the same the next week as it was at that meeting. They never investigate anything. All that they do is merely to lay the matter over for fun. Now, I say this is not fun. The people want to get the tracks back, and I say they should have them. Why not give them to them? We are told by the gentleman from Wd. 11 why not let another company build tracks along there? Now, we have had in Boston another gas light company—

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. STEVENS—I do. My point of order is, that I have been misquoted by the gentleman who is speaking.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—I say the gentleman said: "Why not have another company build car tracks on Beacon St." (Laughter.) I say the city of Boston has had another gas light company lay gas pipes, and what was the result? They went over to the Republican Legislature, and they amended it, and left the people alone. They thought they had too much gas, and I believe that the Legislature had too much gas, and that they fell asleep. Mr. President, I say that this is an important matter, and as the laboring people need a little more accommodations, I say they should have them. I think they are entitled to have them. The underground—

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The question is on assignment and not on the resolution.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—I am speaking on assignment, Mr. President. (Laughter.) I say it should not be assigned.

Mr. WATSON—I prefer to have a ruling from the President.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, and will remind the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Leftovith) that the question is on assignment.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—I say that this matter should not be assigned, because we need the car tracks on Tremont St., and the people have asked for them. (Laughter.) There is no lobbying around this Council. There have been meetings prior to this one of several citizens of Boston, and they have asked that the tracks should be replaced on Tremont St., long before the matter ever came to the attention of the Legislature or this body. I believe that the people demand it, and I believe they know what they want. One of the gentlemen seems to think he knows what the people want, but he doesn't know what they want. He knows what he wants, but he doesn't know what I want, and nobody else knows what I want. (Great laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. LEFTOVITH—I say that the wish of the people should be fulfilled, and they should get exactly what they want. They should get more street car accommodations than they have got at present. If they come along there on street cars at certain hours, they have got to jump off near Cornhill and walk up to their work. I believe this order should pass this evening, and I believe every gentleman knows just as well how to vote upon it this evening as he will a week from tonight.

Mr. TURNBULL of Wd. 4—Mr. Presi-

dent, as the resolution which is under discussion relates to something over which we have no control, and as we have already talked about it for a good while, I move the previous question. We have very little authority in the matter anyway, and I think we have talked on it long enough.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, "Shall the main question be now put?" Mr. Stevens and Mr. Kasanof addressed the Chair, Mr. Stevens was recognized.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council—

Mr. KASANOF—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman has spoken once upon this question, and there are other members who desire to speak upon it who have not spoken.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question is on ordering the main question, on which no member has spoken. (Laughter.)

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President and members of the Council, I trust that the main question will not be put just at present, for there are one or two things in the statement made by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson), and also in the statement made by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Leftovith), which are not what I said. They misunderstood me. For that reason, in order that I may correct those errors, I hope that the main question will not be put. I feel, also, that there are many others who would like to express an opinion upon a serious question like this.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I trust that the main question will not be ordered. I favor the restoration of these tracks on Tremont St., and although in the present case, as at various other times, I am opposed to him on this question, I should like to see him given ample opportunity to answer some of the gentlemen here.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to ask whether, if the main question is ordered, it will do away with the motion to assign?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that, if the main question is ordered, that would cut off the motion to assign.

Mr. WATSON—Then I am in favor of the main question, and I sincerely trust that the main question will be ordered. I am satisfied that the members of this Council do not want this matter assigned, and to thereby be given a chance to dodge this vote. I believe that the members of the Council should go on record tonight, regardless of assignment. I believe that if they have an opinion, they should express it tonight, and not later. I am satisfied that the Senate and House will act upon this matter before another meeting. I therefore trust that the main question will be ordered.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I trust that the main question will not now be put. I am somewhat surprised that the usual champion of free speech should be in favor of cutting off full and free discussion on an important matter like this. I do not care to take up the whole ten minutes which is allowed for debate on ordering the main question, but hope that the main question will not be put.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Leftovith) said I made a statement about another company being allowed to put tracks on that street. If that is so, I want it stricken out of my remarks. I would be glad to see that street asphalted, and if it is possible for any company to put any means of locomotion in operation on that street which will be for the benefit of the people and which will not require tracks, I would be glad to see it; but I should never favor any means of locomotion which would require tracks. I do not want to dodge a vote upon this matter. I am willing to vote upon it tonight, if I am the only one here that does so. I want also to refer to the state-

ment made here that we should vote upon this tonight for the reason that the Senate and House would pass the bill before the next meeting. I was told by a member of the Legislature that that measure probably would not go to the Senate for over three weeks. So far as his statement is concerned about the Massachusetts Legislature being responsible for this—the Republican Massachusetts Legislature, as he calls it—he seems to think they are all Judas Iscariots. Well, possibly they may be—and perhaps there are some others. He says the idea of there being any lobbyists is a dream.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to remind the gentleman that the question is on ordering the main question, and the merits of the main question are not under discussion at the present time.

Mr. STEVENS—Well, Mr. President, I spoke of those matters, thinking that they had a bearing upon the main question. I hope that the main question will not be put.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the ten minutes allowed for discussion on ordering the main question have now expired.

The main question was declared not ordered. Mr. Watson doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the main question was not ordered, 15 members voting in the affirmative, 29 in the negative. Mr. Bagley of Wd. 1 further doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, but the Council refused to order the yeas and nays.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I move that the whole matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I hope that assignment will prevail. I do not believe that any resolutions that we pass tonight will affect the Massachusetts legislature, for I believe that year after year the only thing they have been doing, so far as we are concerned, is to decrease the power of the Common Council. I therefore believe that assignment for one week will not affect the legislature at all, because they will pay no attention to it, whether we pass the resolution or not. Now, Mr. President, I hope that this assignment will prevail, for a good many members of the Council are undecided as to whether the tracks ought to be relaid on Tremont st. or not. Therefore, in order to extend proper courtesy to members of the Council, and in order to give them an opportunity to consider this matter, so that they can come in next week and vote intelligently upon it, I hope that further consideration of it will be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I hope this question will not be assigned to the next meeting, for the same reasons as the gentleman on my left, from Wd. 9, who has just spoken. While the State Legislature may not pay any attention to the resolutions which the Common Council may pass, I want to say this much, that I am in favor of relaying those tracks. I want to take issue with the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens) when he says that no large part of the traffic goes over to Charlestown. I want to say that 70 p.c. of the traffic goes to the Union Station. This is a question that affects not only East Boston, but Charlestown and the North End, particularly, and that is one reason why I want to go on record as favoring the relaying of the tracks.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, when the vote was taken on the main question I was just about to move that the gentleman from Wd. 11 be given unanimous consent to reply to me. I trust that I said nothing against the gentleman. I am satisfied that he is not a Judas Iscariot, but he is laboring under an illusion this evening. Mr. President, that gentleman lives in Wd. 11. The people in that ward

use no cars. They do not care for any way of getting transported except by carriages. As a matter of fact, he tells me that he walks over from Mt. Vernon St. Why wouldn't he be opposed to relaying the tracks? I think I would, if I came from that ward. The people in his ward—I think every person in it nearly—have carriages. They want to have Tremont St. to ride up and down in and show their style. (Laughter.) The people in my own ward cannot do that. They are poor people and have to walk. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to refrain from demonstration.

Mr. WATSON—I don't care what one member of the Legislature told that gentleman. I would prefer to take his word for it, rather than that of a member of the Legislature. He may know what that means. I know what it means. Now, Mr. President, I want to inform the gentleman here who has just made a side remark to me that I have not been seen. Perhaps that is the reason why some of the members want this assigned, so that they may be seen. I do not say that is the reason, but it may be so. There are those whom I could name that might want it assigned for that purpose. I am in favor of riding upon the surface of the earth, and of breathing God's pure air. I don't believe in going down in the subway and getting a cold. The subway is responsible for the cold that I have got. (Laughter.) I am satisfied, Mr. President, that assignment will not prevail. I think I am wasting time in talking against it. I think it is a cinch and that assignment is already defeated. (Laughter.)

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, it is not my intention to enter into any lengthy discussion in regard to the matter under consideration. I merely desire to say that I trust that assignment will prevail. It has already been stated by the gentleman in the fourth division that this matter is still under consideration at the State House, and that the chances are that it will probably be three weeks before it will be acted upon in the Senate. I believe that the passage of those resolutions here tonight would be ill-advised. Just one word in regard to the remarks made by my friend on the right (Mr. Watson), in regard to everybody in Wd. 11 having a carriage to ride in. Perhaps he referred to my friend in the fourth division (Mr. Stevens), but I want to inform him that there are others. Possibly he meant that I had a baby carriage. (Laughter.) He also said that those who are in favor of the assignment of this matter wanted to be seen. Well, I don't know that we are objecting to being seen, but, still at the same time, I don't believe that is the object contemplated by the members of this Council who are advocating assignment. I believe this is a matter that ought not to be acted upon to night, or with too much haste. If I had had an opportunity to vote in the House of Representatives when this matter came up, I should have voted not to replace the tracks on Tremont St. I am not prepared, however, tonight to pass upon the passage of these resolutions, and I believe that (here are other members of this Council who desire further time to consider the matter. I hope that assignment will prevail.

Mr. ATWOOD of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I trust that assignment will not prevail here this evening. I do not think that the argument made by several gentlemen tonight, that they have not had time to look into this matter to find out how they desire to vote is worthy of much consideration. I think that every member of this body has known about how he desired to vote on this matter. I am sure it is a matter that has had plenty of agitation, and there has been plenty of chances for them to find out whether or not the tracks should go back. I, for one, am in favor

of the tracks going back, and I hope that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, at this late hour, I do not desire to enter into any lengthy discussion of this matter, and do not desire to say more than a word or two in regard to it. I simply want to go on record as being unalterably opposed to the assignment of this matter to any future time. I believe that we shall not be acting upon this matter with any undue haste if we take a vote upon it tonight, and I know that in favoring the relaying of the tracks on Tremont St., I am voicing the unanimous sentiment of the people of East Boston. I say that they are unanimous in their desire to have the tracks restored on Tremont St. I hope that assignment will not prevail, but that the substitute resolution will be voted down and the original resolution passed.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I did not intend to say a word, but the gentleman from Wd. 16, (Mr. Atwood), says we have had ample time to consider this matter and decide just how we are going to vote. I want to say that an ordinary member of this Council would not think that this matter should be up here for discussion, as we have absolutely no power in the matter. We are merely going on record in regard to legislation at the State House; and, inasmuch as there is a great difference of opinion in the matter; and, even if a majority favor the resolution, the majority will be slight, anyway, and would not bring about any great results one way or another, I think we should consider that fact. I believe that a resolution of this kind, to be effective, would have to have an almost unanimous vote behind it. The gentleman from Wd. 18, (Mr. Watson), speaks about members who may wish to be seen in this matter. While he may say that as a joke, he should realize that a great many people coming here don't know whether he means it or not, and he ought to refrain from that kind of language.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I think I am as much interested in this matter as any member here, inasmuch as the streets which form an outlet from the Public Garden exit from the Subway are in my ward. I have not looked into the matter and don't know what the sentiment of the people of my ward is. Therefore, I favor assignment of the resolution for one week.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope the matter will be assigned for one week. I don't doubt the ability of the gentleman from Wd. 16, (Mr. Atwood), to vote on this question; but there are a great many members of the body not capable of taking up and voting upon a subject of this importance intelligently without proper time for consideration. I, for one, don't feel like voting upon it tonight, for the reasons expressed by Mr. Mansfield. I would like to get the opinion of some of the residents of my section. I think they are largely in favor of keeping the tracks off Tremont St. As far as the gentleman from Wd. 18, (Mr. Watson), is concerned, he stated one thing with which I agree—that he is simply wasting his time in talking here. (Laughter.) I believe that. But, in regard to his changing his opinion, if he moves to Mt. Vernon St., I will simply say that I have always given him credit for having more back bone than would be shown by changing his opinion simply by reason of moving from one section of the city to another. This is a matter worthy of consideration. It has taken a great deal of time before the State Legislature, weeks and months, and the Common Council is asked to act upon this resolution, brought in here tonight, at once. I think there is no brighter set of men here than in the Legislature. For that reason I certainly hope we will have one week to look into the matter, and I trust that assignment will prevail.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I hope as-

signment will prevail, and I also hope every man here will make it a part of his duty to look into this and find out the history of the act which created this subway, so that as much information as possible may be obtained upon it. In answer to the gentleman who spoke of some stations in the subway which do not give the proper accommodation, I will simply say that I quite agree with him, but I see no reason why alterations may not be made. Some already have been, and I see no reason why more should not be made, so that the public may be accommodated. I think it is the expressed opinion of almost all the experts who have come here from different parts the country and examined this subway that, so far as completed, it is a great success. The gentlemen from East Boston say they are not accommodated. I quite agree with them—I think they are not. I see no reason why cars from the North Ferry should not run around to the north and come into the subway. It is but a short distance. I also see no reason why, at the Boylston St. Station, transfers to Roxbury and to Charlestown should not be made. But that is not the fault of the subway. It is the fault of the people who run it. If the people of East Boston want to see the tracks go back—and, mind you, I don't say in my resolve that they shall not go back—I simply ask them to wait until the Boston Elevated System is completed, so that it may be given a fair trial. If it is not sufficient, I will vote happily and willingly for some other measure that will accommodate the people. I believe it is a breach of good faith, however, on the part of the Legislature and the railroad company, before the system is completed, to ask to have the law changed in this way, without the sanction of the city of Boston.

In regard to East Boston, again, I will simply say that it is so easy to get the legislature of Massachusetts to interfere in the municipal affairs of Boston without action of the Mayor, the Aldermen, the Common Council or popular vote of the people, how do we know but what the next thing to be done, if they want to save money, will be to introduce a bill into the Massachusetts Legislature saying that there shall not be a tunnel to East Boston, that the people have been in the habit of travelling to and fro without it for many years and have got used to it? I think that may be the next thing. Then the next cry will be "We will go to the legislature and abolish the Rapid Transit Commission." I say, hold them to the contract until that system has been completed and given a fair trial. Then, if it is not right, I will come in and do anything in my power to help the people of East Boston, Brighton, Roxbury or anywhere else. I live in Wd. 11—unfortunately, I don't own a horse and carriage; I own a bicycle. That is the only way I ride. But, as far as my vote being influenced by Wd. 11 is concerned, I simply say that it is not. I believe it is in the interest of the city that the system which has been contemplated should be carried out. I am not voting from a merely local point of view, but from what I consider the broadest standpoint we can take in the matter. The proposed system is a great one, and when it is completed I believe it will be a grand thing for all parts of the city.

Mr. DONAHUE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned tonight. I think the West End should be allowed to replace its tracks and to use them, even if they are only used in case of emergency. I will ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens) if a smash-up should occur in the subway, how the cars could be run, how they could be got down as far as the Union Station, or if there was a fire on Washington St., how the cars could get to the Union Station at the present time? I think the tracks ought to be put there

in case of emergency, and I trust that the resolution will pass tonight.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I heartily concur with the gentleman in the first division, that if there should be an accident in the subway we should have some provision made for the emergency. I, living in the suburbs, find it very hard at times to get a car to take me over in time to get the train, and I think if we should get the tracks relaid on Tremont St. it would be an accommodation to those who live in the suburbs. I hope assignment will not prevail.

Mr. PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to remind the members of the Council that the question is on assignment to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, if assignment is voted here tonight, it means that both resolutions will be put over to the next meeting. I am opposed to that. I will agree to this—if the gentleman's substitute is defeated, I am willing to have my resolution assigned to the next meeting. But I am against voting to assign both resolutions to the next meeting.

I also think it is a serious question what would happen if the cars became stalled in the subway for any length of time. That is something which is liable to happen. There might be a great breakdown, and what would be the result? All the cars would have to be shoved on to Washington St.—and now, at certain hours in the evening, it takes a car twenty-five minutes to get from the corner of Milk and Washington Sts. to the corner of Boylston and Washington Sts. What is the reason for that congestion, that the Tremont St. East Boston ferry cars, which run once in three minutes, have been shoved into Washington St., adding to the congestion. The Spring Hill and Roxbury cars have also been shoved into Washington St., and they add to the congestion. And so it is. Only the other day the cars became stalled in the subway for some reason, and people were kept in the subway for an hour or more. Women were unable to walk out of the place. There was no place where they could walk out, but they had to stay in the cars until the trouble was remedied. In case of a blockading up for any length of time of the subway, the cars would have to be shoved on to Washington St., which is now very severely blocked at certain times in the day. I sincerely trust that assignment of the whole subject will not prevail, that when the vote is taken on the substitute resolution the resolution will be defeated, and I will then be willing to have my resolution assigned to the next meeting, in the interest of fair play, if that is what they want.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, probably for the first time since I have been a member of the Common Council, I coincide with the gentleman from Wd. 13. Probably the gentleman from Wd. 11 has never been stalled in the subway from 5 to 6 o'clock, but I have, and I know what it is. I have found out that it is just as bad as it used to be to be stalled on Tremont St., between Park Sq. and Temple Pl. I have noticed that two retail dealers on Tremont St. within the last week have sent letters—I have forgotten whether to the legislative committee or to the Rapid Transit Commission—saying that they had changed their minds, that they are not against the relaying of the tracks. One of them, I believe, is J. C. McCarthy. The gentleman from Wd. 11 further says—if I am correct, and if I am not, I trust that he will correct me—that if the people of East Boston do not get the transportation they want they could have a new line from either Park or Scollay Sqs. to East Boston. Does he want a new subway

built down to the ferries from Scollay Sq. or Park Sq., to the detriment of the treasury of the city of Boston? That is what I want to know. I stand here tonight in favor of the relaying of the tracks on Tremont St.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that assignment will not prevail. During all the arguments here tonight nobody has made any statement in reference to the restoration of business on Tremont St. Of course, as every member here knows, if a man has his business increased he must increase the number of his help. There is no question in my mind that if the tracks were restored on Tremont St. there would be an increase in the business there, which would result in benefit to the people. As far as the people of my district are concerned, we in South Boston have no proper means of transportation whatsoever, no accommodation on Tremont St., and I hope the matter will not be assigned, but will be settled this evening.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I would like to answer the gentleman in the third division, (Mr. Mulcahy), in regard to the business interests on Tremont St. I may have followed that question closer than he has. If he will look up the different leases which have been made of property on Tremont St., he will find that a number of such have been made recently by responsible firms, many of whom are moving to Tremont St. at the present time, and who made their arrangements before any action was taken by the Legislature. That does not look as though there was any decrease in the business value of that section. I will also say that when that matter was before the committee of the Legislature, a suggestion was made that the property was decreasing in value, but a wealthy gentleman in the city of Boston said that if anybody owned any property on Tremont St. which had depreciated, he wished they would make a price on it, that he was willing to buy it. Several of the most reliable firms in the different lines of business in the city of Boston are now moving and have moved within a short time on to Tremont St. That should certainly show the business value of the street.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, there is no doubt in my mind that a great many of the persons doing business on Tremont St. are people whose trade comes in carriages. But I know that the majority of the business men on Tremont St. are in favor of having the tracks relaid. I hope assignment will not prevail.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, one moment—I only want to answer the gentleman from Wd. 5 (Mr. Gibbons). He says that this is the first time he has voted with me this year. I will simply say to him that that is to his credit, that if he had voted with me oftener he would have been right more often. (Laughter.)

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. BORDMAN—Mr. President, I would like to doubt that vote and ask for a rising vote or a recount.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask members of the Council to rise and remain standing until counted.

The members rose in their places, and the returns of the tellers showed the presence of 36 members.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is well taken, that there is not a quorum present, and will declare the Council adjourned to next Thursday, evening at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned at 9:35 o'clock P. M.





# City of Boston.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

## Board of Aldermen

AND THE

## COMMON COUNCIL,

MONDAY, APRIL 10th, 1898,

ON THE DEATH OF

Hon. JOHN H. SULLIVAN,

APRIL 9, 1899.



# Death of Hon. John H. Sullivan,

## CITY OF BOSTON.

### Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council.

Monday, April 10, 1899.

A meeting of both branches of the City Council was held at 12 o'clock, M., in their respective chambers, City Hall, pursuant to the following call:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 9, 1899.

To the City Council:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in your respective chambers, on Monday, April 10, 1899, at 12 M., for the purpose of taking appropriate action upon the death of John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Apportionment and also Sinking Fund Commissioner, which occurred suddenly this morning, and of expressing the sorrow felt by the citizens of Boston at the loss sustained through his untimely death and their respect for his memory.

Respectfully,  
David F. Barry, Acting-Mayor.

### IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Barry, a quorum being present. The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as printed above, and it was sent down.

Chairman BARRY said:—

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen: In calling you to order today, I am profoundly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion which requires us to take action on the death of John H. Sullivan, one of the highest officials of the City of Boston and one of its most respected citizens.

The suddenness with which this calamity has befallen our community, fills us all with consternation, and those of us who were intimately acquainted with the deceased cannot find words to express the sorrow which fills our hearts.

Mr. Sullivan was an ideal citizen; one whom we delighted to honor, and one in whom we felt the most unbounded confidence.

His business career was marked by an ability which easily classed him in the highest rank; while his political life was stamped by an integrity appreciated and recognized by all who came in contact with him, whether they were of his own, or another political faith.

As a member of the lower branch of the City Government, Mr. Sullivan commenced his work in behalf of his fellow-citizens; he continued it in this Board; was then called upon to occupy a seat in the Senate of the Commonwealth, and was afterwards promoted to the Governor's Council. His valuable service in the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, and as a member of the newly-organized Board of Estimate and Apportionment is well known to us all, and can meet with nothing but the highest praise from every quarter.

The character of Mr. Sullivan was beyond reproach, and the mere mention of his name, brought honesty personified before our minds.

He was, under all circumstances, a gentleman of the highest breeding,—affable, considerate and kind to everyone he met.

He had a large and generous heart, and was ever ready to do a friendly act for anyone who appealed to him.

To the poor and unfortunate he gave largely of his means; and many will be the kindly remembrances of those who were benefited by his charity. To his friends,—the death of Mr. Sullivan comes as a personal sorrow, and it is of such a nature that it will last during our entire lives. We could not help bearing towards him an affection most sincere and brotherly, for he was all that expressed amiability, sympathy and geniality. His place in our hearts cannot be supplied.

As members of the City Government, it will become us to place upon the city records a just estimate of our appreciation of his work in behalf of this municipality, and I am sure that this will be no mean or paltry tribute. But few of our citizens have done more for our beloved city. Boston was to Mr. Sullivan his home during the greater part of his life and his devotion to it was unbounded.

It was here that he received his education, here that he had his experiences in life, here that he formed his friendships. Boston was the scene of his labors; it was in Boston that he made his fortune.

He was a dutiful son of his adopted city, and he was at all times ready to advance its interests and its fame.

He served it well; his record has been made, and Boston delights to render him the tribute that is his due.

As long as the city lasts, the name of John H. Sullivan will be held in the highest esteem, and all who may hereafter be connected with city affairs will have in him a model worthy of imitation,—a model embellished with ability, self-sacrifice and integrity.

The Clerk read the following:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 10, 1899.

To the City Council:—

It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of this city, and also one of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds. Mr. Sullivan served as a member of the Common Council in 1884 and 1885, as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1886 and 1887, as a member of the State Senate in 1888, again as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1891 and 1892, and as a member of the Governor's Council in 1895, 1896 and 1898. During this long and varied career in public office, Mr. Sullivan had won for himself the confidence of the public and the high regard of his associates, and this city loses by his death one of its most representative and public spirited citizens, as well as a faithful public servant. The value of his services to the city in the important position which he held at the time of his death was recognized by all, and his death leaves a vacant place which can hardly be filled.

In view of the long and faithful service which Mr. Sullivan has rendered to the city of Boston, and as a mark of appreciation of his character and services and of the loss sustained by his untimely death, I recommend that appropriate resolutions be passed by the City Council, and that a joint committee be appointed to represent the city at the funeral.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

Ald. DAY presented the following:—

Resolved, That the City Council has learned with deep regret of the sudden death of Honorable John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and Sinking Funds Commissioner. During his long and varied public service, as a member of both branches of the City Council, as a State Senator, and as a member of the Governor's Council, he deserved and secured the confidence of the public, and the esteem and affection of his associates, through his unswerving honesty, conscientious performance of duty, and agreeable personal qualities. We lament his untimely death, and place upon record our sense of the loss which the city has sustained.

Resolved, That we tender our respectful sympathy to the bereaved family of Mr. Sullivan, and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the City Clerk.

Ald. DAY said:—

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board of Aldermen: It is not for me to speak to you of the glory of power and place that has been attained by John H. Sullivan. All of you knew him. Some of you had served with him in some of the various offices that he so worthily filled in the service of the city and the State. I speak to you as the representative of the people of East Boston. It is by us that his loss is most deeply felt. It is a personal loss to us and his death means more to us than the death of any other living man. We knew him before you did. We knew him when he first came to work amongst us, to labor on our docks, and the friends he made then in the humble walks of life are his friends today. John Sullivan had climbed the ladder of earthly success, step by step. He had gone forward by his own merits and he has died in the fullness of life with the honor and the respect and the love of every man who ever knew him. His loss to us in East Boston can never be told in words. Day by day we will miss him more and more. He was our foremost public spirited citizen and there is mourning today in the homes of East Boston, in every walk of life, without regard to race or creed. He was thoroughly loyal to East Boston and East Boston interests and he had done more to advance

those interests than any man that ever lived amongst us; but now he is dead and gone and all we can say is that he was an honest man in politics and an honest man in business and East Boston has lost her best and truest friend and noblest citizen.

Ald. PRESNO said:—

Hon. John H. Sullivan—the title is deservedly his own, for he was pre-eminently honorable in thought, word and action.

In all my public career, I have never heard, even in the midst of the most heated campaigns, the slightest word of criticism as to the purity of his motives, but, on the contrary, have heard much, even from his opponents, in praise of his sturdy, impartial spirit and of his determination and desire to do justice to all.

A strong party man, he was no mere narrow partisan. He held the public weal beyond all party claims.

Among his political opponents, he was one of the most popular men of his party in Massachusetts. Regret at his loss will not be confined to any section, class or party.

The story of his life, how by ceaseless industry and indomitable perseverance—qualities always necessary—he rose from an obscure immigrant lad to a place of honor, trust and affluence in the community, should be an inspiring lesson for the young men of our time and city. As he himself stated in a public interview, a few months since, he owed his success to careful attention to business, coupled with punctuality, promptness, steadiness, and sobriety. "These are the things," he declared, "that I would recommend to young men entering upon a business career."

The variety and extent of the mercantile interests connected with his name give some idea of the marked executive ability which he possessed, and of his long and many-sided experience in business methods.

His brilliant business success was matched by his career in public life. Starting as he did with the humblest elective office within the gift of the people, his capacity won for him one of the highest in the Commonwealth. Essentially a man of the people, and enjoying their fullest confidence, he was ever ready to live up to every responsibility which they placed upon him.

His knowledge of practical methods and the great executive ability which he brought into public life were invaluable to the community.

Personally Mr. Sullivan was one of the most agreeable and companionable men which it has ever been my pleasure to meet. His great success never in the slightest degree altered the unaffected warmth and kindness of his manner. Genial and affable always, he had in a high degree the power of working himself into men's hearts and affections. To his associates he was not a mere acquaintance, but a warm friend.

It is a matter of peculiar and tender interest to me that Mr. Sullivan, during the last part of his aldermanic career, occupied as senior, the same seat as I do now.

Surely we can say here today, that of all the members who in the past honored this body by their character and their public services, none stands in higher and more deserved esteem than he whose untimely death yesterday has saddened the whole community.

Ald. McDONALD said:—

Mr. Chairman, the sad news reached me on Sunday evening at my home in Dorchester of the death of the Hon. John H. Sullivan, and I could hardly realize it—a strong, robust man nearly all his life, but the great strain of overwork told upon him. Born in that little isle across the

sea, Apr. 27, 1848, where it is impossible for a man on his merits to advance, he left it at the age of 13 to seek his fortune in the land of the free and the home of the brave, where man's worth and ability are recognized. He attended Comers College, laying there the foundation of a successful business career. He entered the shipping business and secured an appointment as an inspector of East India merchandise in East Boston, in which section of the city he made his home and where he has always resided. He finally became superintendent of the National-Dominion, Warren and Leland steamship lines, having charge of the handling of extensive cargoes giving perfect satisfaction at all times to his employers; and recently we found him at the head of the Columbia Trust Co. He served in the Common Council in 1884-1885, Board of Aldermen 1886-1887-1891-1892, in the Mass. senate 1888, member of the Governor's Council 1895-1896-1898, and elected as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at the last city election for the term of two years. He was a faithful representative of his constituency, and well may East Boston mourn over his loss, for that section of the city was his constant care, and the citizens of Noodle Island will ever be under lasting obligations to him, and his memory will ever be cherished by the citizens of that section of our beloved city. He served the citizens of Boston honestly in every position that the people elected him to, and he had the confidence of the people irrespective of party affiliations. He had a kind heart ever ready to assist the unfortunate, and the poor have lost a good friend. But death, says Bacon, "bringeth good fame." John H. Sullivan, by his sterling character, rapidly won his way, for his purposes were pure. He led a blameless life, and he was a patriotic citizen in every sense of the word. He loved his adopted country, and in the recent war with Spain his services in behalf of the soldiers can never be forgotten. He gave his time and money to assist the brave boys who went to the front. While he loved his friends he bore no ill to those who differed from him. He was a man of deep religious feeling, free from narrowness, pure minded, the personification of integrity, a devoted husband, a loving father, a fast and true friend, a delightful companion. His memory will ever be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing him, and the city of Boston mourns the loss of a faithful public servant.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That a committee consisting of the Chairman and four other members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the city at the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed, and Ald. Berwin, Day, McDonald and Fresho were appointed, with the Chairman, on said committee. Sent down.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That any expenses incurred in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to cause the flag on City Hall to be placed at half mast until after the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DAV offered an order—That all city work be suspended in East Boston, without loss of pay to employees, on the day of the funeral of John H. Sullivan.

Passed. Sent down.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan, that the Board adjourn to Wednesday, April 12, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## IN COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council was called to order by President Kiley, a quorum being present. The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as printed above, and it was placed on file.

The following papers were received from the Board of Aldermen:—

1. Message from His Honor the Mayor announcing the death of Hon. John H. Sullivan as printed above.

Placed on file.

2. Resolved, That the City Council has learned with deep regret of the sudden death of Honorable John H. Sullivan, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and a Sinking Fund Commissioner. During his long and varied public service, as a member of both branches of the City Council, as a State Senator, and as a member of the Governor's Council, he deserved and secured the confidence of the public, and the esteem and affection of his associates, through his unwavering honesty, conscientious performance of duty, and agreeable personal qualities. We lament his untimely death, and place upon record our sense of the loss which the city has sustained.

Resolved, That we tender our respectful sympathy to the bereaved family of Mr. Sullivan, and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the City Clerk.

The question came on the adoption of the resolutions in concurrence.

The resolutions were read a second time, and the question came on their adoption.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 said:—

Mr. President, no words of mine today and no words of eloquent eulogy from any member of our body will add one iota to the good name, the honesty, integrity and noble character of the one in whose honor we have assembled. But if there is any one position of an honored life to which we, as members of the Common Council of 1893, can look back with deepest satisfaction, it is the membership in this body of Hon. John H. Sullivan in 1884. Many lessons may be taken from Mr. Sullivan's long and useful career, but those which will make a lasting impression upon all of us are his successes in business and political life. His humble beginning in a distant land, deprived of the educational facilities of which we justly boast, render brighter and more brilliant the successes of his after life—a life that was full of usefulness, of charity and of brotherly affection for those who knew him best; a life that has made more apparent than ever to the young men of our city the fact that success, honor, and true American citizenship, are not dependent on the environments of birth. In political, as well as in business life, he made his start at the bottom of the ladder. From the Common Council he was sent, by a constituency that always delighted to honor him, to the Board of Aldermen, the State Senate, the Governor's Council, and at his untimely death he was a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and of the Sinking Fund Commission. In every office which he accepted he performed the duties incumbent upon him in a manner that won for him the confidence of his people, and that confidence was never violated or abused. On the contrary, his public career strengthened that confidence, and the love that the people of East Boston bore for him never wavered or weakened. His loss to the State and the City is a great

one; his loss to East Boston is greater. But the name and memory of John H. Sullivan will always be cherished by those who knew him. As was said of another great man on the occasion of his death, so may it be said of Mr. Sullivan:

"Never did a human heart beat with kindlier or nobler instincts than the heart that now lies cold and pulseless in the dead clay form of our honored associate."

I hope, Mr. President, that the resolution will be adopted in this body today by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 said:—

Mr. President, I also rise at this time to indorse the resolutions offered in the other branch of the City Council today. I, as a personal acquaintance of the deceased, always found him to be a liberal and broad-minded man, a man who was loved and honored by all, a man who made innumerable friends in the different walks of life. Mr. President, no district of this city will feel more deeply the loss than the district which he represented in part for so many years. I trust that the resolutions will be adopted by a rising vote, and at this time I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 said:—

Mr. President and Members of the Common Council: I rise at this time to second the resolutions which have come from the Board of Aldermen and to extend to the family of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan the sympathy of the members of this government. While I was not intimately acquainted with Mr. Sullivan, I recognized in him the honest ruggedness of his race. I recognized in the Honorable John H. Sullivan the genial and lovable qualities which attached so many to him. I think it is the duty of every member of this Council to attempt at least to follow in the footsteps of him who has passed away. It seemed only yesterday that I met him leaving this hall, and he bestowed on me the same kindly smile that he bestowed on all. Political alliances and differences made no difference to him in his treatment of those with whom he came in contact, and I assure you that I sympathize deeply with his family today. I sincerely trust, as the previous speakers have, that when the vote is taken it be by a rising vote.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 said:—

Mr. President, no words of mine can express the feelings of sorrow which exist throughout the city, caused by the untimely death of Mr. Sullivan, and perhaps more so in East Boston than in other sections. I have met the gentleman in all walks of life, business, social and political, and I can truthfully say that Mr. Sullivan had the respect of everybody. He had no enemies, and was a model in whose footsteps any young man may be proud to follow. Mr. Sullivan was a business man of high standing, and a great many young men, especially of East Boston, can thank that gentleman's kindness and generosity for their start in business life. He was a man, Mr. President, who was beloved by all his neighbors, and on more than one occasion he has relieved a number of them from suffering and want. East Boston will miss him. A great many improvements have been given us through his influence, and, as a member of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association, he manifested a great deal of interest in East Boston affairs and was looked to at all times for advice and opinion on all matters. He was well called "Honest John Sullivan."

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9 said:—

Mr. President and fellow members, it is a sad duty which calls us together today to pass resolutions in memory of the late John H. Sullivan. I have known the gentleman for the last three or four years,

being in the district which he has represented at various times, and it has been the unanimous opinion of all that he was the most able and honest representative who has represented the district in every branch of the Government and the Legislature. I may say for myself and for the people whom I in part represent that we tender our hearty sympathy to the family of the late Honorable John H. Sullivan.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 said:—

Mr. President, I don't think I would be doing my duty here if I did not stand up and say a few words for my friend Mr. Sullivan. I don't think there is any man in the chamber today who has had a longer acquaintance with him than myself. Being connected with the vessel and steamship business, I have seen him when he was a clerk on the wharf in 1877, and have seen him rise right along to the highest position in the business. I consider that we have met with a great loss in East Boston, and I extend my sympathy to Mr. Sullivan's family.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 said:—

Mr. President, "One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and when the shadow of death obscures the horizon of life political differences vanish like the mist before the rays of the morning sun. As a republican member of this body, I feel it my duty to pay my tribute of respect to the departed. I care not what a man's race, creed, politics or color may be. "By their works ye shall know them;" and, judging the gentleman who has so lately departed by his acts, I am very sure that when in the hereafter the recording angel shall write down the names of those who upon this earth had helped their fellowmen and who had served their city, state and country well, the name of John H. Sullivan will not be found wanting. I had but a slight acquaintance with Mr. Sullivan, but it is perhaps needless for me to state that my heart goes out in sympathy to those members of this body who, on account of his untimely death, are one friend poorer on earth, but one friend richer in heaven.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 said:—

Mr. President, I can add but a word to what has already been said in support of these resolutions. Mr. Sullivan, as I found him in a short official acquaintance, was a man considerate and appreciative of the opinions and ideas of others. In his life we find the greatest example for the future. Coming here from a land where opportunity was denied him, leaving his native heath and making his way to these shores, he grasped the opportunity that America holds out and, step by step, from a humble beginning, without any princely fortune or any credentials save a firm determination and a grim resolve to forge ahead, worked his way up to the crest of American citizenship and took his appropriate position in the political, social and commercial world. What a lesson for the future! He was, indeed, the exemplification of the poet's thought that

"Honor and fame from no condition rise,  
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

While at this time we are compelled to bow the knee to that Omnipotent Power that we cannot understand, it is with a firm hope for the future, trusting in God's guidance, that the departed one may find eternal peace.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 said:

Mr. President, as a member from East Boston I regret deeply the death of John H. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan was a friend to everybody, particularly to everybody in East Boston. East Boston stood first with him in every respect; and I feel it my duty to say a word in regard to him here in the Council. My sympathy is with

his family and with all his friends. I hope the resolution will be passed.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 said:—

Mr. President, I am very sorry that today I am not in a position to speak at length on the merits of the career of the late Honorable John H. Sullivan. I believe, however, that I would not be doing my duty at this time if I did not say a word on behalf of the people of South Boston. I believe there is not a man not a resident of South Boston who is held in greater esteem by them than Mr. Sullivan. At all times he has endeavored to assist us as far as it lay in his power to do so. My association with the Honorable Mr. Sullivan was limited, and I cannot speak at great length of his qualities; but, from my experience, I simply knew him to be a thorough man in every way; and I believe I express the universal sentiment of South Boston when I join in the resolutions and extend the sympathy of the people of South Boston to the family and friends of the late Honorable John H. Sullivan.

The resolutions were passed in concurrence by a unanimous rising vote.

3. Ordered, That the City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to cause the flag on City Hall to be placed at half mast until after the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That all city work be suspended in East Boston, without loss of

pay to employees, on the day of the funeral of John H. Sullivan.

Passed in concurrence.

Later in the session Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 said:—

Mr. President, I would like to ask for a reconsideration of the vote whereby we passed the order dispensing with the services of the employees of the city in East Boston, on the day of the funeral, in order that we may also include East Boston employees who are engaged in other yards throughout the city.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that, the Board of Aldermen having adjourned over, it would be impossible to have the amendment concurred in this afternoon.

Mr. Hickey withdrew his motion.

6. Ordered, That a committee consisting of the Chairman and four other members of this Board, with such of the Common Council as may join, be appointed to represent the city at the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan.

Passed in concurrence, and the President appointed as said committee Messrs. Hickey of Wd. 2, Moore of Wd. 10, Horrigan of Wd. 3, Peck of Wd. 12, Connolly of Wd. 17, Bagley of Wd. 1, Collins of Wd. 13, and Leonard of Wd. 9.

7. Ordered, That any expenses incurred in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, at 1:01 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## EXCAVATING OF CELLAR—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Apr. 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting leave to Sidney T. Squires to excavate the cellar of building 329-331 Tremont St., Wd. 10, at grade 9.

The Board of Aldermen is authorized by law to grant licenses, subject to revocation at any time, authorizing the construction of cellars at a lower grade than 12 feet above mean low water "in buildings, no part of which is to be used as a dwelling"; but I find that this building is to be used for hotel purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Apr. 12, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint

George E. Kerr, a constable of the city of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Mr. Kerr is appointed to take the place of Mr. George W. Goode, who has been appointed a constable for the above term, but who does not care to serve; and I recommend that action upon the appointment of Mr. Goode be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## BAY WINDOWS—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, April 12, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board on April 3d, granting permission to John O'Connor to project two bay windows from building No. 50 Ellery St., Wd. 15, two and one-half feet over the street line.

I find that this street is only 27 feet wide and that there are now no bay windows on it. This vote is therefore contrary to Section 32 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, which provides that "no person shall project a bay window over any street less than 30 feet in width, unless another bay window already projects over such street," and that "no person shall project a bay window more than 18 inches over any street, unless another bay window already projects more than 18 inches over such street."

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

## ORDINANCE REGARDING FEES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston April 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

The Street Department has for over two years been charging a fee of one dollar for the issuing of a permit for opening the streets, and the revenue from this source has amounted, during the past year, to about \$10,000. By the decision of Mr. Justice Morton, of the Supreme Judicial Court, it appears that the Superintendent of Streets does not have power to make these charges unless the City Council shall by ordinance authorize him so to do.

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying amendment to the ordinances.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section 1. Chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section eight by adding at the end thereof the following:—

"The amount to be paid for each such permit for other than city work shall be as follows:—

"Class A, one dollar each for ordinary excavations; laying drains; laying wires, conduits and railroad tracks; occupying streets for erecting and repairing buildings, and other purposes connected with buildings, when they do not become a part of another permit; placing electric poles in the streets; placing coal-holes and vaults under the sidewalks; moving buildings; feeding horses; selling fruit, etc., from buildings; selling fruit, etc., from areas; occupying sidewalks for more than ten minutes for the purpose of loading and unloading goods (yearly permit); driving cattle; wearing advertising coat and hat (yearly permit); making emergency openings, and for any other purpose except those in Class B.

"Class B, twenty-five cents each for raising and lowering goods into and from buildings; erecting signs, erecting and repairing awnings; projecting electric lamps; distributing fine sand on pavements; occupying sidewalk to repair sidewalk lights and covers; occupying sidewalk and portion of street for cleaning snow from roofs of buildings (yearly permit); watering streets with watering carts. For extension of any permit twenty-five cents must be paid."

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that that be printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I see no reason why it should be printed and assigned. This matter was thoroughly understood in the Committee on Public Improvements. This merely, by an amendment to the ordinances, gives the Superintendent of Streets the power to do what, as a matter of fact, he has done for two or three years.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, after the eloquent statement by the gentleman from Roxbury, I withdraw my motion.

The rule was suspended and the ordinance was read a second time and passed. Sent down.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were also received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation on the part of the Board of Aldermen:—

(1) James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2) William Jackson, to be City Engineer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3) James Donovan, to be Superintendent of Lamps for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(4) Andrew J. Bailey, to be Corporation Counsel for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(5) Thomas M. Babson, to be City Solicitor for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(6) George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(7) Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(8) John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(9) William H. Whitmore, to be City Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(10) Reuben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(11) Benjamin W. Wells, to be Superintendent of Streets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(12) Alfred T. Turner, to be City Treasurer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(13) Daniel P. Sullivan, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures; and Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon, and Thomas J. Dwyer, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Charcoal Measures; all for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(14) William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(15) Frank O. Seavey, to be a measurer of grain, a wigher of coal, and an inspector of pressed or banded hay and straw, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles in Gladstone and Walley Sts., Wd. 1, and in Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Thomas C. Bachelder, on behalf of the Harvard Improvement Association, appeared and objected to the erection of poles in Glenway St.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petition of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:-

2. For leave to lay tracks in City Sq., Park and Warren Sts., Charlestown.

3. For leave to construct additional tracks, curves, etc., to connect its Grove Hall car-house with its tracks on Blue Hill Ave.

4. For leave to construct curves at the junctions of Northampton St. with Harrison Ave., Washington St. and Shawmut Ave., and at the junctions of Dover St. with the same streets.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Francis Peabody, jr., et als., trustees, for leave to construct a portion of basement of building on Atlantic Ave., East and Essex St. at grade 7, and a portion at grade 3.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

John Coasta, three barber poles, at 261 North St., Wd. 6.

Frank O. Newton, an illuminated sign, at 13 Franklin ave., Wd. 6.

James D. Russo, a barber pole, at 657 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Fayerweather & Dadew, a sign, at 226-228 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Rosenauer & Miller, a clock sign, at 38 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Francis Thomas, an illuminated sign, at 981 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

William Thioodeau, a sign, at 1659 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Henry W. Hubbard, a sign, at 117 Clifton St., Wd. 16.

Isaac Shurnick, a sign, at 1206 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

J. H. Emery, a sign, at 33 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

D. H. Posner, an illuminated sign at 25 School St., Wd. 6.

#### Claims.

Della A. Good, for payment to Charles T. Gallagher of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Calumet St.

James A. Floyd, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Hillside Terrace.

John C. Coleman, for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Devon St. (lot 106).

John C. Coleman, for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Devon St. (lot 107).

Stalker Eros, for compensation for damage to their wagon caused by overhanging limb of a tree at 80 White St., E.B.

James S. Cullahan, for compensation for damage to estates 890-892 Parker St., caused by the stoppage of the sewer.

John MacDonald, for compensation for damage to his estates on Lauriat Ave., caused by the action of the city in building culverts, etc.

Wm. H. Kenah, for compensation for damage to estate corner Stanley and Quincy Sts., caused by blasting.

John Quinn, to be paid for injuries received while in the employ of the city.

John J. Fenney, for compensation for injuries caused by the falling of the elevator at City Hall, Feb. 16, 1899.

George P. Murray, for compensation for damages caused by the breaking of private drain at 303-305 Fuller St., by employees of city.

Jennie L. Murray, for compensation for damages caused by the breaking of private drain by employees of city, at 307-309 Fuller St.

John R. McMahon, to be paid for alleged overtime work in sewer division of Street Department.

M. F. Morley, for compensation for damage done by sewer at cor. Western Ave. and Market St.

#### Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect two poles on Devens St.

Petitions of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:-

1. For extension of time to July 1, 1899, in which to relocate poles on Rockland St., Wd. 25.

2. For leave to erect poles in Sigourney, Beethoven and Landseer Sts. and Allston Heights.

3. For leave to erect poles in Adams, Hillsdale, Ocean and Roslin Sts., Wd. 24, Paris St., Wd. 1, and Hooker St., Wd. 25.

#### Supt. of Public Grounds.

Martha J. Kearney, for removal of six trees at 435-437 Washington St., Wd. 20.

Sarah A. Hersey, for removal of two trees at 122 Dorchester St., cor. Old Harbor St.

#### Lamps.

Elizabeth M. Donovan, et als., for public lamps on a way leading from Lamartine St., bet. Nos. 101-105.

Charles H. Collins, et als., for an electric light at corner of Tremlett and Washington Sts., Dorchester.

William B. Hubbard, et als., for public lamps on Congreve St., Wd. 23.  
James L. Holland, et als., for an electric light near Anawan Hall, on Anawan Ave., West Roxbury.

**Licenses.**

Austin E. McCormack, for a permit to Mamie Moore, under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Mary's Hall, E. B., on the evening of April 18, 1899.

F. R. Brown & Co., for leave to run six passenger barges between Forest Hills station and Mt. Hope and Calvary Cemeteries.

Highland Club, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Highland Hall, W. R., cor. Centre and Hastings Sts., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

Scandinavian Workingmen's Association, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments, at Scandinavian Workingmen's Hall, 1353 Columbus Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

Directors of the New England Watch and Ward Society, for a hearing on its petition for revocation of the license for Puritan Hall, 995 Washington St.

**Memorial Day.**

Petitions for appropriations for Memorial Day, viz:—

- Francis Washburn Post 92, G. A. R.
- Boston Post 200, G. A. R.
- Trimountain Garrison 98, R. A. and N. U. Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for locations for tracks on Charlestown, Causeway and Commercial Sts.

Henry C. Nichols et als., Trustees of Estate of E. D. Jordan, that the Board estimate the damages caused by the taking of their land on Irvington St. by the Boston and Albany R. R.

**Public Building Dept.**

Mrs. Mary A. Gates, for the use of Curtis Hall, on April 17, from 6 P. M. until 1 A. M., waiving the fee.

**Public Improvements.**

W. A. and H. A. Root, for leave to stretch two guy ropes across Bay State Road.

A. Shuman, for leave to construct areas in sidewalk in front of estate cor. Court St. and Court Sq.

George A. Fuller Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Essex and East Sts. and Atlantic Ave.

Francis Peabody, Jr., et als., trustees, for leave to construct areas in sidewalk on Atlantic Ave., and two coal holes and an area in sidewalk on East St.

Cullen Bros., for leave to stretch two guy ropes across Birch St., near Bragdon St.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a wooden building from 57 Devon St. to Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

- Boston Plate and Window Glass Co., 261-287 A St., Wd. 13.
- Daniel A. Ritter, 30 Ottawa St., Wd. 21.
- Frank A. Leicht, 73-75 Mercer St., Wd. 15.
- S. M. Shapleigh, 144 Ruthven St., Wd. 21.
- P. J. Donlan, 1528 Tremont St., Wd. 19.
- Martha J. Kearney, School St. (south side) cor. Washington St., Wd. 20.
- George H. Brown, 30 Algonquin St., Wd. 20.

M. D. Kneeland, 29 Wyoming St., Wd. 21.

J. F. Cranston, 734-736 E. Seventh St., and on N St., Wd. 15.

Mrs. M. J. Hall, 15, 21 and 27 Edson St., Wd. 24.

I. W. Crozier, cor. Washington and Forest Hills Sts., Wd. 22.

Cornelius D. Hurley, 71-73 Savin Hill Ave. Wd. 20.

Edgar F. Billings, 409 Marlborough St., Wd. 11.

Daniel H. Sullivan, 180 Hillside St., Wd. 19.

Margaret A. Curtis, 278 E. Cottage St., Wd. 20.

Enima French et als., 45-47-49-51-57 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

A. D. Rogers, 84 Gardner St., Wd. 25.  
W. C. Babcock, Jr., et al., 79-81 Clarkson St., Wd. 20.

Winifred Cahalan, 549 Park St., Wd. 20.  
Annie M. Phillips, Greenbrier St., cor. Bloomfield St., Wd. 20.

Martha F. Winship, 88 Gardner St., Wd. 25.

J. R. Hetherington, 7 Wolcott St., Wd. 20.  
G. L. Davidson, 42-46 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20.

**PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.**

The following was passed by the Common Council, and sent up:—

5. Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to run one of the Charlestown night cars over Bunker Hill St.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.  
6. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reinstate such of the employees of the Bridge Division as lost their employment in said division, on account of enlisting in the army or navy during the recent war with Spain.  
Passed in concurrence.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 7, 8 and 9 together and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

7. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pave Essex St., Wd. 4.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the paving with granite blocks of Heath and New Heath Sts., between the location of the American Brewing Company and Columbus Ave. extension, Wd. 19.

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the macadamizing of Ruggles St., between Shawmut Ave. and Cabot St., Wd. 18.  
Severally referred in concurrence.

10. The order making all taxes payable on the first day of October, and fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes, which was amended by the Common Council March 23, and which amendments were non-concurred by this Board at its last meeting,—comes up endorsed "In Common Council April 6. Non-concurred, and adhered to former action."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 11, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

11. List of Constables, as contained in Document No. 75.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider the list of constables with the exception of George W. Goode.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and Dixon. Who's number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the several appointments were confirmed.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, that action on the name of George W. Goode be indefinitely postponed.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 12, unfinished business, viz:—

12. Minor appointments, viz.: Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast; Weighers of Coal; Measurers of Wood and Bark; Measurers of Grain; Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw; Field Drivers and Pound Keepers; Superintendents of Hay Scales; Weighers of Rollers and Heavy Machinery; Weighers of Beef; Surveyors of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone; Fence Viewers; Inspectors of Petroleum and its Products; Measurers of Upper

Leather, and Inspector of Lime; as contained in Document No. 74.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to consider the several appointments together.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. McDonald and Berwin. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the several appointments were confirmed.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 13, special assignment, viz:—

13. Action on appointments of John H. Donovan, John J. Murphy and George A. Comins, to be members of the Board of Assessors, for the term of three years beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Ald. DOYLE moved that action be taken on the three names at once. Ald. Adams objected, and the Board took up the name of John H. Donovan.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Doyle and Adams. Whole number of votes cast 11, yes 10, no 1, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider the names of John J. Murphy and George A. Comins together.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Berwin and Brick. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 14, special assignment, viz:

14. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, March 31.

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purpose specified; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$475,000) dollars, viz:

Grammar Schoolhouse, East Boston (14-room building).....	\$95,000
Primary Schoolhouse site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional.....	10,000
Primary Schoolhouse, Roxbury (6-room building).....	40,000
Grammar Schoolhouse, South Boston (14-room building).....	100,000
Primary Schoolhouse, Brighton (12-room building).....	70,000
Grammar Schoolhouse, Dorchester (14-room building).....	100,000
Primary Schoolhouse, Wd. 20, site.....	5,000
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools.....	55,000
Total.....	\$475,000

(See Document No. 76.)

The question came on the approval of the order.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, while I presume that the Board will be obliged to vote to pass this loan order for \$475,000, at the same time I think it would be well to call attention to the fact that today some of the schools have fire escapes upon them that are positively dangerous, and it behooves the School Committee of Boston, before proceeding to erect new schools, to make the old schools safe. We know, as a matter of fact, that upon many of the schools they have what are called folding ladders or perpendicular ladders, and I venture to say that not one member of the School Board of Boston could descend one of them. They are positively dangerous. I believe they should be replaced by some new fire escapes, for we know that children could not come down upon them. I am sure that this is a matter which demands the attention of the school committee of Boston. I am not criticising the present Board, for the simple reason that these fire escapes have

been upon the buildings for a number of years, but I think the School Board ought to seriously consider the matter. I admire the position of the Boston Record in going before the Legislature and petitioning for fire escapes on all our large buildings here in the city of Boston, where people are housed, and I believe that the people of Boston are with the Record in this matter. We all know that there have been a great many fires in some of our cities and a great many deaths simply because buildings lack fire escapes. The City Solicitor of Boston, as I understand it, has stated that we have law enough upon this subject of fire escapes. If that is so, I trust that my old friend Captain Damrell will take hold of this matter and see to it that fire escapes are erected on all these large buildings of the city of Boston, where they are most certainly needed.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have an opportunity to read the message of the Mayor on this matter, and I therefore move that it be assigned until later in the meeting.

The message and order were assigned to later in the meeting.

Later in the session Ald. Codman called No. 14 up, and it was voted that the order be transmitted to the Common Council without alteration. Sent down.

#### SALE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on the petitions of the Jenney Manufacturing Co., for licenses to manufacture, refine, mix, store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at First St., between D and E Sts., South Boston, and No. 2 Central Wharf—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the West End Street Railway Co., accepting its 162d location and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### RIFLE RANGE FOR MILITIA.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Law Department,  
73 Tremont St., Boston, April 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

In reply to your inquiry as to "what are the duties and the powers of the Board of Aldermen in relation to providing a rifle range for the use of the militia of Boston," I have to say that, by section 90, of chapter 367 of the acts of the year 1893, the mayor and aldermen of cities and the selectmen of towns are required to "provide suitable grounds or places for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia belonging to their respective cities and towns," but by chapter 142, of the acts of the year 1898, no land is to be acquired by the city of Boston for said purposes prior to the first day of June, in the year 1899. The effect of said last named act is to suspend the powers of the Board of Aldermen given by the act of 1893, until said first day of June, 1899.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.

The CHAIRMAN—If there is no objection, the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I was about to ask that that be printed and referred to the Committee on Armories and Military Affairs.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move, as an amendment to that motion, that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall be glad to yield to that, but I should like to have the distinguished statesman from the same section of the city that I come from explain to me what purpose he has in mind in asking that this go to the Committee on Public Improvements?

Ald. DIXON—I simply want to know something about it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall withdraw my motion, with this statement that if there is anything the gentleman from Wd. 6 wishes to know about the questions involved in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, with the limited information at my command I think I can enlighten him. If he will ask me any question, I think I can answer him. At the same time, I withdraw my motion.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

**PAYMENT OF MATRONS.**

The following was received:—  
City of Boston. Police Department.  
Office of the Board of Police,  
February 1st, 1899.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Boston.

Gentlemen:—The salaries of police matrons were established at a time when it was not possible to tell how much time a matron would have to devote to the duties of her office. On account of the few females arrested at Stations 11 and 13, it was then supposed that a very little time would be required of the matrons at these stations in their offices, so the salaries were established at one hundred (100) dollars each per year.

Experience now shows that the arrests at those divisions are not numerous, nor have they increased much from year to year, but the matrons have to be in readiness to respond to the call of the police at any time, and have to devote much more time to their offices than was supposed in the beginning.

The Boiard, therefore, respectfully submits the enclosed order increasing the salaries of the matrons of these two stations from one hundred (100) dollars each per annum to two hundred (200) dollars each per annum. Respectfully submitted, for the Board,

Thomas Ryan, Clerk.

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to establish the salaries of the officers and assistants of the house of detention and of police matrons," be amended by striking out after the words "Division 11" the word "one," and inserting in place thereof the word "two"; also by striking out after the word "Division 13" the word "one", and inserting in place thereof the word "two," so that as amended said Section will read as follows:—

"Section 2. The salaries of police matrons are hereby established at the following rates for the period during which they are respectively employed: Division 7, two hundred dollars per annum; Division 9, four hundred and sixteen dollars per annum; Division 10, four hundred and sixteen dollars per annum; Division 11, two hundred dollars per annum; Division 12, four hundred and sixteen dollars per annum; Division 13, two hundred dollars per annum; Division 14, one hundred dollars per annum; Division 15, four hundred and sixteen dollars per annum."

Referred to the Committee on Police.

**ORDERS OF NOTICE.**

In the petition of Jordan, Marsh & Co., for leave to project a permanent awning over the sidewalk at a new entrance to their store on Avon St., Wd. 7, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 1, at o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Or the petition of G. J. White for leave to project two bay windows from No. 11 Norway St., Wd. 10, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 1, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 297 newsboys, 55 bootblacks and 4 vendors of small wares. Reports severally accepted; licenses approved by the Board.

(2) Reports on petition (severally referred today), for season licenses for musical and dramatic entertainments—Recommending that licenses be granted, viz:—

Scandinavian Workingmen's Association, Scandinavian Workingmen's Hall, 1353 Columbus Ave.

Highland Club, Highland Hall, West Roxbury, corner Centre and Hastings Sts.

Reports severally accepted; licenses severally granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Austin E. McCormack (referred today), for a permit for Mamie Moore, under 15 years of age, to appear at St. Mary's Hall, East Boston, on the evening of April 18th—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of F. R. Brown & Co. (referred today), for leave to run six passenger barges between Forest Hills station and Mt. Hope and Calvary Cemeteries—that leave be granted.

Reported accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

**CLAIMS.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:

Charles E. Cenkling (referred March 7), for compensation for injuries to horse from an alleged defect in Columbus Ave. (as the city is not liable).

Thomas W. Powers (referred Jan. 23), for compensation for injuries to horse caused by being run into by city team (as the city is not liable).

John F. O'Brien (referred March 20), for damage to his sleigh by collision with fire apparatus (as the city is not liable).

D. J. O'Brien (referred 1898), for damage to wagon caused by collision with city team (as the city is not liable).

George W. Fowle (referred 1898), for damage to his estate 24 Balavia St., caused by the breaking of gas p.ipe in said street (as the claim has been settled).

William P. Fowler, et als. (referred 1898), for the payment to the Provident Co-operative Bank of Chelsea of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maple St.

John C. Coleman (referred 1898), for payment to the Franklin Savings Bank of the city of Boston of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maple St.

Charles McKenna (referred 1898) for the payment to the Franklin Savings Bank of Boston of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maple St.

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of John B. Martin, et al., executors (referred Feb. 20), to be refunded a part of the amount of a liquor license paid for by Patrick Raftery, deceased—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to John B. Martin and Michael J. Moloney, Executors of the estate of Patrick Raftery, the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$368.22), being the balance returnable from the amount paid by said Raftery for a first and a fourth class liquor license which expired upon his death January 24, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Henry H. Salman (referred March 20)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Berry the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on cor Centre and Stimson Sts., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 97.

(4) Report on the petition of Joseph H. Davis (referred Feb. 6)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph H. Davis the sum of two hundred thirty two and five one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Richards St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 123.

(5) Report on the petition of Anna M. Salloway (referred Feb. 13)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George H. Salloway the sum of one hundred thirty-four and seventy one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 374 Chelsea St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 22.

(6) Report on the petition of Michael Hurley (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eliab Ramsdell the sum of forty-one and seventy one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on court off Neponset Ave., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 53.

(7) Report on petition of Henry R. Jenkins (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Henry R. Jenkins the sum of ninety-seven and 58-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Riverdale St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 603.

(8) Report on the petition of Catherine Emerson, (referred last year)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Catherine Emerson the sum of one hundred two and 66-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on rear of Vose St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2498, fol. 97.

(9) Report on the petition of Charles F. Fernald, (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Fernald the sum of sixty-eight and 22-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on cor. No. Harvard and Bayard Sts. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 583.

(10) Report on the petition of Charles F. Cass, (referred Jan. 16)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles F. Cass the sum of seventy-three and 95-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Kilton St., Lot 49, for unpaid taxes of the

year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 84.

(11) Report on the petition of Charlotte C. Park (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Albert C. Dean the sum of two hundred twenty-five and 66-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., Dor., for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 84.

(12) Report on the petition of Annie V. Connell (referred Jan. 9)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Dennis B. Connell the sum of one hundred eleven and 97-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Temple St., W. R., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 609.

(13) Report on the petition of Samuel Bradlee (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John S. Bigg's the sum of one and 32-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Chelsea Ave., for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2313, fol. 65.

(14) Report on ten petitions of Patrick J. Daly (referred Jan. 30)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Wilfred Bolster the sum of nineteen hundred sixty-four and ten one-hundredths dollars, being the amounts held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of 10 estates on Westville St., lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deeds redeemed before Suffolk record.

(15) Report on the petition of Walter L. Cherrington (referred last year)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the sum of one hundred sixty and thirty-two one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Maple St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 92.

(16) Report on the petition of Della A. Good (referred today)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles T. Gallagher the sum of two hundred ninety-three and twenty-five one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 99 Calumet St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2530, fol. 220.

(17) Report on the petition of Bertha Rosenfeld (referred Jan. 23)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Willard T. Perrin the sum of one-hundred fifty-seven and twenty-two one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mountain ave., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 566.

(18) Report on the petition of Catherine A. MacDonald (referred Feb. 13)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Albert K. Teele the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine

and \$5-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Granville St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 74.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed. Sent down.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred today),—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, May 1, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

West End Street Railway Co., for locations for tracks on Charlestown, Causeway and Commercial Sts.

Henry G. Nichols, et. als., trustees Estate of E. D. Jordan, that the Board estimate the damages caused by the taking of their land on Irvington St. by the Boston & Albany Railroad.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petition for leave to project signs—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Bessie Hershon (referred Jan. 9), sign, 85 Joy St., Wd. 8.

Fritz Franz (referred Jan. 16), sign, 15 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Dr. M. M. Dewey (referred Jan. 23), illuminated sign, 460 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Haynes, Sparrell & Co. (referred March 27), sign, 391 Congress St., Wd. 7.

William Naigles (referred Jan. 30), sign, 26 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Julius Johnson (referred Jan. 23), sign, corner Washington St. and Indiana Pl., Wd. 7.

Giovanni Filicamo (referred March 20), sign, 141 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Louis F. Abbott (referred last year), for leave to project one bay window and a cornice from 100 Parker Hill Ave., Wd. 19—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, at his own request.

Accepted.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—recommending that leave be granted, viz:

W. H. Newcombe (referred last year), two, 1851 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

C. S. Roberts (referred last year), two, 15 and 15A Pinckney St., Wd. 11.

Edward L. Brodie (referred March 27), one, 29 Spring St., Wd. 8.

On motion of Ald. Brick the last petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. The reports on the preceding two were severally accepted and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept., submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Frederick Ayer (referred March 27), to erect a wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to Frederick Ayer to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Grosvenor place, Wd. 21, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said build-

ing to be occupied for stable and storage purposes.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of H. W. Coltman (referred March 27), to erect a wooden addition—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to H. W. Coltman to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 84 Marginal St. and Haynes St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes, main building occupied for same purposes.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Collas, Whitman & Co., Limited, (referred Feb. 20) to erect a wooden addition—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to Collas, Whitman & Co., Limited, to build outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on wharf rear of 329 Marginal St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said addition to be occupied for fish curing, main building occupied for same purpose.

(Mr. Watson dissents from the foregoing report).

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, April 24, 1899, at 3 o'clock p. m., on the following petitions:—

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred today), for leave to erect two poles on Devens St.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Adams, Hillsdale, Ocean and Roslin Sts., Wd. 24, Paris St., Wd. 1, and Hooper St., Wd. 25.

Same company (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Sigourney, Beethoven and Landseer Sts., and Alston Heights.

Brookline Gas Light Co. (referred Feb. 6), for leave to erect two poles on Fairbanks St., Wd. 25.

Same company (referred March 6), for leave to erect eight poles on Braintree St., between Franklin and Everett Sts., Wd. 25.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (petitions referred March 13), for leave to erect poles as follows:—

In C St.

In Munroe St., Wd. 21.

In Brookside Ave., Wd. 22, (also to remove one pole).

Same company (referred March 13), for leave to lay conduits in Bulfinch, Howard, Fleet, Lewis, Cross and Salem Sts., Wd. 6; Elliot, Kneeland and Bennet Sts., Wd. 7; Green St., Wd. 8; Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20; Centre St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22; Adams St. and Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (recommitted March 27), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points

designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Oak St., Wd. 4, 3 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted Feb. 2), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated Nov., 1889; said pole to be located as follows:—

Forest Hills St., Wd. 23, 1 pole, 30 ft. high, 11 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 6 ft.

Ordered: That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to remove one pole from Forest Hills St., said pole being shown by a red dot on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company, (recommitted Feb. 20), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated Dec. 29, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:—

Chester St., Wd. 25, 2 poles; Farrington St., Wd. 25, 4 poles; all said poles being 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on the petition of the same company, (recommitted Feb. 27), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892; said pole to be located as follows:—

East Second St., Wd. 14, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 12 in. diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

Ordered. That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to remove one pole

from East Second St., said pole being shown by a red dot marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted Feb. 20), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to lay and maintain conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in Bay State Road, between Beacon and Deerfield Sts.; Minot St., between Lowell and Leverett Sts.; Anderson St., between Cambridge and Pinckney Sts.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of chapter 38, section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted March 6), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated Feb. 9, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Atherton St., Wd. 22, 5 poles, 30 ft. high, 10 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(8) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted Feb. 20), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated January 31, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Salem St., Wd. 5, 3 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 ft.

St. John St., Wd. 22, 9 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 ft.

Rockview St., Wd. 22; 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

Washington St., Wd. 20, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.

Ordered. That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Tele-

graph Co. of Mass. to remove one pole from Washington St., Wd. 20. said pole being shown by a black cross on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated Jan. 31, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(9) Report on the petition of the same company (referred March 13), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. in which to erect poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24, under the order passed by this board March 23, 1897, be and the same is hereby extended to June 30, 1899.

Report accepted, order passed.

(10) Report on the petition of the same company (referred Feb. 20), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be hereby granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove six poles from Providence St., between Berkeley and Church Sts., said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated November, 1889, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, order passed.

**CLOSING BROADWAY AND ALBANY STREET.**

CHAIRMAN BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company to close Broadway, between Lehigh and Curve Sts., and Albany St., between Oswego and Curve Sts., to public travel during the work of changing the grades of said streets.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I ask for an explanation through the Chair—is that in reference to the location to be granted?

The CHAIRMAN—I believe it is. It came to the Chair from the Street Commissioner, was brought down by Mr. Murphy ten minutes ago, and I know nothing about it. The Chair will refer the order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

**ANNUITY FOR SARAH E. LEAVITT.**

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Board of Police be and it hereby is authorized and directed to allow and pay to Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of late Patrolman William D. Leavitt, deceased October 23th, 1898, an annuity of three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum, commencing on the 29th of October, 1898, as provided by Section 2 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

**LAND FOR BURIAL, WD. 21.**

Chairman BARRY presented the petition of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Assn. for permission to use for burial purposes certain land on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts., in Wd. 24.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Cemetery Department (Ald.).

Later in the session, Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That permission be

hereby granted to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use for the purpose of burial a parcel of land situated in Wd. 24, bounded as follows:—

North, by Harvard St.; east, by Walk Hill St.; southeast and south, by land of E. W. Holbrook, George E. Smith, and Henry F. Naphen; southwest and west, by land of James M. Pendergast, as shown on plan herewith submitted.

The rule was suspended and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for the assignment of the order to the next meeting. I don't doubt the order is proper and all right, but it hardly seems that we, without some investigation, should allow any land to be taken in any part of the city for burial purposes. I would like to look into the matter, and I ask the assignment of the order for one week.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that that is an order for the extension of the Catholic Cavalry cemetery out there to adjacent land, land adjoining what they have now. The petition was brought in by the president of the company, and inasmuch as the Board is to adjourn for nearly two weeks, unless the order is passed today, there will be a delay in the extension of the cemetery grounds.

Ald. CODMAN—I understand that, according to the order, there is a plan showing what is proposed. That plan does not seem to accompany the order. If I can have an opportunity to examine the plan, I will very likely be perfectly satisfied.

(The order was read for information of Ald. Brick.)

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it scarcely seems to me, with that description, that there is any necessity for assigning the order. The description seems very specific and unless the gentleman has some good objection to offer I think the order should be passed. It seems to me the order is sufficiently indicative of what they propose to do, and I think it should pass today.

Ald. CODMAN—The Chair has stated that that land is adjacent to and adjoining the present cemetery. The order does not say so. According to the order, that land is bounded completely by Harvard St., Walk Hill St., and the other two sides by property owned by private individuals. I am not opposed to cemeteries in Dorchester, and I don't take exception to this in any particular, except that I would like to have the plan which the order says accompanies it, produced, so that I may identify and locate it. I don't recall the exact piece of land referred to. I don't object to anything that is proper, but I should hate to have anybody rush an order through whereby a cemetery was placed opposite my house, without an opportunity being even given to see the plan. It is probably all right, but I desire to examine into it.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the plan accompanies the order and is on the Clerk's desk.

(Ald. Codman examined the plan.)

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the matter laid over. I cannot find that this is connected with or is very near the present cemetery, and it seems to me it will not delay a good cause in any way to have one meeting's delay before acting on the matter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me the request that has been made by the Alderman from Wd. 24 ought to be granted. The order was handed to me to offer in the Board and I presented it. I handed it to Ald. Codman, as a member of the Cemetery Committee, as he certainly ought to understand something about it. It is in his district. The other aldermen were absent. I think it is a matter that should be carefully considered. For that reason I trust sincerely that the motion will prevail.

The order was assigned to the next meeting.

#### DREDGING WOOD ISLAND FLATS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to dredge the Wood Island flats so Wood Island Park will border on deep water at all stages of the tide, and to establish a line of pleasure boats connecting with other water parks.

Passed. Sent down.

#### SIDEWALK ON CLYDE STREET.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets made a sidewalk along Clyde St., Wd. 2, in front of the estates on said street; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stone and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Passed.

#### CROSSING ON WASHINGTON ST., WD. 20.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a crossing on Washington St., on the easterly side, at Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### GAS LAMPS ON WILLIS ST.

Ald. McDONALD presented a petition of Charlotte A. Powell and others for public lamps on Willis St., and in connection therewith offered an order—that the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a suitable number of gas lamps on Willis St., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### POCKET MANUAL FOR ALDERMEN.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees be hereby authorized to prepare for the use of the members of the Board of Aldermen a pocket manual containing the Revised Regulations of the Board of Aldermen; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

#### GOLF LINKS, FRANKLIN PARK.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Park Commissioners to place the golf links in Franklin Park in proper condition.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the laughter that emanates from members of the Board in connection with that order. I have never played golf and don't know anything about it, but this matter has been brought to my attention within a few days by a committee of ladies and gentlemen who have occasion to use the links at Franklin Park, and they tell me they are in very bad condition, that if something is not done in a very short time the links will be unfit for use. For that reason, I offer this order.

The order was passed. Sent down.

#### SIGNS ON HANLEY SQ.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to place suitable signs on Hanley Sq., junction of Columbus Ave. and Roxbury St., Roxbury.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the

Superintendent of Streets be directed to remove a tree on Washington St., at Montebello Road, Wd. 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### GAS LAMPS, PHIPPS AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place three additional gas lamps on Phipps Ave., Wd. 20; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### CURBSTONE AROUND TREMLETT PARK.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to provide a suitable curbstone around Tremlett Park, Wd. 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, April 24, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

#### OVERCROWDING THEATRES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted a report on the communication (referred from the Committee on Public Improvements today), relative to overcrowding theatres—That no action is necessary.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I don't know the first thing about that, and I am on the Committee on Licenses. We have had no hearing and know nothing about it. It was supposed to be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and by them referred to the Committee on Licenses. The Committee on Licenses has had no meeting, and I know nothing about the matter. I would like some information in regard to it.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me with the diversity of opinion there is in regard to this matter in the Committee on Licenses, this should be assigned for a week.

The report was declared assigned to the next meeting.

Later in the session, Ald. Colby said:—

Mr. Chairman, I would like to move a reconsideration of the vote whereby a report of the Committee on Licenses was laid over to the next meeting. I simply make that motion for the purpose of giving an explanation. In my absence I understand some members of the Committee stated that there had been a meeting of the Committee on Licenses, of which he had no notice.

The vote assigning the report to the next meeting was reconsidered.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, the explanation of that is simply this: A meeting of the Committee on Licenses was called for four o'clock today, and immediately upon retiring from this chamber we went into the Committee room and had our meeting. I think Alderman Dixon was not there. My impression is that the other four members of the Committee were there. As far as we could see, this matter was not in a shape for us to act upon, and really no action was called for on the part of the Board. What was complained of was the crowding in the aisles, which would appear to be a matter of

police regulation, to be attended to by the officer there. If there had been any failure on his part to attend to it—which we did not find the case—it would hardly seem proper that the license of the theatre should be revoked because at some time somebody got in the aisle. Another statement that was made in the petition was that sometimes the houses were oversold, in one case a house being oversold to the extent of two hundred. We had before us the figures in the books of the house, showing the proportional part of the house sold, and it appeared that, on the night in question, instead of the house being oversold two hundred, but eight hundred seats were sold out of a capacity of about twelve hundred; the fact being that on the night of which complaint was made they had sold from two hundred to four hundred below the capacity of the house, although it was stated to us that on a previous night, in regard to which no complaint was made, the sale had been over a thousand. But it did not appear to us that the facts as set forth in the letter were such that the Committee should take any cognizance of them.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I accept the explanation of the Chairman of the Committee on Licenses. It satisfies me.

The report was accepted.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, reconsideration of all votes taken today was refused.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. Brick, the Board voted to take a recess at 3:59 P.M.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:28 P.M.

#### ELEVATED STATION ON ATLANTIC AVE.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to establish a station on Atlantic Ave., near Commercial Wharf, in addition to the stations contemplated in their present plans for an elevated railroad.

Passed.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports, (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

W. A. and H. A. Root, to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Bay State Road, at or near No. 119, Wd. 11, the same to be removed on or before December 31, 1899.

Francis Peabody, Jr., et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk light covers, and two coal hole openings with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalks in front of estate on Atlantic Ave. and East St., according to dimensions as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

George A. Fuller Company, to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, in and over the following streets, viz:—

One on Essex St., near South St.  
 One on East St., near South St.  
 One on Atlantic Ave., between Essex and South Sts.  
 One on Atlantic Ave., 50 feet south of East St., Wd. 7, for use in building construction.

A. Shuman, to construct, maintain and use areas with sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Court Sq. and Court St., as shown on plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

Cullen Bros., to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Birch St., near Bragdon St., Wd. 23, during building construction.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of J. J. and P. M. Ahern (referred today) for leave to move a wooden building from 57 Devon St. to Stanwood St., Wd. 20—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. and P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, flat roof, 18 ft. in length by 12 ft. in width by 10 ft. in height, from 57 Devon St., through Devon and Normandy Sts. to Stanwood St., to lot on said Stanwood St., Wd. 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of I. Mandelstein (referred March 6), for leave to box a tree at 126 Sumner St., East Boston—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

(4) Report on order as amended in the Common Council (referred today) relating to interest on taxes—Recommending that the Board adhere to its former action.

Report accepted, and the Board non-concurred and adhered to its former action. Sent down.

(5) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish materials, as follows:—

G. L. Davidson, 42-46 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

J. R. Hetherington, 7 Wolcott St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Martha F. Winship, 88 Gardner St., Wd. 25, artificial stone.

Annie M. Phillips, 50 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Winifred Cahalan, 549 Park St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

W. G. Babcock, Jr., et al., 79-81 Clarkson St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

A. D. Rogers, 84 Gardner St., Wd. 25, artificial stone.

Emma French et als., 45-47-51-57 Round Hill St., Wd. 22, gravel with granite edgestone.

Margaret A. Curtis, 278 East Cottage St., Wd. 20, brick with granite edgestone.

Daniel H. Sullivan, 180 Hillside St., Wd. 19, brick with granite edgestone.

Edgar F. Billings, 409 Marlboro St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

Cornelius D. Hurley, 71-73 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20, brick with granite edgestone.

I. W. Crozier, cor. Washington and Forest Hills Sts., Wd. 22, gravel with granite edgestone.

Mrs. M. J. Hall, 15-21-27 Edson St., Wd. 24, gravel with granite edgestone.

J. F. Cranston, 734-736 E. Seventh St. and on N St., Wd. 15, brick.

S. M. Shapleigh, 14 Ruthven St., Wd. 21, brick with granite edgestone.

Frank A. Leicht, 73-75 Mercor St., Wd. 15, brick with granite edgestone.

Daniel A. Ritter, 30 Ottawa St., Wd. 21, brick.

Boston Plate and Window Glass Company, 261-257 A St. Wd. 13, brick.

M. D. Kneeland, 29 Wyoming St., Wd. 21, gravel with granite edgestone.

George H. Brown, 30 Algonquin St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Martha J. Kearney, School St. (south side), cor. Washington St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with edgestone.

P. J. Donlan, 1523 Tremont St., Wd. 19,

artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(6) Report on order (referred today) granting permission to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co. to close portions of Broadway and Albany St. to public travel during the work of changing the grades on said streets, that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of Daniel J. Murphy (referred Feb. 27) for a periodical stand at the Franklin schoolhouse, near Dover St.—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(8) Report on the regulation (referred March 27) to amend the Revised Regulations of 1898 relative to minors' licenses—recommending the passage of the regulation in the accompanying new draft:

#### A REGULATION

To amend Chapter 2 of the Revised Regulations of 1898.

Be it ordered, etc.:

Chapter 2 of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 3 by inserting after the word "sell" in the twenty-third line of said section, the following words: "After nine o'clock in the evening nor."

The report was accepted, the rule was suspended, the regulation was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to the passage of that regulation as now drafted. I believe it is a hardship on the boys. I believe it is a hardship on people who wish to buy papers after nine o'clock in the evening on the cars and the streets, to pass such a regulation at this time. I will admit that it is too bad to see children six, seven and eight years old on the streets after nine o'clock; but I do think that boys twelve and fifteen years of age, who are dependent entirely on their own resources for a living, should be allowed to sell their papers on the streets after nine o'clock, if they see fit to do so. I don't believe they create any nuisance or interfere with or discommode anybody. I have heard no complaints made against them from the public in general, and I think it is rather small business for us to come in here today and pass a regulation which cuts off the means of livelihood of quite a large number of our boys who have to hustle for themselves. I shall certainly oppose this regulation and vote against it, unless it can be amended in some way so as to provide that boys over twelve years of age shall not be prohibited from selling papers on the streets after nine o'clock. I would therefore like to offer the following amendment to the regulation:—

"Provided that this regulation applies only to boys under twelve years of age."

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the whole matter be printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the matter will not be assigned to the next meeting of the Board. Early in the afternoon the alderman who has just made this motion moved that when we adjourn, it be to April 24. Now, I understand from the Clerk of Committees that he wishes to have his license blanks printed. The matter has been held up a great deal longer now than it should have been. I think, therefore, it should be settled here tonight, that he may go ahead with his blanks. As several members of the Board are absent at another hearing, I would move that this be laid on the table for ten minutes, or until such time as we can get a full attendance of the Board.

The matter was laid on the table.

Later in the session it was called up by Ald. Adams, and the question came on the adoption of his amendment.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, the objection to that would be simply this, that it

would nullify the whole matter, because no officer would dare to take any chances if a boy could, by any stretch of imagination be thought to be twelve years of age or over. It seems to me it would be better, if the rule is right in its fundamental idea—as we believe it is—to let it stand just as originally drawn. The only possible objection I can see to that is that someone might raise the question—I don't know whether it was discussed here or not, or whether any objection was made on that score—that on certain occasions it would be an injustice to insist on that regulation—on election nights, for instance. But this whole matter is in the hands of the police to enforce, as a regulation of the Board, and no one supposes for a moment that they would insist on its observance on such an occasion as that. It seems to me the practical effect of adopting this amendment would be that all the boys would swear they were over twelve years old, and would thus get around it.

Of course, the trouble does come by reason of the small boys. I myself have seen them out on the streets late at night selling papers. But I hope no member of the Board will for a moment imagine that this was done with the idea of preventing any boys from earning a livelihood. The fact is that teachers and others interested in the boys think that nothing would so much conduce to the welfare of the boys as some such regulation as the one proposed.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I fail to see wherein the gentleman has offered any good reason why the amendment should not prevail. I believe the average policeman can tell from a glance at a boy whether he is twelve years of age or in that neighborhood. Another thing, I believe that when a boy applies for a license to sell papers he is obliged to give his age. It is a matter of record; and I believe it is going to be a hardship, as I said early in the evening, to take boys twelve or fifteen years of age off the streets at nine o'clock. It is not only going to be a hardship on them, but on the reading public who ride in the cars and who want to read after nine o'clock. I believe the matter can be adjusted in the way suggested by my amendment, and under the amendment very young boys at least, boys who should not be on the streets, will be kept off. That is all we care to do. I fail to see any real good reason why this regulation should go through. I have not heard any demand for it from the public. It is all news to me, and I don't believe there is any serious demand for such a regulation as is proposed here this afternoon.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I think, myself, this is a very good regulation. I know many times when I have been around the theatres I have been hailed by boys saying "Please buy my last paper." I don't believe there is any legitimate sale of papers after nine o'clock. People who want the papers have got them by that time, and I think it would be a good thing to send these young boys off the streets. I have seen a great many of them who are quite young and, as Ald. Colby says, it is very difficult to ascertain their age. A good many times a boy looks young when he is old, and vice versa. It is very difficult to find out the age of boys, and I think, on the whole, it would be a very salutary thing to pass this ordinance.

The amendment was declared rejected. Ald. Adams doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was rejected, yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, Doyle, Presno—6.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration, and assignment to the next meeting of the Board.

The motion to reconsider and assign was declared lost.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote and ask for the yeas and nays.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, my only reason for asking to have the matter decided tonight one way or the other is the fact that the licenses are now in process of being issued, a great many of the boys have not their licenses, and, in justice to the boys, this matter should be disposed of at the present time, if possible, one way or the other. Under the circumstances, I think it should not be held up.

The motion to reconsider and assign was lost—Yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, Doyle, Presho—6.

The question came on the passage of the regulation.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I want to say just a word to defend my position in this matter, although what I say may be treated very lightly. On general principles I am opposed to the establishment of regulations of this character, because I believe there are already enough of them in the ordinances and statutes. But I shall vote for the passage of this regulation this afternoon with the distinct understanding—which I don't suppose will influence any other member of the Board—that after it has had a fair test, if I discover that it does not work as it was intended that it should, I shall feel at liberty to vote to rescind it. At the present time my convictions are entirely influenced by sentiment. I have a great deal of sympathy for the poor little fellows who are forced to earn their living on the streets of Boston. They have a pretty hard time, and I recognize the fact that it is a hard thing on them to say they shall not sell papers after nine o'clock at night. But, after the considerations that have been urged upon me and the suggestions that have been made by those who favor the adoption of this resolution, I am going to allow their ideas to prevail with me, and shall vote to allow the matter to be tested. The regulation was passed.

**RAILROAD GONG, WELLES AVE.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co., through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide an electric signal gong at the Welles Ave. crossing of said corporation, similar to that recently provided at the Freeman St. crossing on same railroad.

Passed.

**SIDEWALK ORDER.**

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Ruggles St., between Halleck St. and Parker St., Wd. 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stones, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

**INTEREST ON TAXES.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to consider and report whether it would be advisable to have "interest" money received from unpaid taxes set apart as a special fund.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in looking over the order No. 10 on the calendar, making provisions in regard to taxes payable on the first day of October and fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes, as amended by the Common Council, I have ascertained, in regard to the

12 p.c. tax on bank stock, that that is provided by statute law, that the city of Boston is obliged to charge 12 p.c. interest on bank stock taxes which are not paid. Last year the city of Boston received \$47 from that source; but, from the 7 p.c. and 6 p.c. interest items on unpaid taxes we receive \$79,000. Now, while that money is paid over into the City Treasurer's department, I believe it ought to be set aside for special work, or as a special appropriation, and out of that \$79,000 we could secure for our public celebrations \$25,000, the remainder going a great ways toward paying the back salaries of those who have been reduced in their pay. Not only that, but the money received from interest on taxes in that way would pay the salaries of the Common Councilmen and the Board of Aldermen. It seems to me this is a matter that should be looked carefully into, and for that reason I would move that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that the alderman from Dorchester regards this money which comes from interest as something novel and new. This interest income is something that has been going on for a great many years, and it is just the same as any other part of the tax levy. It is entirely anticipated before it is ever collected. It is anticipated that we will have that amount of interest, or something near it, and therefore it is laid out just the same as any other part of the tax levy. It could not be used in any such way as he suggests.

Ald. McDONALD—While I understand, of course, that the money finds its way into the general appropriation, it seems to me that the citizens of Boston would like to know something in regard to this interest money, and my idea was this, that it should be set aside as a special fund, in order that the citizens of Boston might understand that we have all our public celebrations paid for out of this interest money without actually any cost to them. It is paid by people who refuse to pay their taxes in season, and of course the city of Boston is obliged to impose this interest on them in order to make them pay their taxes in season. This is simply my idea. It is merely a matter of finance, of book-keeping. It seems to me that if this money were set aside as a special fund we would know just exactly every year how much money we have received in interest from delinquent tax payers. It is not going to take any more away from the city, but is just going to change the books a little in the matter of book-keeping, and we will know every year in connection with the appropriation bill how much money we have received in interest from people who have not paid their taxes in time, and that money could be appropriated, as I said, for public celebrations or for other matters that might come before the Board.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned at 6:06 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Codman, to meet on Monday, April 24, at 3 o'clock P. M.

NOTE.—On March 20 (see page 233) the following additional joint committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen were appointed by the Chairman:—

Weights and Measures Department—Day, Codman, Doyle, Colby, McDonald.

Wire Department—Codman, Doyle, Berwin, Day, McDonald.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, April 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

## REMONSTRANCE RECEIVED.

A remonstrance was received signed by Charles E. French against replacing the tracks on Tremont and Boylston Sts. Placed on file.

## WATER SERVICE, DOR. LOWER MILLS

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 13, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to an order requesting information as to why the high pressure water service has not been extended to the Lower Mills District, Dorchester. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Office of the Water Commissioner,  
City Hall, Boston, Apr. 7, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: The order of Councilman Hibbard, which you have referred to me, can best be answered by the following copy of a letter sent to the Metropolitan Water Board under date of Feb. 14, 1899:—

Office of the Water Commissioner,  
City Hall, Boston, Feb. 14, 1899.

Metropolitan Water Board, Hon. Henry H. Sprague, Chairman, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen: Some time since, two requests were made upon your honorable body to which no response has been made up to date: (1) In reference to whether you decline to assume the responsibility of laying a new pipe to East Boston under Chelsea Creek. (2) The question of high service for Dorchester and Jamaica Plain. It is necessary that we should receive a reply to these questions at once, so that I can be in a position to tell the people of Dorchester and Jamaica Plain when they are to receive the increased pressure. A similar reason applies for immediate reply on the question of the pipe underneath Chelsea Creek. Kindly let me hear from you at once.

I understand that it is proposed to widen the draw-way at Chelsea north bridge. If this should be done, the Water Department will abandon the siphons across the draw-way and abandon the line of pipe with which the siphons are connected. I advise you at this early date, so as to give you an opportunity to take any action that you may desire. Yours very truly,

(Signed) John R. Murphy,

Water Commissioner.

Last year, I had a conference with the Metropolitan Water Board, and we agreed to leave the details of the question of high pressure for Dorchester and Jamaica Plain to be worked out by the City Engineer and the Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board. I understand that, as a result of that conference, the Metropolitan Water Board would be ready the first of this year to grant the City of Boston's request for high service supply in these localities. The plans for making the necessary changes in the main water pipe system for supplying Dorchester and Jamaica Plain have been made, but up to today the Metropolitan Water Board has not answered my communication. For that reason I am not in a position to give the information called for by the order.

As far as Jamaica Plain is concerned, the

Boston Water Department is ready to let on the high service supply on short notice, but we cannot do so without the consent of the Metropolitan Water Board.

As regards the high service for Dorchester, the work of re-arranging the water mains cannot be commenced upon until we have some assurance that our request to extend high service to that district will be granted by the Metropolitan Water Board, and the time required for doing this work would be at least several months.

Yours very truly,

John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner.

Office of the Water Commissioner,

City Hall, Boston, Apr. 13, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: Under date of April 7th I reported to you on the order of the Common Council, asking in reference to high service water in Dorchester. Since then I have received a communication in reference to this question from the Metropolitan Water Board. After a hearing with them on the question, a final report will be sent in in regard to the supplying of high service water to portions of Jamaica Plain and Dorchester. Yours very truly,

John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

## STREET WATERING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, April 13, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to an order now pending before your body, relative to street watering, and urging that some action be taken to relieve the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, April 13, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Sir: The order in relation to street watering, sent down from the Board of Aldermen, was assigned by the Common Council to the meeting tonight. At the last meeting two amendments were offered, one that a certain portion be assessed on the railroad companies maintaining tracks in any street watered, the other that the assessment be only authorized within the four-mile limit. In regard to the first, I would say that I understand that such an assessment cannot be levied on the railroad companies without action by the Legislature; and should the second amendment become operative, no watering can be done outside the four-mile limit, as no money is provided therefor; and this, I think, should be called to the attention of the Common Council, so that such action as may be taken may be with a full understanding of the conditions.

I also desire to urge that some action be taken to relieve the present dust conditions. Yours very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Placed on file.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Park Commissioners to place the golf links in Franklin Park in proper condition.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to dredge the Wood Island flats so Wood Island Park will border on deep water at all stages of the tide, and to establish a line of pleasure boats connecting with other water parks.

Passed in concurrence.

3. The order concerning the payment of taxes, assessments and interest, passed by this Council, with certain amendments, on March 23, comes down non-concurred in, the Board of Aldermen adhering to its

former action, whereby said order was passed with said amendments.

The council voted to recede from its former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider; lost.

Reports of Committee on Claims, leave to withdraw on petitions of the following persons:—

4-12. William P. Fowler et al., for the payment to the Provident Co-operative Bank of Chelsea of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Lyons St.

William C. M. Tilton for the payment to the Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston the balance remaining from the tax sale of estate on Maple St.

John C. Coleman for payment to said savings bank the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maple St.

Charles McKenna for payment to said savings bank the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maple St.

D. J. O'Brien for compensation for damage to wagon caused by collision with city team. (City not liable.)

John F. O'Brien to be paid for damage to his sleigh by collision with fire apparatus. (City not liable.)

Thomas W. Powers for compensation for injuries to horse caused by being run into by city team. (City not liable.)

Charles E. Conkling for compensation for injuries to horse from an alleged defect in Columbus Ave. (City not liable.)

George W. Fowle to be paid for damage to his estate 24 Batavia St., caused by the breaking of gas pipe in said street. (Claim settled.)

Reports severally accepted in concurrence.

13-23. Reports of Committee on Claims on petitions of Samuel Brautlee, Annie V. Connell, Walter L. Cherrington, Charlotte C. Park, Charles F. Cass, Charles F. Fernald, Patrick J. Daly, Catherine Emerson, Henry R. Jenkins, Micheal Hurley, Anna M. Sallaway, Joseph H. Davis, Henry H. Salaman, Delia A. Good, Bertha Rosenfield and Catherine A. MacDonald, recommending the passage of orders on said petitions respectively, authorizing the payment to the following parties of the sums set against their names, being the amounts held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1883, from the sales of the estates referred to, viz:—

John S. Biggio, \$1.32, Chelsea Ave., for unpaid taxes of 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2313, fol. 65.

Dennis B. Connell, \$111.97, Temple St., West Roxbury, for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 609.

The Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston, \$160.32, Maple St., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 92.

Albert C. Dean, \$225.66, Mount Vernon St., Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of 1893, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 84.

Charles F. Cass, \$73.95, Kilton St., lot 49, for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 84.

Charles F. Fernald, \$68.22, corner North Harvard and Bayard Sts., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 583.

Wilfred Bolster, \$1,964.10, ten estates on Westville St., lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deeds redeemed before record.

Catherine Emerson \$102.66, rear of Vose St., for unpaid taxes of 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 97.

Henry R. Jenkins, \$97.58, Riverdale St., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 603.

Eliab Ramsdell, \$41.70, court off Neponset Ave., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2409, fol. 353.

George H. Sallaway, \$134.70, No. 374 Chelsea St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 22.

Joseph H. Davis, \$232.05, Richards St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 123.

Charles F. Berry, \$157, corner Centre and Stimson Sts., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 97.

Charles T. Gallagher, \$293.25, No. 99 Calumet St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 220.

Willard T. Perrin, \$157.22, Mountain Ave., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 566.

Albert K. Teele, \$140.85, Granville St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 74.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider; lost.

29. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of John B. Martin et al., executors, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to John B. Martin and Michael J. Moiney, executors of the estate of Patrick Raftery, the sum of three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twenty-two cents (\$368.22), being the balance returnable from the amount paid by said Raftery for a first and a fourth class liquor license, which expired upon his death, January 24, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 30 and 31 together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

30. Report of Committee on Building Department on petition of Frederick Ayer, recommending the passage of an order for the issue of a permit of said Ayer to build a wooden building on Grosvenor Place, Wd. 21, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used for stable and storage purposes.

31. Report of same committee, on petition of H. W. Coltman, recommending the passage of an order for the issue of a permit to said Coltman to build a wooden addition to building on 84 Marginal St. and Haynes St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be occupied for manufacturing purposes.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider action on Nos. 29, 30, and 31; lost.

32. Report of same committee, on petition of Collas, Whitman & Co., Limited, recommending the passage of an order for the issue of a permit to said Collas, Whitman & Co., Limited, to build a wooden addition to building on wharf, rear of 329 Marginal St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be occupied for fish curing.

(Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 dissenting.)

The question came on accepting the report of the Committee.

MR. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the Committee's report is not unanimous, and in view of the fact that I am a dissenter, I suppose it is due to the Council that I make some explanation of my reason for dissenting. Collas, Whitman and Company came to the Building Commissioner for the purpose of making an addition to a building they had already erected in East Boston. The Building Commissioner, because of the fact that the floor area would be over 2500 feet, was unable to grant the permit. Therefore he referred the matter to the City Council. But, while the City Council had the matter before them, the Building Commissioner granted the permit subject to the approval of the Building Committee. My reason for dissenting is simply on principle, Mr. President and fellow members, because it is a question of co-

ercion, nothing more nor less. The building is there, built without right, and we are merely legalizing the illegal act of the Building Commissioner. He had no power to grant the right to build the party wall. The committee legalized his illegal action, and I am opposed to it. I think it is wrong in principle, and I make this explanation in view of the fact that I am recorded as a dissenter.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, it is not my purpose to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson), but simply to add to what he has said. I simply wish to say that if this building permit had not been granted by the Building Commissioner, many men in East Boston would not have been able to secure work on the premises who have been working since the permit was granted. The Building Commissioner in this case simply used ordinary discretion. The delay in the appointment of joint committees of the City Council justified him, I believe, in the action he took. There being no committees appointed, the Building Commissioner gave these parties the privilege of going ahead, telling them distinctly that when the Committee was appointed, if the Committee decided contrary to that permit the parties would have to follow out the instructions of the Building Committee. I simply wish to call to the attention of the gentleman the fact that a great many men have been working on the premises since the granting of the permit by the Building Commissioner who would not have been working there if the Building Commissioner had not exercised the discretion he did in the matter.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, there is no reason why there should be any debate over this matter. I merely wish to give the reason why I dissent. I don't care whether the Council accepts the Committee's report or not, but will merely answer the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey) by telling him that no one is working in this new building, that the building is only partially erected, and the petitioners never showed the City Council respect enough to discontinue the work until they had a right to do it. He spoke of permission being given subject to the approval of the Committee. What member of the Committee would call on those parties to tear down a building upon which they had gone to an expense of \$3000 or \$4000? I certainly would not. I merely say that I dissent from the Committee's report. I don't care whether the permit is granted or not. That is my position in the matter.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I just want to correct one error made by the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) in his last remarks, to the effect that men are not working there. I visited the place this afternoon, when I understood that some kind of a contest was to be made on the order tonight, and I saw men working there. Although the building has not been totally erected, although the roof is not on, the fact is that it has been and is being used for the purpose of fish curing.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to say that if that is so, it took place since last Saturday. There was nothing whatever being done in the concern last Saturday, when I visited it. I do not desire to raise any controversy in this matter. I simply tell the Council why I dissent. I dissent on principle, and when the vote is taken I will vote "no." I don't care whether the report is accepted or not.

The report was declared not accepted. Mr. Hickey doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote.

The Council stood divided, and the report was accepted, 33 members voting in the affirmative, 5 in the negative.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

33. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of

Estimate and Apportionment, March 31, which comes down without alteration, viz.:

Ordered, That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing additional primary and grammar school accommodations, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of four hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$475,000) dollars, viz.:

Grammar School-house, East Boston (14-room building).....	\$95,000
Primary School-house site, Warren District, Charlestown, additional.....	10,000
Primary School-house, Roxbury (6-room building).....	40,000
Grammar School-house, South Boston (14-room building).....	100,000
Primary School-house, Brighton (12-room building).....	70,000
Grammar School-house, Dorchester (14-room building).....	100,000
Primary School-house, Ward 20 site.....	5,000
Completing and furnishing school buildings now in course of construction, exclusive of high schools.....	55,000
Total.....	\$475,000

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

(34) Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following amendment to the ordinances:—

An Ordinance to amend chapter 33 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section 1, Chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended in section eight by adding at the end thereof the following:—

"The amount to be paid for each such permit for other than city work shall be as follows:—

Class A, one dollar each for ordinary excavations, laying drains, laying wires, conduits and railroad tracks; occupying streets for erecting and repairing buildings, when they do not become a part of another permit; placing electric poles in the streets; placing coal-holes and vaults under the sidewalks; moving buildings; feeding horses; selling fruit, etc., from buildings; selling fruit, etc., from areas; occupying sidewalks for more than ten minutes for the purpose of loading and unloading goods (yearly permit); driving cattle; wearing advertising coat and hat (yearly permit); making emergency openings, and for any other purpose except those in Class B.

"Class B, twenty-five cents each for raising and lowering goods into and from buildings; erecting signs, erecting and repairing awnings; projecting electric lamps; distributing fine sand on pavements; occupying sidewalk to repair sidewalk lights and covers; occupying sidewalk and portion of street for cleaning snow from roofs of buildings (yearly permit); watering streets with watering carts. For extension of any permit twenty-five cents must be paid."

The reading was dispensed with on motion of Mr. Linchan of Wd. 13, and the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

RELOCATION OF TRACKS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 35, unfinished business, viz.:

35. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council the senate of this Commonwealth should take favorable action upon the bill concerning the restoration of the railway tracks on Tremont St. as the same is demanded by a large majority of our citizens, especially those who constitute the

working classes; the action of the House of Representatives in regard to this matter is worthy of the highest commendation, and the Senate may rest assured that the people of Boston will greatly appreciate its concurrence with the House in voting in favor of the restoration of the tracks.

Ordered, That the Senate be furnished with a copy of this resolve by the Clerk of the Common Council.

The following was offered as a substitute for the foregoing, on April 6, by Mr. Stevens:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council of the city of Boston no action should be taken by the Legislature of this year looking to the restoration of street railway tracks upon Boylston and Tremont Sts.; but that the matter should be postponed until the elevated railway is in operation, and the people are given an opportunity of judging whether the complete rapid transit system voted for by them in 1894 is a satisfactory solution of the transportation difficulties of the city or not; and that no law should be passed at any time permitting the Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate cars upon the portions of Boylston and Tremont Sts. from which the tracks have been removed without making good to the city the loss in the revenues of the subway which might be caused by running cars upon the surface of these streets instead of in the subway; and that no law should be passed interfering in any manner with the rapid transit plans deliberately adopted by the people of this city at the special election of 1894, unless such law is first submitted as the Act of 1894 was, to popular approval.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to transmit copies of this resolve to both branches of the Legislature and to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman for what purpose he makes that motion.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the Council seems to be divided in their opinion on this question, and because I do not think that it would have the desired effect upon the Legislature, I think it wise to lay the whole matter on the table.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 8, through you, if this means laying the matter on the table temporarily or indefinitely? I am a little mite deaf tonight, Mr. President.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, I would say temporarily; and when the Council saw fit to bring the matter up, if they felt that this body should go on record as being unanimous in one way or the other, I should be in favor of bringing it up.

The motion to lay the whole matter on the table was carried. Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider; lost.

#### WATERING OF STREETS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 36, assignment, viz:—

36. Ordered, That all streets and portions of streets within the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters; and that any street railway company operating its cars in the city of Boston be assessed an equal amount with the abutters on the streets watered by the City of Boston.

On April 6, Amendments were offered as follows:—

By Mr. Hibbard, strike out "city limits" and insert in place thereof "radius of four miles of the City Hall."

By Mr. Collins, strike out "wholly."  
Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President,

in view of the very pressing necessity for street watering at the present time, and owing to the difficulty in deciding upon the legality of the amendment which I have offered, I respectfully wish to withdraw my amendment at this time, so that the original order may go upon its passage tonight.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that, in order to withdraw the amendment submitted by the gentleman from Wd. 13, reconsideration will first have to be had.

Mr. COLLINS—Mr. President, I withdraw my amendment to strike out the word "wholly," and I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby we adopted my other amendment, which was to add to the order the words "and that any street railway company operating its cars in the city of Boston be assessed an equal amount with the abutters on the streets watered by the city of Boston."

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the said amendment was adopted, was carried, and it was withdrawn.

Mr. HIBBARD—Mr. President, in offering the amendment to this order which I did at the last meeting, I wish to say that I did so in view of the fact that in the suburban districts, in Dorchester, West Roxbury, part of Roxbury, Brighton, and a part of East Boston, there are large tracts of land which it would be an injustice to tax for street watering, when there would be no watering done along those streets. I understand, however, from the Superintendent of Streets that if this order goes through those tracts of land will not be assessed, but will be subject to an abatement, if a petition is made to that effect. I therefore wish to withdraw my amendment.

No objection, the amendment was considered withdrawn.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask that the order be read as it now stands.

The Clerk read the order as it stood, as follows:—

"Ordered, That all streets and portions of streets in the city limits be watered during the current year wholly at the expense of the abutters."

The order was read a second time and was passed in concurrence. Mr. O'Brien of Wd. 6 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### RULES OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10, for the committee, submitted the following:—

The special committee of the Common Council on Rules and Orders, to whom were recommitted their report and the draft of the rules submitted therewith, having further considered the subject, respectfully recommend the adoption of the rules in the accompanying new draft.

#### RULES AND ORDERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, the regular meeting of the Common Council shall be held on every Thursday, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., and on the appearance of a quorum the Council shall be called to order. In the absence of the President the oldest senior member present shall take the chair, and a president pro tempore shall be chosen by ballot; and, if an election is not effected on the first trial, on subsequent trials a plurality vote shall elect.

The roll shall be called at each meeting of the Council, the time of said roll-call to be at the discretion of the president, but not later than nine o'clock.

President.

Rule 2. The President shall appoint and announce all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and shall communicate his appointments to the Council at the meeting following such action, if not made

during a session. All vacancies upon committees shall be filled in the manner of original appointment, and members so appointed shall take rank according to the date of their appointment, unless otherwise designated by the President.

Rule 3. The President may at any time call another member to the chair, but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment. In all cases the President may vote.

Rule 4. The President may make any rules that he deems proper to preserve order in the council chamber during sessions of the Council; and in case any member or members, other than the one recognized by the Chair, insist on occupying the floor for any purpose, except to rise to a point of order, he shall, upon request of the President, take his seat, and upon refusal to comply with such request, the President shall direct the City Messenger to cause said member or members to be removed from the Council Chamber, such removal to remain in effect during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered by the President. He shall also forbid smoking in the Council Chamber during a session.

#### Clerk.

Rule 5. The Clerk shall keep a record of the acts, votes, and proceedings of the Common Council, and a separate record of all decisions of the Chair upon questions of order. He shall have the care and custody of all papers belonging to this branch of the City Council; and shall prepare a schedule of business in order for each meeting, in such manner as the President may direct.

He shall draw up and send all messages to the Board of Aldermen; and shall retain in his possession all papers until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is made he shall keep the papers pertaining thereto until the right of reconsideration has expired.

#### Conduct of Members.

Rule 6. Except when otherwise provided, no member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes, and a further equal time if the Council so votes. No member shall speak a second time on a question, if another member, who has not spoken, claims the floor.

Rule 7. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Every member, while speaking, shall confine himself to the question under debate, and shall refrain from personalities, and shall not refer to any other member of the council except by a respectful designation; and no member shall speak or vote out of his place without leave of the President.

#### Quorum.

Rule 8. Whenever a member raises a doubt of a quorum being present, the chair shall ascertain and declare whether a quorum is present or not. For this purpose he may at his discretion, or on motion sustained by one-fifth of the members present, order the roll to be called. If there is no quorum present, he shall declare the council adjourned.

#### Committees.

Rule 9. All matters relating to the election of members shall be referred to the standing committee on elections, which shall consist of five members.

Rule 10. There shall be a standing committee on judiciary, consisting of five members, who shall have the power to obtain the opinion of the corporation counsel on all matters that shall be referred to them.

Rule 11. All committees of this council shall be notified of their meetings by the clerk of committees. They shall not sit during sessions of the council without special leave, nor be called on less notice

than twenty-four hours from the time the notices are mailed by the clerk or despatched by special messengers, unless all the members consent; and the clerk shall keep a record of their doings. The member first named shall be chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, in which case the council shall be notified of the change; and the same rule shall apply to members serving on joint committees.

The absence of a member from three successive, duly called, meetings of any committee except on account of sickness or absence from the city, proved to the satisfaction of the President, shall be deemed a resignation on the part of such member from such committee, and the vacancy caused by the resignation shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the council.

The clerk of committee shall report at each meeting of the council all resignations effected by the preceding clause.

Rule 12. Special committees of the council shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 13. No report of any committee shall be received unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. Such report, when presented, may be ordered to be printed and shall then take its place among the unfinished business for consideration at the meeting.

#### Committee of the Whole.

Rule 14. When the council shall determine to go into a committee of the whole, the President shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

Rule 15. The rules of proceedings in the council shall be observed in the committee of the whole, so far as they are applicable; but the previous question shall not be moved, and a motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again shall be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

#### Order of Business.

Rule 16. At every meeting of the council the order of business shall be as follows:—

First. Reading of the records of the preceding meeting, if called for by a majority of the members present.

Second. Messages from his honor the mayor, reports of city officers, and other communications addressed to the council.

Third. Papers from the board of aldermen.

Fourth. Reports of committee on finance. Fifth. Reports of committees, which shall be called for by divisions in numerical order.

Sixth. Motions, orders and resolutions. Orders and resolutions shall be read once and, upon motion, referred to their appropriate committees or assigned to the next meeting. If no objection is made, or the rules are suspended, orders and resolutions may, at the time they are offered, be given a second reading and passed.

Seventh. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.

Eighth. Notices of motions for reconsideration. (See Rule 35.)

Ninth. Motions, orders and resolutions which shall take the same course as provided in the sixth section of this rule; provided, however, that not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of papers under the sixth order of business. Papers shall be called for by divisions in numerical order, and only one member in a division shall be recognized until each division has called.

Rule 17. All papers addressed to the council shall be presented by the President, or by a member; and, unless the council shall otherwise determine, they shall be read by the President, or such other person as he may request, and be taken up in the order in which they have been presented.

Rule 18. All ordinances, orders, and resolutions shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, after each of which debate shall be in order, and they shall then be put on their passage. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first, the document may be read by its title only.

Rule 19. No ordinance, and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document.

#### Motions.

Rule 20. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President shall so direct and no other motion shall be entertained until a reasonable time be afforded for compliance with such direction.

Rule 21. In naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and longest time shall first be put to the question.

Rule 22. When a question is under debate, the president shall receive any of the following motions, but no others:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. The previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To assign to a time certain.
6. To amend.
7. To refer to a committee.
8. To refer to another board.
9. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall not be applied to each other, except that the motion to assign, amend, refer, or to close debate at a specified time, may be amended; and the previous question may be demanded upon an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. When one of these motions has been made, none of the others, inferior to it in precedence, shall be made, and, in proceeding to vote, motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank, as above arranged. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 23. When a matter has been assigned to be taken up at a fixed hour, or at a certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the time appointed, or at any time subsequent thereto, during the same or succeeding meetings, be in order upon the call of any member and take precedence of all other business.

Rule 24. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:—

- A standing committee of the Council.
- A special committee of the Council.
- A joint standing committee.
- A joint special committee.

Rule 25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided business of a nature to be recorded on the journal has been transacted since a motion to adjourn was rejected; and such motion shall be decided without debate.

Rule 26. Debate on a call for the previous question, or on a motion to close debate at a specified time, or on a motion to lay on the table, or take from the table, shall not exceed ten minutes, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. In such debate, however, the merits of the main question shall not be discussed.

Rule 27. Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it; and any member may move at any time for the suspension of any rule or rules.

#### Previous Question.

Rule 28. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided.

Rule 29. When the previous question is ordered, the vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question.

Rule 30. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, except on an appeal; and on such an appeal no member shall be allowed to speak more than once without leave of the Council.

#### Appeal.

Rule 31. No appeal from the decision of the President shall be entertained unless it is seconded; and no motion but to adjourn shall be in order till the question on the appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Council?" and it shall be deemed to be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes given are to the contrary.

#### Voting.

Rule 32. If the President is unable to decide, or if any member doubts a vote, the President shall cause a rising vote to be taken on the question without further debate. The President shall appoint two clerks for each division of the Council, as fixed by him, who shall agree on a count, and report the result aloud to him.

Rule 33. A motion that any pending vote shall be taken by yeas and nays shall be in order at any time, and no debate shall be allowed thereon, but it shall be passed by the assent of one-fifth of the members present. Every member present shall answer to his name unless excused before the vote is taken.

Rule 34. After the announcement of a vote not taken by yeas and nays, any member may move for a verification thereof by yeas and nays, and on such motion a debate of the original question, not exceeding five minutes, shall be permitted, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, provided one-fifth of the members voting shall so require.

#### Reconsideration.

Rule 35. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, either immediately after the announcement of such vote, or whenever motions are in order; or if any member, who is not shown by a yeas and nays vote to have voted against the prevailing side, shall give notice to the clerk, before ten o'clock A.M. of the next day but one following that on which a meeting was held (except the final meeting of the year, or that preceding any adjournment for over two weeks), of his intention so to do, he may move a reconsideration at the next meeting at which said motion is reached in the order of proceedings.

Rule 36. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall speak more than five minutes. Whenever a matter has been especially assigned, a notice, as above specified, to reconsider any vote affecting it shall be considered whenever such special assignment takes effect.

Rule 37. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon either of the following motions:—

- To adjourn.
- The previous question.
- To lay on the table.
- To take from the table.
- To close debate at a specified time.

## Rescinding Votes.

Rule 38. After a vote has been refused a reconsideration, it shall not be rescinded unless two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the common council vote in the affirmative.

## Elections.

Rule 39. All officers receiving any compensation from the city of Boston, who are elected by the city council, shall, unless otherwise ordered, be chosen in this branch by ballot. In all elections by ballot the number of blanks cast shall be reported. Ballots cast for ineligible persons shall be counted and reported, but only for the purpose of ascertaining the whole number of ballots cast. If the person chosen is ineligible, the ballot shall be void and a new ballot be taken.

## Seats of Members.

Rule 40. No person except a member of the council shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the council is in session. The seats of the members of the council shall be numbered, and shall be determined, in the presence of the council, by drawing the names of members and the number of the seats simultaneously; and each member shall be entitled for the year to the seat bearing the number so drawn against his name, and shall not change it, except by the permission of the President.

## Spectators.

Rule 41. The City Messenger shall allow no person upon the floor of the Council Chamber, or in either of the ante-rooms, except members of the City Government, heads of departments and reporters, without the permission of the President; and, while the Council is in session, no person, except members of the City Government, heads of departments and reporters, shall be allowed in either of the ante-rooms on the easterly side. The President shall order such accommodations on the floor for reporters and spectators as he shall deem proper; provided, however, that no spectators shall be seated behind the members of the Council.

Rule 42. The Council Chamber shall be used for meetings of the Council only, unless by special vote of the Common Council; provided, that during the summer recess the President may allow the chamber to be used for public purposes, in all cases reporting his action to the Council at its next meeting. The ante-room and large committee-room on the east shall be subject to the same rules, except that the President may allow committee meetings to be held therein at times when the Council is not in session. The Clerk's room shall be assigned to the Clerk of the Common Council for occupancy and use. The ante-room between the Council Chamber and the Clerk's room shall be used during the meetings of the Council to give access to the seats on the floor, and for such other purposes as the President may direct; provided, that smoking there shall not be allowed on the part of visitors. The general care and supervision of these rooms are hereby intrusted to the City Messenger, subject to the direction of the President; but no expenditure of money shall be made except by direct vote of the Common Council.

## Parliamentary Practice.

Rule 43. The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in Cushing's "Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies" shall govern this Council in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the City Council.

## Repeal.

Rule 44. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Common Council present and voting thereon.

On motion of Mr. Bordman, the reading of the report and the rules was dispensed

with, and the question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to ask whether or not the report offered tonight by the Committee is city document 81?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that it is.

The report was accepted, and the rules were adopted. Mr. Bordman moved to reconsider; lost.

## IMPROVEMENT OF BROMLEY PARK.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the fence from Bromley Park, Wd. 22, and to cause seats to be placed in said park.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSFER STATION.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to provide another "starter" at the transfer station near the corner of Broadway and Dorchester St., South Boston, because of the dangers which attend the crossings of the tracks by the passengers of the road who change cars at this transfer station.

Passed. Sent up.

## ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD. 14.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to change the location of the electric light now situated at the corner of M and Second Sts., Wd. 14, to the opposite corner, thus placing it in front of 29 M St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## PAVING OF FIRST STREET.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to pave First St., Wd. 14, from L St. to P St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## NEXT MEETING.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, April 27, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

Passed. Mr. Logan moved to reconsider; lost.

## EXPENDITURES OF BATH COMMISSION.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, explain to the Common Council the fact of how it was reasonably possible for them to have already spent \$17,988.75 for the financial year 1899-1900, when but one bath in the city has been open to the public, and also the total expenditure of the loan for "Summer Baths," permanent improvements, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment February 27, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## ABOLITION OF BATH COMMISSION.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered the following:—City of Boston, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine. An Ordinance relative to Public Baths and Gymnasias.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Section I. The Health Department shall have the care and custody of all bath-

houses, whether for all-the-year-round use or floating bathhouses in salt water for summer use, bathing beaches, swimming pools and gymnasia, now or hereafter provided by the city, shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations, now or hereafter established by the city.

Section 2. Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby repealed.

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Chamberlain.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING WORK.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to give to the Common Council his opinion as to whether the spirit of section 4, chapter 413 of the Acts of 1890, is not being transgressed by the Mayor in ordering the Repair Division of the Public Buildings Department to do construction and repair work without advertising for bids when the amount exceeds two thousand dollars, and whether such work is not illegally done unless in every case where the amount of work and labor comes to more than two thousand dollars the Mayor gives written authority that advertising shall not be necessary in that particular case; and finally, whether when bids are invited it is legal for the Repair Division to bid.

Passed. Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost.

#### MUNICIPAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That a special joint committee be appointed to be composed of eight members of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may join, to investigate and report as to the advisability of petitioning the present general court for the right to allow the city to manufacture and sell gas and electricity.

Passed. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### LAMPS, LORETTE ST.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place four lamps on Lorette St., Wd. 23.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FENCE—EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Cemetery Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Common Council a list of the bidders and contracts awarded, if any, for the construction of the fence at Evergreen Cemetery, and a statement of the material to be used in said construction.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CARS TO ATLANTIC AVE.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Boston Elevated Railway Company to run a line of cars from Charlestown through Atlantic Ave., or to furnish free transfers to enable residents of Charlestown to reach said avenue with the same facility as do those of other sections of the city desiring to make use of the ferries or harbor boats during the summer season.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CATCH BASINS, WD. 19.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place catch basins at the easterly corner of Lawn and Heath Sts., and at the southwesterly corner of Fisher Ave. and Parker St., Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CURBSTONE, HEATH SQ.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the curbstone standing in the open space formed by Heath, New Heath and Old Heath Sts., Wd. 19, known as Heath Sq.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 19.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate electric lights at the north-eastern corner of Lawn St., near Buckman St., at the corner of Heath and Walden Sts., and at the corner of Heath St. and Bickford Ave., Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### GUTTER, LAWN ST.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have a gutter put on the western side of Lawn St., from Buckman St. to Heath St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### THANKS TO THE FIREMEN.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Common Council of Boston hereby expresses its commendation of the efficiency displayed by the members of the Fire Department on the occasion of the fire in the Boston Museum on this date, and especially wishes to testify its appreciation of the member of the fire patrol who discovered the conflagration.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to forward a copy of this resolve to the Fire Commissioner.

Passed.

#### ASST. SUPT., RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Trustees for Children, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council what justification they had for appointing on April 5, 1899, John C. Davis of Vermont as Assistant Superintendent at Rainsford Island, after the passage of the ordinance requiring male employees of the city to be citizens and legal voters of Boston.

Passed.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words on that order. On April 3rd we passed an ordinance here, and it was passed in the Board of Aldermen, and that ordinance became operative, became a law. I would like to ask the Trustees of the Children if they think themselves better than any other citizens, whether they believe that they have a right to break the laws any more than other people? They have made it their business to throw down the gauntlet to the Common Council, and I think we ought to have manhood enough to pick it up and to show them that we have sufficient courage to back up our orders and ordinances. On April 5th there was a man imported here from Vermont, a farmer, who never had one day's experience in an institution. He was sent down to Rainsford Island, at a salary of \$40 a month, as Assistant Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent! Think of it—see how it appears on the face of it! Behind it, he is a watchman. But he is appointed as Assistant Superintendent so that he can get in outside of the Civil Service as a watchman down on the island. Now, I would like to ask the Trustees what they think the people of Boston are? Is that the attitude this is going to be adopted by this board of humbug humanitarians, this board of professional philanthropists, this board of theorists, who are practising at the expense of the city of Boston, this

board of religious bigots, whose every vote and act is on a religious basis—this board which has always been casting slurs on the Irish people? That board cannot point to one act of an Irishman based on religious bigotry. Go away back in history and see what the Irish patriots have been—the greater number have differed from Catholics in their belief. Take Emmet, Grattan and others. Remember the words of Thomas Moore, the patriotic Irish poet, when he said:—

“Pass around the wine-cup, leave points of belief,  
To simpleton sages and reasoning fools.”

He was right. That was one hundred years ago. But today, in Boston, civilized Boston, we find a board which takes its stand on religious bigotry. It is a disgrace to Boston, a disgrace to the State of Massachusetts. I sincerely hope the order will pass and that the Council will go upon record as being able to stand up for what it is able to pass.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to enter my solemn protest, as a member of this Council, against the appointment of a non-resident, a non-voter of Boston, to any position within the city's gift. I will not make any argument, Mr. President and fellow members, along religious lines, although I am satisfied that a great deal that has been said by the previous speaker is true. The state of affairs he has referred to exists in every unpaid Board of Boston. I agree with him as to humbug, as to bluff philanthropy. I agree with him in all he has said along those lines. I know, as a matter of fact, that the civil service law was gotten around by this commission appointing as assistant Superintendent a man who is really a watchman. That is a fact. Now, I want to say a few words, although my voice is in very bad condition, in reference to unpaid boards. I believe they are ruining the city of Boston. They are not doing the work for which they were created; they are not carrying out the intention of the legislature in creating them. Mrs. Lincoln, one of the trustees of pauper institutions, went to the legislature and made her plea along the line of classification, separating the worthy poor from the unworthy poor by putting them on different parts of Long Island. Has she carried that out? No, she has not. Today, corrupt, crooked people are lying side by side with the worthy poor at Long Island and she knows it. She has never made an effort to classify the poor unfortunates of Long Island.

I think if we had the power—whch we have not—we ought to abolish all these unpaid boards, people who have no earthly reason for existence, bluffs, who go to the legislature, as Dr. Sedgwick did. You know what he said there—“Yes, I appointed a woman as a book-keeper at Long Island. No political pull got her there—not at all; in fact, I got her from a mercantile agency.” And I find that that poor girl—and the chances are that she never resided in Boston—paid thirty dollars for that job, that position, to the Mercantile Reference and Bond association. Is that proper, is that good work? Are there men in Boston who are to be allowed to do that kind of work? I say the whole lot of these boards ought to be wiped out of existence. They are a gang of bluffs.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to have the order read.

The order was read for information.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, it seems to me that this is going about the matter in rather a mild way. If we have passed an ordinance whereby no head of a department can hire a non-resident, I would suggest that the gentleman withdraw his order and have a committee appointed to investigate whether or not the ordinance has been violated. If it has, there is a chance for prosecution. It seems

to me we are acting very mildly, to say the least, after passing an ordinance by unanimous vote prohibiting the employment of non-residents, over the Mayor's veto, to then come in, after the ordinance has been violated, after a non-resident has been employed, and simply pass an order of this kind. I say that the gentleman should present an order of investigation, looking to strong action.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I think the suggestion of the member from Wd. 13 is good. I think a committee of three, with as many more as the Board of Aldermen may decide to have, should be appointed with full power, if possible, to enforce the ordinance, with power to give a mandamus restraining the City Treasurer from paying this man. I trust that that suggestion will be acted upon.

The order was read a second time and passed.

#### SALARIES OF BRIDGE TENDERS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause the salaries of the draw-tenders of the several bridges belonging to the City of Boston to be restored to the rates allowed previous to the seven and one-half per cent. reduction.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PERMIT TO HOLD CAMPFIRE.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant permit to Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, G. A. R., to hold a campfire in Dorehester Park on the 17th of June.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### HYDRANTS, WARD 19.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of hydrants for fire service to properly protect the Parker Hill district, Wd. 19.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FIRE APPARATUS, ROXBURY.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$15,000 for a hose house and apparatus at Parker Hill, Wd. 19.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I desire to say in regard to that order that I have carried it around with me, or an order similar to it, since the 16th day of February. I was about to put in an order similar to that on the 16th of February, which would be about eight weeks ago tonight, when I found that between my two colleagues there was some difference of opinion in regard to an engine house. One of them at that time wanted an engine house on one site, and the other wanted it on another. I thought it would be well for me to stay quiet and let my two colleagues fight the fight out—which they did. We went before the Board of Apportionment, made a fight for an engine house, and also asked Commissioner Russell in regard to whether or not, in his opinion, we required an engine house up there. His reply, as you all know, was that we did not require one. I held a conversation with Commissioner Russell recently in regard to this matter. I asked him in regard to hydrants as to whether or not they would be of any benefit up on the hill. He told me that he thought they would, providing we had pressure enough from the reservoir. We have a reservoir on the hill. I told him I would see the Water Commissioner in regard to that. I have done so, and the Water Commissioner gave me to understand that he thought we would have pressure enough in the reservoir to supply the service at the present time. From what I have been given to understand,

and from conversation which I have had with the Mayor, I have no doubt but what I will be able to get this \$15,000 to build and equip a hose house on the hill. It is something that is required, and I am given to understand on good authority that we can have that on the hill. I don't know as it is necessary for me to go any further in regard to it. I have simply said this to show why I kept this order in my pocket so long without offering it. I thought there were differences enough in the ward, and I did not want to conflict with my two other colleagues, who already had their little differences with each other. I simply desire to ask a suspension of the rules so that the order may go upon its passage.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, in order that the senior member of this body may not feel that there is any conflict between him and one of the junior members in regard to this matter of fire apparatus on the hill, I wish to state that I heartily indorse everything that he has said in that line. My reason for offering an order for an engine on Parker Hill was that I had been requested to do so by citizens of that ward, who claimed that there was a population of 700 people in that district who were unprotected from fire. It is true that the Fire Commissioner reported that the district was protected sufficiently, in view of the fact that it has been proved—and I am willing to leave it to experts in the Fire Department today—that there is not an engine in that district that can ascend any one of the hills in that vicinity in stormy weather. The argument which I made before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in which I showed grades it was necessary to go up in order to reach the top of the hill, will prove my statement. When I introduced my order for a fire-engine house on the top of the hill, I spoke to the other junior member from Wd. 19, and asked him to leave out the chemical and said to him "let us fight for some one thing that will remedy matters on that hill." He agreed to do it, but he refused when he got before the Board of Apportionment. I fully agree with the senior member of this body that something is necessary in that vicinity. It is well nigh time that we got it. I sincerely hope that the order offered by my colleague will be given a second reading and passed under a suspension of the rule.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, there has been considerable said about an engine house for Parker Hill in my ward. Now, I fail to see anybody objecting to that order going through tonight. I don't see what the need is of any of the members of the Council getting up and speaking upon it and favoring its passage, for I fail to see anybody objecting to it.

Now, one of the junior members of the Council, from my ward, says that he made a remark to me a few days before he presented his order for an engine house on Parker Hill, saying that he was going to present an order, and asking me if I would co-operate. My answer was "I don't know. I may have one to present myself." That was my answer to him. On the other hand, he says that when the matter came before the Board of Apportionment, when the members from Wd. 19 were notified to present themselves before the Board and to show the Board of Apportionment good and sufficient reasons why that engine house should be located on Parker Hill, he asked me if I was satisfied to centre the fight on some one particular piece of apparatus, and not have any squabble in regard to the matter. I said "I am satisfied with anything. What I am looking for is a piece of fire apparatus. I don't care what it is." I am looking for protection for the people on the hill, and I have been doing that from the start. I have taken an active interest in those things which were for the benefit of the

people of my ward, and I will never be backward in coming to the front and fighting for their interests. I am satisfied with this order presented by my colleague from ward 19. I heartily endorse it, and am willing to co-operate with the senior member. As the matter stands at the present time, there is an order before the Board of Apportionment for an appropriation of \$30,000 for an engine house in that district. That order was presented by myself, and the matter is now before the Board of Apportionment. I do not see what the need is of taking so much interest in this one presented by Mr. Nangle until we have heard from the Board of Apportionment and the Fire Commissioner in regard to the matter of the engine house, which is pending before that body now.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, if it were in order, I would like to move to refer this whole matter back to Wd. 19; but, as it is not, I desire to move the previous question. (Laughter.)

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I am not going to object. I simply want to say that I didn't know that the member from my ward had offered an order of that sort. I was not here two weeks ago tonight, when I understand he offered it, or probably I would have carried that order of mine around a couple of months more with me.

Mr. DOYLE—Mr. President, I hope the main question will be put; and in so doing, I would like to ask the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. McInerney), in view of the fact that I have introduced an order for \$30,000 for a fire engine house some six or seven weeks ago, why he introduced one two weeks ago for \$30,000 for the same purpose?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question before the house.

The main question was ordered, and the order was passed. Sent up.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING CLOSING OF BRIDGE.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to this body the reason why the bridge on Broadway between Dorchester Ave. and Harrison Ave. is closed; and also the length of time it is proposed to keep said bridge closed.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, just a moment before that order is referred. I wish to state that ordinarily members of the City Government could go into the Superintendent's office and get that information themselves, but from the experience of myself and my colleague, who attempted to go in to see him at the time when he found that one of the bridges had broken down and people's lives were in danger. I have concluded that it is impossible for some of us members to get into the Superintendent of Street's office, and for that reason I have introduced this order. I could not find out anything about it before the bridge was closed, because I was refused admission several times. I believe that that is a very poor way in which to handle the business of the city, when a representative of the people cannot get into the Superintendent's office and find out why certain things are done.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PURCHASE OF GRANITE.

Mr. TOBIN, of Wd. 9, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to purchase no more granite from the Rockport Granite Company until the present trouble with their employees is settled.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## FIRE ESCAPES, FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Mr. TOBIN offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be ordered to furnish suitable fire escapes for the Franklin schoolhouse, Wd. 9.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Clerk, by direction of the President, called the roll to ascertain the number of members present, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Batts, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Sweeney, Tobin, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—64.

Absent—Bennett, Carroll, Connolly, Donovan, Flynn, Leonard, Mansfield, O'Brien, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull—11.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. HERRIGAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I move that the Council do now adjourn.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—I sincerely hope that the members of the Council will kindly give me an opportunity—

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that no member of the Council has been recognized by the Chair. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. Horigan doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, but before the result was accurately ascertained the president declared the doubt solved and the motion lost.

Mr. HERRIGAN—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that there is no quorum here.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

## RESOLVE AGAINST TRACKS IN SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. LINEHAN offered the following:—

Whereas, the American Sugar Refining Company has a petition before the Board of Aldermen, asking for permission to operate railroad cars on certain public streets in South Boston.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council said permission should not be granted because of the great danger and menace to life which has prevailed under the operation of these railroad cars.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words in regard to that resolution. I will keep the members of the Council but a very short time. If they could only go over there and see the condition of this section of the ward which I have the honor to represent here in part, they would feel the same about it as I do. Wd. 13 has been suffering for the last five or six years, and suffering

severely, from the encroachments of corporations upon the rights of the people. At the present time they are gradually building a stone wall around this section of the ward, demoralizing the business interests, depopulating that section, and cutting us off, you might say, from the rest of the world. Time and time again there have been accidents caused by these cars. Only a short time ago, a couple of small boys were pulled from beneath the cars, all mangled. I believe some of the members know a good deal more about that than I do. A few years ago, there was a fire in that district. At that time there was a line of cars there, and it was almost impossible for the fire engine to get to the fire. The result of those cars being there was that eleven or thirteen horses were burned, and one man. Now, these cars are a menace to the safety of the people. They are a public nuisance. They are there for the benefit of a corporation. They are right in a residential part of the ward. Hundreds of children are playing right around there all the time. I claim that if the matter is investigated by the other members of this body they will come to the same opinion that I have, that they are a menace to the safety of the people and a public nuisance.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I wish to say in regard to that resolution that we appeared before a committee in the Aldermanic Chamber a short while ago to protest against this company having the right to lay tracks there. I am glad that my colleague has introduced this resolution. It seems to me that if we pass it we are doing something here tonight that we should do. To allow a corporation rights in our ward which are not given to any other corporation in other wards of the city, I believe to be wrong, and I believe we cannot take too harsh steps to prevent the Committee from acting favorably upon the petition. The right asked by this company is the same right that their predecessors succeeded in getting some sixteen or eighteen years ago, at a time when the district was entirely different from what it is at the present time. The fact that the cars have been there in the past, and the fact that there have been a great many accidents on account of them, is a good argument against granting the petition at this time. I think it is hardly fair to the people of Wd. 13 to allow any corporation a right which they are not given in any other section of the city. I will say to the committee that if they grant this petition, they are establishing a bad precedent, and the chances are that corporations in other sections of the city will ask later for the same privilege. I hope that the resolution will pass.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman if he desires to press his point of order until this resolution is disposed of?

Mr. TOBIN—Mr. President, I do not think we can act upon it if there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will declare the Council adjourned to Thursday, April 27, at 7:45 P.M.

Adjourned, at 8:55 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Apr. 24, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Coßman, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, May 8th, in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:

Joseph Sullivan, ward 14; John J. Brady, ward 14; Robert L. Haynes, ward 18; Charles H. Dimock, ward 25; Charles H. Lovejoy, ward 3; John Connelly, ward 14; John T. Tracy, ward 8; Samuel C. Hopkins, ward 10; Michael Downey, ward 5; Samuel J. Bryne, ward 10; Herbert M. Le-land, ward 11; Wm. E. Bailey, ward 1; Henry P. Curtis, ward 7; James N. Clifford, ward 22; Sydney Smith, ward 23; Robert J. Murphy, ward 13; Lauren P. Marston, ward 15; Ernest L. Miller, ward 16; Charles P. Cummings, ward 20; Frank S. Hawkins, ward 23; Morris Dove, ward 19; Wm. D. Dearborn, ward 20; Patrick F. Cassidy, ward 6; William C. Tirrell, ward 13; Charles F. Quinn, ward 8; Wm. G. Lawson, ward 6; Thomas Bean, ward 9; Marks I. Cohen, ward 6; James L. Johnston, ward 11; John H. Connors, ward 4; George A. Billings, ward 3; Wm. J. Devanna, ward 14; George H. Morris, ward 13; James J. Casey, ward 18.

BOXING OF TREE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 14, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to L. Mandelstein to box a tree at 126 Sumner St., East Boston, for the reason that a permit cannot legally be given to place a sign around a tree.

I assume that the purpose in boxing the tree is to furnish support for a sign, as it would not be necessary to get permission from the Board if it were simply intended to place a suitable guard around the tree for its protection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting it, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to again grant permission, the vote on doing so being—yeas none, nays 10.

BOYS' PLAYGROUND, FRANKLIN PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 24, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to the order requesting the Board to allow young boys their former playground in Franklin Park.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the  
Department of Parks, April 18, 1899.  
Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, City Hall,  
Boston.

Dear Sir:—I have received the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Park Commissioners to allow young boys their former playground in Franklin Park. We desire to say that this playground has never been taken away from the younger children.

Yours respectfully,  
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Sent down.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor, Mayor Quincy, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2) Albert W. Hersey, to be a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3) Samuel H. Durgin, to be a member of the Board of Health for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(4) Alfred De Voto, to be a Music Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(5) Josiah H. Benton, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(6) Charles E. Stratton, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(7) Thomas W. Flood, to be Commissioner of Wires for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

(8) Charles H. Cole, to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term of one year, commencing with the first day of May, 1899, in place of George W. Lowther deceased.

(9) Joseph M. Harrington and John B. McDonough, to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899, in connection with their duties as employees of the Board of Health.

(10) Cryus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, and Jeremiah J. Callahan, to be weighers of coal and measurers of wood and bark, for the term of one year, commencing with the 1st day of May, 1899.

(11) John Rea, to be a weigher of coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 24, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may be made a matter of record, that Mr. Linus E. Pearson has been reappointed a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, for the term of four years, beginning with the 1st day of May, 1899.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPOINTMENT.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,  
Office of the Mayor,

April 24, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I hereby withdraw the appointment of Mr. Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., to be Deputy Scaler of Weights and Measures and Selzer of Illegal Charcoal Measures for the term of one year, commencing with the first day of May, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

It was voted unanimously that leave be granted to withdraw the appointment.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Gipson & Knight for leave to project two bay-windows from building at the corner of Clayton and Dickens Sts., Wd. 24, one over each street. No objection. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Waltham, Newton and Forest Hills Street Railway Company for a location of tracks and the overhead electric system, on Baker, Weld, Maple, South, New South (or substitute way), and Brandon Sts., W. R.

Messrs. John R. Bullard, Frank W. Essey, William A. Morse, Thomas J. Emery, Thomas F. Carey, Henry S. Harris, and Joseph J. MacGowan, residents along the line of the proposed track location, appeared and objected, for themselves and other property owners, to the granting of the location; the ground being taken that if the location is granted to any company it should be to the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, which today covers a portion of the district and is ready to extend its tracks over the route petitioned for. If the right is granted to the latter company, it means one fare instead of two.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

3. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect poles in Devens St.

On petitions of the Brookline Gas Light Company, viz:

4. For leave to erect poles on Fairbanks street, ward 25.

5. For leave to erect poles on Braintree street, between Franklin and Everett Sts., Wd. 25.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:

6. For leave to erect poles on Munroe St., Wd. 21.

7. For leave to erect poles on Sigourney and Beethoven Sts., Wd. 22, Landseer St., Wd. 23, and Allston Heights, Wd. 25.

8. For leave to erect poles in E St., between West First and Congress Sts., Wd. 25.

9. For leave to erect poles in Adams, Hillsdale, Ocean and Roslin Sts., Wd. 24, Paris St., Wd. 1, and Hooker St., Wd. 25.

10. For leave to erect and to remove one pole in Brookside Ave., Wd. 22.

11. For leave to lay and maintain conduits and manholes for its wires, etc., in Bulfinch, Howard, Fleet, Lewis, Cross and Salem Sts., Wd. 6; Eliot, Kneeland and Bennet Sts., Wd. 7; Green St., Wd. 8; Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20; Centre St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22; Adams St. and Neponset Ave., Wd. 24; and for leave to erect and maintain distributing poles, with wires thereon, for making connections.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

12. On petition of Lizzie G. Thoits, that this Board estimate the damage to her by the taking of her estate on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

G. C. Travis, attorney for the Boston Elevated Railway Company, appeared and objected, on the ground that the preliminary estimates should, under the statutes, be made by the Board of Street Commissioners, instead of the Board of Aldermen acting as County Commissioners.

Ald. BERWIN thought the Board of Aldermen, sitting as County Commissioners, should not relinquish any of their rights in the matter; that they should act on the petition as presented, and that if objections were then made by parties in interest it was time for a further discussion of the legal question.

Ald. Codman and Brick agreed with Ald. Berwin. Ald. Codman moving reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. Colby thought the first thing to do, before taking steps in the matter, was to get the opinion of the Law Department of the city, that the Board would then know the proper position to take in the matter.

Ald. McDonald thought the matter should be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, but accepted a motion by Ald. Berwin that it be assigned to May 4 at 3 P. M.

Ald. CODMAN'S motion, to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, prevailed.

Ald. Berwin gave notice that being a party interested in the particular locality concerned, he would decline to participate in any action in the matter. While he would follow the proceedings, he wished to be excused from participation in the final determination and action.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

##### Building Dept.

J. E. Cousens, for leave to build a wooden addition on rear of Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for leave to build a wooden addition on Oak St., near Caneuil St., Wd. 25.

John E. Cousens, for leave to build a coal elevator on rear of Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Joseph Seminara, a sign, at 517 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Rocco Sarni, three signs, at 193 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Emil Heusser, two barber poles, at 340 Blue Hill Ave.

J. Edward Bauer, an illuminated sign, at 23 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Henry M. Flynn & Co., an illuminated sign, at 11 Elm St., Wd. 6.

Morris Sais, a pole sign, at 2028B Washington St., Wd. 17.

Central Associates, an illuminated sign, at 281 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Cigar Makers' Social Union, No. 97, an illuminated sign, at 637 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Geo. Burwell & Sons, a sign, at 569-573 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Wyman & Co., a V sign, at 637 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Ambrose W. Isle & Son, a sign, at 51-53 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

M. Hebenstreit, sign, 124 Roxbury St.

##### Claims.

Bridget C. Flanagan, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Samoset St., Dorchester.

Thomas F. Reardon, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Calumet St.

William Claffin, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on southwest side of Mattapan St.

Charles E. Lee, for payment to B. Helen Richardsor of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on southwest side of West-over St.

John T. Mitchell, for compensation for damages for failure to allow him the use of the Old Public Library Building, in accordance with an alleged agreement between him and the Supt. of Pub. Buildings.

Sarah E. Hall, for compensation for damage to estate on Sayward St. and Columbia road, caused by the breaking and stoppage of a sewer by agents of the city.

##### Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to attach its wires to trees on Mt. Pleasant Ave.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Ashmont St.

The American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Dudley St. and Harrison Ave., and to remove poles in Dudley St..

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

John Leonard, for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of temperance drinks in front of the Old Court House on Court St.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

John White, for the removal of a tree at 161 Eighth St., Wd. 15.

The American Telegraph & Telephone Co. of Mass., that the Supt. of Public Grounds be permitted to trim trees on Dorchester Ave., Adams St., Neponset Ave., Dudley and Washington Sts.

Lamps.

Louis Berenson et als., for a public lamp in a passageway running from 2459 A and B Washington St.

Licenses.

Monroe H. Rosenfeld, for a permit for Freddie Curran, Charles Eggleston and William Harvey, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Boston Theatre on April 23, 1899.

Boston Base Ball Association, for license for athletic exhibitions, base ball, etc., at the grounds of said association on Walpole St. and Columbus Ave., for the season ending December 1, 1899.

F. T. Bridge, for a license for dancing and musical entertainments at Jubilee Hall, 646 Warren St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899.

James C. Little, for a license for flying horses on vacant land on Washington S., near Kingsbury St. for three weeks, beginning Saturday, April 29.

Hannah Curran, for a permit for Master Freddie Curran to appear at the Howard Athenaeum for week beginning Apr. 24, 1899.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for tracks on Washington St., from Massachusetts Ave. to Northampton St.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to locate tracks on Causeway St.

Trustees and members of Calvary Cemetery Association, in aid of petition of West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Co. for extension of tracks through Ashland St. to Mattapan.

Waltham, Newton & Forest Hills Street Railway Co., for a location of tracks with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon in Baker, Weld, Maple, Centre, South, New South, Brandon, South and Washington Sts.

Public Improvements.

Trustees of Essex St. Trust, for leave to construct areas, etc., under sidewalks on Chauncy and Essex Sts., Wd. 7.

C. A. Gleason, for leave to erect an awning occasionally in front of Hotel Somerset on Newbury St.

S. E. Richards, for leave to sell temperance drinks from a wagon in the vicinity of the Post Office.

Park Square Improvement Association et als., for the extension of what is now known as Park Sq.

J. J. & P. M. Ahern, for leave to move wooden building from 93 George St. to Clayton Pl., Wd. 17.

George R. Dugad, for leave to erect one guy post in Beacon St. and one in Audubon Road.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to construct a temporary tramway across Western Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Joseph J. Cronin, 133 Centre St., Wd. 19.

Wm. A. Whittemore, 327 Hancock St., Wd. 20.

J. P. Buntin, 50 Bicknell St., Wd. 20.

Howard Bros., 22-24 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20.

A. L. Richardson, trustee, 175 Summer St., Wd. 7.

James V. Devine, 274-282½ Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Charles Miller, 58 Day St., Wd. 22.

Max Arkin, 65 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

John Keohane, 4, 8 and 10 Shelby St., Wd. 1.

Thomas P. DeNeill, 1562 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Milton W. Hall, 445-453 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

Wilfred Bolster, 137 Ruthven St., Wd. 21.

O. Reinstein, on Howland St. side of estate 168 Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

L. M. Best, 79-81 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Catherine Hanrahan, 89 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Alfred Pierce, 90 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

L. M. Best, 32 Marshfield St., Wd. 17.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. BRICK presented the petition of Ber'o Bros. for removal of a tree at 322-4 Broadway.

In connection with the above, under a suspension of the rule, he presented the following:-

Ordered-That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of 322-324 West Broadway; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16, together, viz.:-

13. The following comes up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:-

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to report in the next loan bill a sum sufficient to pave First St., Wd. 14, from L St. to P St.

14. Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to provide another "starter" at the transfer station near the corner of Broadway and Dorchester St., South Boston, because of the dangers which attend the crossings of the tracks by the passengers of the road who change cars at this transfer station.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for a hose-house and apparatus at Parker Hill, Wd. 19.

16. Ordered, That a special joint committee be appointed, to be composed of eight members of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may join, to investigate and report as to the advisability of petitioning the present General Court for the right to allow the city to manufacture and sell gas and electricity.

Severally passed in concurrence.

Later in the session, the Chairman appointed the following committee on the part of the Board, in connection with No. 16: Ald. Doyle, Codman, Dixon, Colby, and McDonald.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. F'resho, to consider unfinished business, Nos. 17 to 33, inclusive, together with the exception of the name of Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., in No. 31, viz.:-

Action on appointments by the Mayor, all being for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1899, as follows:

17. Alfred T. Turrer, to be City Treasurer.

18. James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor.

19. William Jackson, to be City Engineer.

20. William H. Whitmore, to be City Registrar.

21. Andrew J. Bailey, to be Corporation Counsel.

22. Thomas M. Babson, to be City Solicitor.

23. Benjamin W. Wells, to be Superintendent of Streets.

24. James Donovan, to be Superintendent of Lamps.

25. John Drohan, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.

26. William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds.

27. George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.

28. Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.

29. Reuben Peterson, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

30. Daniel P. Sullivan, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures.

31. Raphael Rosnosky, Charles Mintz, Edwin J. Turner, John J. Higgins, Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., Jeremiah J. Crowley, Thomas F. Brophy, John Golding, William H. Fallon, and Thomas J. Dwyer, to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Charcoal Measures.

32. Frank O. Seavey, to be a Measurer of Grain, a Weigher of Coal and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

33. George E. Kerr, to be a Constable (in place of George W. Goode, declined).

The question came on confirmation. Committee Ald. Presho and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### LAND FOR BOSTON CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 34, special assignment, viz:—

34. Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use for the purpose of burial a parcel of land situated in Wd. 24, bounded as follows:

North by Harvard St., east by Walk Hill St.; southeast and south by land of E. W. Holbrook, George E. Smith and Henry F. Napfen; southwest and west by land of James M. Prendergast, as shown on plan herewith submitted.

Referred to the Committee on Cemetery Dept. (Ald.) on motion of Ald. McDonald.

#### SALES BY MINORS.

Ald. ADAMS called up No. 35, reconsideration, viz:—

35. Ald. Adams has duly filed with the City Clerk notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the passage of the regulation, passed April 12, relative to sales by minors.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of this to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. My point is that the matter will have to be reconsidered before it can be referred.

The CHAIRMAN—The point of order is well taken.

The question came on reconsideration, and the Board voted to reconsider the matter, the vote standing yeas 9, nays 3, Ald. Barry, Colby and Presho voting nay.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of The Putnam Nail Co., for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at their works on Ericsson St., Wd. 24—recommending that leave be granted.

Approved by the Board.

#### APPROVAL OF PLANS.

Notice was received from the Board of Railroad Commissioners, notifying the Board of their approval of amended plans

of the Boston Elevated Railway Co., numbered 25,450 to 25,463, inclusive, and their consent to modifications and changes in certain plans of said company heretofore approved by them.

Placed on file.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Newtonville and Watertown Street Railway Co., of its acceptance of its second location, and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, in accordance with the provisions of sec. 2, chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain people had been employed in his office to the amount of \$1596.08.

Approved by the Board.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:—

William Adams, Daniel F. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, Benj. F. S. Bullard, John B. Cadigan, Michael Cangiano, John F. Clark, James H. Cruff, Frank B. Cotton, George W. Crawford, Thos. A. Crawford, James W. Currier, William L. Drohan, Henry Fox, Sears H. Grant, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, Edward J. Holland, Edwin Jaquith, Horace A. Jordan, Samuel Kelley, Clarence G. Kellogg, James M. Kilroy, William H. Lyon, George R. Mathews, James McDonough, Robert M. McLeish, John Mundy, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, Isaiah Paine, Jr., George N. Parker, Alvah H. Peters, Alvin I. Phillips, Robert Reid, John Robie, George Henry Royce, Charles A. Savery, Abraham T. Silberstein, Morris Silverstein, Frederick L. Smith, Calvin Stowe, John J. Walsh, William L. White, Henry S. Worrall.

Approved by the Board.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

Winnie Linden, one, 133 Everett St., Wd. 2.

John Lepore, two, 31-33 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Henry H. Green, one, 944 Washington St., Wd. 9.

John C. Haynes, three, Columbus Ave. near Terry St., Wd. 18.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, May 8, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### RAILROADS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Co. for locations for tracks with the right to use the overhead system thereon in Brandon and other streets—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 15th, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. Coiby, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 216 newsboys, 56 bootblacks, and 2 vendors of small wares.

Approved by the Board.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear—recommending that permits be granted, viz:—

Hannah Curran, for permit for Master Freddie Curran at the Howard Athenaeum for week beginning April 24, 1899.

Monroe H. Rosenfeld, permit for Freddie Curran, Charles Eggleston and William Harvey at the Boston Theatre on April 23, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on the petition of Boston Base Ball Association (referred today), for athletic exhibition at Base Ball grounds, Walpole St., for season ending Dec. 1, 1899—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of F. T. Bridge (referred today), for a season license for Jubilee Hall, 646 Washington, St., for dancing and musical entertainments—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on the petitions of Patrick Hart and Frank Brewster (referred March 20), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of an estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Patrick Hart the sum of \$32.84, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bowen St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 122.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of \$212.54, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Massachusetts Ave., corner Landsdowne St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 231.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed. Sent down.

(2) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable, viz:—

Hugo Pinksohn (referred last year), for compensation for damage to property at 287 Tremont St., caused by the construction of the subway.

Michael Tierney (referred last year), for compensation for damage at 216 Massachusetts Ave., caused by persons at work for the city.

Esther Lake (referred January 30), for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Berkeley St.

Grace B. Diekhut (referred last year), for compensation for loss of her bicycle, which was run into by a city team.

Accepted. Sent down.

(3) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw:—

Simon Feder (referred last year), for compensation for injuries received by an alleged defect in Charles St.

William L. Benedict (referred last year), for compensation for damages to estate on Selkirk road, caused by blasting in the construction of a sewer.

Michael E. Hanley (referred last year), for compensation for injuries received on account of an alleged defect on Beach St.

Ellen Cannon (referred last year), for compensation for injuries received on account of an alleged defect in Newhall St.

Warren N. Gerald (referred Jan. 30), to be repaid a part of the amount paid for an intelligence office license.

George A. Jordan (referred March 13), to be paid the amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Hubert McCorkle (referred last year), for compensation for injuries to horse, caused by an alleged defect in Rockland St. (on account of late notice).

Accepted. Sent down.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred March 13), for leave to lay double tracks on portions of Lexington St., East Boston—recommending the passage of the order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the same company (referred today), for leave to locate tracks on Causeway St.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (referred today), for a location for tracks on Washington St., from Massachusetts Ave. to Northampton St.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company (referred February 27), for a location of tracks on Ashland and Oakland Sts. and Blue Hill Ave., and on Washington St., near Ashland St.—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use an additional track beginning at and joining with the present tracks of said company on Washington St. about 1500 feet south of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad bridge at Forest Hills, thence through said Washington St. to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St.; also a single track beginning at and joining with the present tracks of said company on South St. thence across South St. and through Ashland St., Oakland St. and Blue Hill Ave. to the dividing line between the city of Boston and the town of Milton, with all necessary curves, switches, turn-outs and connections.

This location is granted upon the condition that necessary changes in the tracks and overhead system of any existing street railway shall be made at the expense of said West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by Hodges & Harrington, dated January 21, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within 6 months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered; That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the

West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, as follows:—

On Washington St., from a point about 1500 feet south of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Bridge at Forest Hills to a point about 400 feet south of Ashland St., and beginning at the present overhead system of said company on South St., thence across South St., and through Ashland St., Oakland Street and Blue Hill Ave., to the dividing line between the city of Boston and the town of Milton.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated January 21, 1899, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the reading of the report be dispensed with and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion was declared carried.

Ald. O'FOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) for what particular reason he wants to have this go back to the Committee on Public Improvements, after the majority of the Committee on Railroads have reported it to this Board? A few weeks ago he was very desirous of having the Railroad Committee act promptly on matters, so that there would be no delay; he wanted to expedite the business of that committee, and he stood on this floor wanting to call things from that committee. I now wish to ask him why two weeks ago he was so desirous of expediting the business of the Board of Aldermen in connection with reports from the Railroad Committee, while today he desires to have a report of that committee sent to another committee? I have no objection myself, except that the gentleman has on this floor, in connection with certain things, said that he thought members of this board who were on the railroad committee had not been doing their duty, that they were derelict in their duty to the city of Boston, because they were delaying. He now takes the stand that reports made by that Committee should be referred to another committee, simply causing further delay.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, ordinarily the argument of the gentleman from Roxbury might seem unanswerable, but it is not in this particular case. There are one or two questions that I would like to ask of the Committee on Railroads. I would, for instance, like to ask when this committee meeting was called, and when the call for attendance of members of the committee was sent out. Rather than to take up the time of this Board by asking such questions in open Board, I would prefer

to ask them in the Committee on Public Improvements. In that way time will be saved, and we will not delay the proceedings of the Board.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me, if possible, that the alderman from Wd. 6 should ask his questions here, and I, for one, object to having this matter sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. It is not the usual custom, when a committee which has considered a subject reports upon it, to have it sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. When a committee meeting is held and a matter is considered, the facts in regard to it can be easily found out by questions put to members of the Committee, or by reference to the Clerk of Committee's records. My interest in this matter is partly because it is a Dorchester matter, one that came up last year, that was before the committee the whole year, and although this year's request for the location does not come from the same source it is, nevertheless, for practically the same streets that were then asked for. A corporation was formed by citizens, almost entirely abutters on the streets on which the locations were asked for, and an attempt was made to get a location for tracks on those streets. Just about the time the Committee last year was ready to report—and report favorably, as I understand it, although I was not a member of the Committee—the corporation that asked for the location discovered that it had been incorporated for but two miles of track and that the location asked for covered slightly over two miles. Consequently, they had to either reincorporate or abandon the project for the time being. They gave up the attempt to get the location themselves and appealed to the West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Railway Company, which is operating a number of miles of track all through West Roxbury, Roslindale and Dedham at present, and that company has come in and asked for the location which the other corporation could not receive. I know that the situation is simply this, that if these track locations are not granted, if there is to be a delay this spring, the road will not be built; the people who furnish supplies for railroads are busy and will not be able to get the material ready, to furnish the rails and the necessary equipment, unless action is taken at once. I hope the matter will not be further delayed by reference. The people of Dorchester are extremely interested, and I hope the aldermen will ask his questions at this time and will allow the order to go through under suspension of the rules.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I will state, for the benefit of the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) that last Friday a meeting of the Committee on Railroads was called and it was held on Saturday. A quorum of the committee was then present and voted to grant the petition.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall ask that my motion prevail, in order that I may look into the subject. In answer to Ald. Dixon, I will simply say that a member of the committee has told me that he left Boston Friday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that up to that time no notice of the meeting was sent to him. So that the meeting was not called under the rule which provides that at least 24 hours' notice shall be given. I think, as a matter of courtesy, that the action that I suggest should be taken. While I do not live in West Roxbury, I am as much interested in West Roxbury as any member of the Railroad Committee or any member of the Board. If this is something that should be granted, I shall not oppose it. But I certainly have the same rights that members of the Committee on Railroads have. I have yielded to them on many questions and I see no reason why they should not yield to other members of the Board. I have not conferred with the

chairman of the Board of Aldermen in regard to the matter, and am not quoting him, but I have no doubt that he, as well as others, wishes to look into this question. If the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, we will there have an opportunity to express our views upon it, and can come in at the next meeting of the Board ready to take action.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the gentleman, that he has already referred this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I will doubt the vote whereby the matter has been declared referred to the Committee—realizing that this discussion has simply been tolerated by the Chair—and ask for a yea and nay vote.

Ald. McDONALD—And I will move, Mr. Chairman, to amend the motion to refer so that the Committee will report back this afternoon. In that way we can act upon the matter this afternoon.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I will vote "yes" on Ald. McDonald's amendment. If that is defeated, I shall vote "No" on the motion to refer.

Ald. CODMAN—I have no objection to that, and will vote in favor of it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, if that amendment is adopted, I shall have to vote against my own position, because I want time to look into the matter. What is the reason for sending this to the Committee on Public Improvements and then coming back here and having to meet the same difficulties? I am informed that the Committee on Railroads had notices of a meeting sent out to them late on Friday for a meeting which was held Saturday at 11 o'clock. The meeting was not called under the rules, and I raise the point of order that the report of the Committee on Railroads is not in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair, in order to be able to ascertain the correctness of the point of order raised by the alderman, will have to consult the Clerk of Committees. The question is on the motion to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back this afternoon, and the Clerk will call the roll. The motion was carried, yeas 11, nays 0.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition (referred today) of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to attach its wires to trees on Mt. Pleasant Ave.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition (recommitted today) of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect two poles on Devens St.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The Charlestown Gas & Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be located as follows:—

Devens St., Wd. 5, two poles, 35 ft. by 9 inches, width of sidewalk 10 ft., plan dated March 25, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition, (referred to-

day), of the American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Dudley St. and Harrison Ave., and to remove poles in Dudley St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The American Tel. & Tel. Company of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Albert P. Allen; said poles to be located as follows:—

Dudley St., seven poles, 50 ft. by 13 inches; sidewalk 7 ft. wide.

Harrison Ave., one pole, 50 ft. by 13 inches; sidewalk 9 ft. wide; date of plan April 15, 1899.

Ordered: That permission be granted to the American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to remove six poles from Dudley St., said poles being shown by blue dots on a plan made by Albert P. Allen, dated April 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Ashmont St.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, May 1, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston, for the month of April under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payments.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing on Bellevue St., directly opposite Rutledge St., West Roxbury; said tree being in a dangerous condition; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove six trees standing in front of the premises of W. H. Elliot on Kendrick St., Brighton; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

COST OF HEARING ON AUTOMOBILES

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the expense incurred by the Committee on Public Improvements for a hearing on the petition of the Boston Transit Company be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

PROTEST AGAINST NEW BUILDING LAW.

Ald. BERWIN offered the following:—Resolved: That the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston hereby protests

against the passage of the bill accompanying the report of the Committee on Cities of the General Court, entitled "An Act Relative to the Building Laws of the City of Boston," House bill 1692, believing that the legislation contained therein is unnecessary.

Ordered: That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### INVESTIGATION OF RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the joint special committee on investigation of Rainsford Island be authorized to employ a stenographer for a report of the investigation; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

#### COPP'S HILL CEMETERY RAILING.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Trustees of the Boston Cemetery Department be requested to have the railing surrounding Copp's Hill Cemetery painted as soon as possible.

Passed.

#### REPAIRING OF CHRIST CHURCH STEEPLE.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be hereby requested to have the woodwork around the clock in Christ Church repaired; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department.

Passed.

#### CANCELLATION OF BOND FOR SIDEWALK AREA.

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to cancel the agreement of Bennett H. Nash, dated the eighth day of November, 1888, holding the city harmless "from and against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses or compensation, on account of the placing of an area covered by a hyatt light and flagging in Boylston St., in front of or adjoining the premises now or formerly numbered 56 on said street," the immunity of the city from such claims being now secured by chapter 38, section 18, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Passed. Sent down.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, HOLLIDAY ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light opposite 348 Holliday St., in Wd. 20 (Dorchester).

Passed.

#### TALBOT AVE. ELECTRIC CAR LINE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to extend its electric line over Talbot Ave., Dorchester, as soon as possible.

Passed.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to place ropes and bases on the Gibson Playground, Dorchester.

Passed.

#### SEWALK, WEST EAGLE ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets pave the sidewalks with brick in front of estates on the southerly side of West Eagle St.,

between Brooks St. and Meridian St., Wd. 1; the owner of said estates to furnish brick therefor.

Passed.

#### SEATS IN MAVERICK SQ.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to place seats in the park in Maverick Sq.

Passed.

#### CROSSWALK ON PLAIN STREET.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a crosswalk on Plain St., at the junction of Chickatawbut St., Wd. 21.

Passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:37 P.M., on motion of Ald. Brick, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 6 P.M.

#### SIGNS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, referred today:—  
M. Hebenstreit, 121 Roxbury St., to project a sign.

Cigar Makers' Social Union, No. 97, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 657 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Central Associates, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 281 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### USE OF THEATRES ON SUNDAY.

The CHAIRMAN offered the following:—  
City of Boston,

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

A Regulation to Amend Chapter 3 of the Revised Regulations of 1898.

Be it ordered by the Board of Aldermen of Boston, as follows:—

Section one, of Chapter three of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:—

"No owner, proprietor, lessee or agent of a theatre, public hall or other place of public amusement shall allow the use of such hall on Sunday for any purpose for which an admission fee is charged, except with the consent or approval of the Board of Aldermen."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of C. A. Gleason (referred today) for leave to erect an awning occasionally in front of Hotel Somerset on Newbury St.—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of the Park Square Improvement Association and others (referred today) for the extension of what is now known as Park Sq.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That all of the open territory between Boylston St. and the southerly line of Eliot St. extended across Columbus Ave. be hereafter designated and known as Park Sq.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders (on petitions referred today) that the Superintendent of Streets make side walks, with edgestones, owner to furnish material, to be from 3 to 10 inches above gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width, as follows:

A. L. Richardson, Trustee, 175 Summer St., Wd. 7, artificial stone.

Joseph J. Cronin, 123 Centre St., Wd. 19; artificial stone.

Wm. A. Whitmore, 227 Hancock St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

J. P. Buntin, 50 Bicknell St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Howard Bros., 22-24 Greenbrier St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

James V. Devine, 274-282½ Quincy St., Wd. 16; artificial stone.

Charles Miller, 53 Day St., Wd. 22; artificial stone.

Max Arkin, 65 Round Hill St., Wd. 22; artificial stone.

John Keohane, 4, 8 and 10 Shelby St., Wd. 1; brick.

Thomas P. De Neill, 1562 Tremont St., Wd. 19; brick.

Milton W. Hall, 445-453 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21; brick.

Wilfred Bolster, 137 Ruthven St., Wd. 21; brick.

O. Reinstein, on Howland St. side of estate 163 Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21; brick.

L. M. Best, 79-81 Burrell St., Wd. 17; gravel.

Catherine Hanrahan, 89 Burrell St., Wd. 17; gravel.

Alfred Pierce, 90 Burrell St., Wd. 17; gravel.

L. M. Best, 32 Marshfield St., Wd. 17; gravel.

(4) Report on the petition of Lizzie G. Thotts (referred today) that the Board of Aldermen estimate the damage to her by the taking of her estate on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Co.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon, Thursday, May 4, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the Trustees of the Essex St. Trust (referred today) for leave to construct areas, etc., under sidewalks on Chauncy and Essex Sts., Wd. 7—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered: That the superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles E. Cotting et al., trustees of Essex Street Trust, to construct, maintain, and use areas with sidewalk light covers and one coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Chauncy and Essex Sts., Wd. 7, in accordance with dimensions as shown on plan dated Apr. 24, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department.

The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of George R. Dugad (referred today), for leave to erect one guy post on Beacon St. and one on Audubon Road—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain and use one guy post in Beacon St. at or near Audubon Road, and one post in Audubon Road at or near Ivy St., the necessary ropes to be attached thereto; for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 21, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of J. J. & P. M. Ahern (referred today) for leave to move a wooden building from 93 George St. to Clayton Pl., Wd. 17—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, mansard roof, 33 ft. in length by 21 ft. 6 in. in width, by 24 ft. in height, from

No. 93 George St., through George and Langdon Sts. to Clayton Pl. to stone foundation in Clayton Pl., Wd. 17, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the petition of H. P. Nawn (referred today), for leave to construct a temporary tramway across Western Ave., Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn, to construct, maintain and use a temporary tramway across Western Ave., near the junction of North Market St., Wd. 25, as shown on plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city of Boston.

Passed.

(9) Report on the resolution and order (referred today) against the bill reported to the General Court amending the building laws of the City of Boston—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, resolution and order adopted.

(10) Report on the order (referred today), authorizing the City Auditor to allow for payment and the City Treasurer to pay outstanding bills incurred by last year's Board for advertising, badges, stationery, telephones and messenger service, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingent fund, Board of Aldermen—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(11) Report on the regulation (referred today), amending chapter 3, Revised Regulations of 1898, relating to public amusements—that the same ought to pass.

Reported accepted, said regulation adopted under suspension of the rule.

(12) Report on the report of the Committee on Railroads (referred today), in regard to track locations on Washington and other streets, petitioned for by the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Co.—recommending the passage of the order appended thereto.

The rule was accepted.

Ald. CODMAN asked a suspension of the rule, that the order might be put upon its passage.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I renew the motion that I made earlier in the session, that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, and I trust that that motion will prevail. The votes are here, and the members who are interested in the passage of the order will lose nothing by allowing it to lie over to the next meeting. By that time I may perhaps be able to vote more intelligently upon it than I can this afternoon.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have nothing to add to my previous statements. I am perfectly satisfied that this Board can grant no location in the city of Boston which will give more accommodation or which is more needed than this is in the proposed section. I think the majority of the members are satisfied with the location and have looked into the matter enough. I am very sorry that the alderman from Wd. 6 has not looked into it, but I have to leave a good many things in his section to him, and I trust that in this case he will leave this to me, giving me a vote for the location of these tracks.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost.

The rule was suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed.

#### CLOSING OF STREETS.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. to close the roadways on the

following named streets during the time necessary for the changing of the grades at the places indicated, viz.:-

Washington St., northerly side from the B. & A. P.R. bridge to Lovering Pl.

Castle St., for about 100 ft. westerly from Washington St.

Motte St., for about 100 ft. easterly from Washington St.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### PAYMENT OF LAST YEAR'S BILLS.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for

payment and the City Treasurer to pay the outstanding bills incurred by the Board of Aldermen of last year for advertising, badges, stationery, telephones and messenger service, the same to be charged to the appropriation for contingent fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration of all votes taken today, trusting that the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned at 6:09 o'clock P.M. to meet on Monday, May 1, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, April 27, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

## DEATH OF EX-PRES. O'BRIEN.

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered the following:—

Resolved that the common council has been grieved to learn of the death, in early manhood, of Christopher F. O'Brien who, during the years 1893, 1894 and 1895, faithfully served this city as a member of the common council.

He was chosen as its president in 1894 and again in 1895, and discharged his duties in that honorable position in such way as to receive the commendation of his associates.

His career as a member of the city government was marked by integrity, diligence and intelligence; he was unfailing in courtesy to all with whom he came in contact, and his amiability and refinement endeared him to a large circle of friends.

The common council tenders to his family its sympathy in their great sorrow and its assurance that his name will be honored as that of one who did his duty well to the city of his birth.

Ordered, that the clerk of the common council be instructed to forward a copy of this resolve to the family of the deceased.

The resolution and order were read a second time, and the question came on their adoption.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6—Mr. President and members of the Common Council, it is indeed with sorrow that I rise here to-

night to express my regret at the sudden death of Christopher F. O'Brien. Death, with relentless hand, is indeed unsparing. As a boy plucks the most beautiful flowers, so does death select from this earth those whom we would greatly desire to remain with us. It is indeed sad that the young man should be thus cut off in the flower of his youth, at this time when his steps had first assumed the firm tread of manhood, as he pursued his way in his chosen profession in this city. As a member of this body in 1893, 1894 and 1895, he covered himself with honor and glory. During the years 1894 and 1895 he was selected by the members of the body to represent them as their presiding officer, and during his course as president of the Common Council of this city he distinguished himself by his parliamentary ability and executive skill. The people of Wd. 6 honor and admire his many sterling qualities, and they deeply deplore his death. He was of the most unassuming disposition. I had the honor of his personal acquaintance, and I can say that not only the people of Wd. 6 but the many friends whom he made in business, political and commercial life in this city, deeply deplore his death.

The resolution and order were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. O'BRIEN offered an order—That the President and three other members of this body be appointed a committee to represent the Common Council at the funeral of the late ex-President Christopher F. O'Brien.

The order was read a second time and passed.

The President appointed, to serve with himself on said committee, Messrs. O'Brien, Bradley and Badaracco of Wd. 6.

Mr. O'Brien of Wd. 6 moved that, as a mark of further respect to the late Christopher F. O'Brien, the Council do now adjourn.

The motion was carried, and the Council stood adjourned at 7:54 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Saturday, April 29, 1899.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock, M., Chairman Barry presiding.

The clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:—

Mayor's office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 28, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Saturday, April 29, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting yesterday, appropriating four thousand dollars (\$4000) for purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island. This meeting is made necessary by the provision of law requiring that any appropriation order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shall be submitted to the City Council within three days thereafter.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## TELEPHONE CABLE TO LONG ISLAND

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 27, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed today by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating \$4000 for purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island. I also transmit, for your information, copies of communications from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the chief of the Electrical Construction Division and the Superintendent of the Boston Division of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, showing the necessity of this appropriation.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
April 29, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Killey,  
Lawrence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Office of the Pauper Institutions Trustees,  
of the City of Boston,

28 Court Square, Room 3, Boston, Mass.,  
April 20th, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—I submit herewith two letters, one from Mr. Wright, Division Superintendent, and one from Mr. Cottle, Chief of Electrical Construction Division, in regard to the fate of the cable between Long Island and Deer Island, and in regard to a proposed new cable between Quincy and Long Island. The Pauper Institutions Trustees have carefully considered this question and have instructed me to refer these letters respectfully to His Honor the Mayor with the request

that he shall bring the matter before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and if possible secure an appropriation for the establishment of proper telephone connection on the lines indicated. The Pauper Institutions Trustees feel compelled to take this step inasmuch as the outlay involved in the purchase and placing of a new cable was not contemplated by them at the time of making up the annual budget.

I would also respectfully call the attention of your Honor to the fact that by this cable it will be possible to reestablish, probably with a good measure of permanency, telephonic communication between the city and Long Island, Rainsford Island and Gallops Island, so that the expenditure does not properly belong in any one department, but rather concerns the city as a whole.

I desire also to call the attention of your Honor to the fact that whatever service may be provided for the United States Government on Long Island Head should constitute the basis of compensation by the Government. Hitherto, unless I am mistaken, the service has been furnished largely at least as a matter of courtesy.

Together with the enclosures from the Electrical Construction Division, I submit a map prepared by them, showing the proposed route for the new connection, and also certain photographs showing the condition of the old cable when it was discovered.

Very respectfully yours,

William T. Sedgwick,

Chairman, Pauper Institutions Trustees,  
City of Boston,

Office of Electrical Construction Division  
of Public Buildings Department,

April 5, 1899.

Parker B. Field, Esq., Agent Trustees of  
Pauper Institutions:—

Dear Sir: In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of March 23, we have undertaken to pick up and repair the telephone cable between Deer Island and Long Island with the following result:—

The cable was picked up on the Long Island end and raised until a point was reached about half way to Deer Island Light, where it was found wedged under a boulder. Thence it was followed about two hundred feet farther east, at which point we came to the end of the cable, which was firmly entangled in a five hundred pound anchor, as shown in accompanying photograph. The cable had been broken short off near the anchor, and we are unable to say what has become of the remaining portion, but it was probably carried to sea by the coal barge which fouled it in February last.

It is therefore impossible to make further repairs to this cable and service cannot be restored until a new cable is laid down.

If a new cable is installed between Deer Island and Long Island it will be exposed to the same fate that has met the last one and several others in the vicinity, therefore I would recommend that the new cable be installed between Moon Island and the west head of Long Island, as this locality is much less frequented by shipping and less likely to be disturbed by anchors. The route suggested should also tend to improve the service as the connecting lines are all of more recent construction, many of them being underground.

I enclose copy of the Telephone Company's report regarding this feature, also a sketch showing the proposed route.

The cost of making the installation as outlined above will be four thousand and sixty-one dollars (\$4061.00), which is less than the cost of the old route.

This sum does not include the amount expended in overhauling and repairing the old cables.

Kindly advise me of your wishes in

this matter that I may take the necessary steps to have the service restored at once.

Yours truly,  
H. F. Cottle,  
Chief of Elec. Const. Div.

City of Boston.

Office of Electrical Construction Division  
of Public Buildings Department.

March 31, 1899.

Mr. H. F. Cottle, Chief, Bureau of Electrical Construction, Public Buildings Department, City of Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Cottle:—Making reference to proposition to transfer the City's telephone service on Long, Rainsford and Gallop's Islands from the present route via Deer Island to a new one via Dorchester, Squantum and Moon Island, have to say that the Telephone Co. will accept your order for the change at any time, present contract rates to remain unchanged if the class of service is unchanged, provided the city furnishes the necessary facilities for extension of the lines beyond Moon Island. The Telephone Co.'s responsibility for the maintenance of these circuits would extend only to the termination of its present line.

I should say the city's service by the proposed route would be very much more satisfactory in all respects than by the present route, with the possible exception that Deer Island would remain connected with the Winthrop exchange and that any communication between Deer Island and the other islands would have to be transmitted via Winthrop, Boston and Dorchester.

Your present service is dependent upon the Boston underground system to the South Ferry, thence cables across the harbor, thence underground to East Boston, thence underground and aerial line to Winthrop for trunking and aerial cable and wires between Winthrop office and Shirley Gut and beyond Deer Island by maintenance of cable between Deer Island and Long Island—a considerable number of chances for trouble.

Via Dorchester and Moon Island the route would be made up as follows:—Trunks all underground from Boston to Dorchester, aerial cable Dorchester, via Neponset Ave. and Hancock St., to junction of Atlantic and Hancock Sts. in Quincy, thence open wire via Atlantic, Billings and Squantum Sts. across the property of Mrs. Titus to Moon Island.

We shall this year make our underground system complete from the Dorchester office to the corner of Hancock and Atlantic Sts., thus reducing considerably the chances for trouble between the Dorchester office and the point last named.

Yours truly,

(Signed) I. O. Wright, Division Supt.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, while I will probably vote to approve the order coming in from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at the same time it seems to me that matters of this kind should first come before the Institutions Committee, for we virtually have not examined into the matter at all. We have the reports, which I have no doubt are correct; but, at the same time, it seems to me we pass orders in a hurry here in the Board of Aldermen without investigating them for ourselves, and I wish to protest against any such business in the future. If matters of this kind are to come before the Board of Aldermen, it seems to me it is the business of the trustees of our various institutions to send their communications first to the Board of Aldermen, have them referred to the committee, and if they are right and proper we can then refer them to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. We will then understand the subject. I presume, of course, we are obliged to take the orders that have been sent in to us today as being right and proper in every way, but you can see, Mr. Chairman, that it is really rushing

matters through very quickly for us to pass orders coming to us in this manner without an opportunity for investigation. For that reason, sir, I wish to enter my protest at this time, so that in the future unpaid commissions asking for appropriations to this Board, where they should properly come in the first instance.

They can then be referred to the various committees, we can investigate them thoroughly, and if they are necessary we will no doubt vote for them. The unpaid commissions, many of them,—of course, there are exceptions, like the City Hospital, which has been so well managed by Mr. A. Shuman,—leave their business entirely in the hands of the Secretary of their board, the engineer or some clerk, and the business is not done satisfactorily. I know myself of one institution here in the City of Boston where a gentleman was engineer for fourteen years. They disgraced him and made him a fireman, and they promoted the fireman to be an engineer. The unpaid commission allows the doctor or superintendent to go ahead on these matters without any protests whatsoever. I believe that we ought to have an opportunity to look into these matters, through our committees appointed for that purpose. Many of our committees, as I understand, have no meetings at all during the year. Yet here is a subject matter which should be carefully considered by the Committee on Institutions Department. Under the circumstances however, as this may be a necessity, I shall vote for the order that has come from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment today.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am glad the alderman recognizes the true light when he sees it shining. I am sure that if he had the same insight into the workings of city affairs when I presented resolutions asking for the rescission of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment act, he would have voted with me on that question. I have for a long time felt as the alderman does, that matters are rushed through here without our having time to consider them. This is a matter, perhaps, of vital public necessity, and we are simply supposed to rise here and assent to the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I protest against the Board of Aldermen, as representing the people, occupying such a position, and I hope before many days to give the Board a chance to emphasize its opinion of unpaid commissions.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I did not vote for the resolution petitioning the legislature to abolish the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, for the simple reason that I thought it would be absolutely unnecessary for us to do it at this time. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is on trial, and it certainly should have an opportunity for this year to show what it can do. But the longer the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is in power, the more it seems to me I am ascertaining very quickly that the time will come when that board must be abolished. I think the citizens of Boston would be better pleased, and I am sure the citizens of Dorchester would be better taken care of, if the appropriations were made up as they have been for years; and then, if we had our own appropriation committee and finance committee, the appropriations could be so distributed throughout the city of Boston as to give more satisfaction to the people than is possible under the present system of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I am sure it will be but a short time when the act creating that board is repealed and when the powers it has will go back to where they belong—into the hands of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council, who are elected directly by the people and who should and do understand what is most needed in the different sections of the city.

The order was approved. Ald. Codman moved to reconsider; lost. Sent down.

**JURORS DRAWN.**

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:—

Thirty traverse jurors, first session, Superior Civil Court, April sitting, viz:—  
 James R. Nickerson, Wd. 24; Phillip N. Branch, Wd. 8; John J. Lynch, Wd. 25; James K. P. Reed, Wd. 22; James Boyle, Wd. 24; John P. McPherson, Wd. 1; Donald A. McDonald, Wd. 15; Charles W. Wait, Wd. 18; Walter F. Mansfield, Wd. 20; Henry McElroy, Wd. 17; Carl O. Merkel, Wd. 25; Carver W. Masters, Wd. 16; Daniel Crowley, Wd. 23; Edw. L. Nelson, Wd. 3; Edw. P. McDonough, Wd. 16; James G. Holt, Wd. 5; Allen F. Spaulding, Wd. 3; George G. Akers, Wd. 8; Wm. F. Nolan, Wd. 13; Arthur Chesterton, Wd. 11; Arle B. Toward, Wd. 22; Hugh L. McCugh, Wd. 23; John G. Hosmer, Wd. 12; Maurice J. Sullivan, Wd. 19; James H. Donovan, Wd. 2; Aaron R. Sanderson, Wd. 19; David H. Campbell, Wd. 24; Louis G. Hale, Wd. 15; Samuel H. Sullivan, Wd. 15; Thomas Sproules, Wd. 19.

Thirty traverse jurors, second session, Superior Civil Court, April sitting, viz:—  
 Henry W. Dodd, Wd. 11; Joseph B. Brown, Wd. 25; Benjamin F. Macintyre, Wd. 12; Burton L. Longley, Wd. 9; Edward A. Galbraith, Wd. 12; David W. Simpson, Wd. 1; Andrew C. West, Wd. 20; James J. Gillespie, Wd. 17; William Howley, Wd. 14; Harry A. Fisher, Wd. 14; Louis Foss, Wd. 10; John J. Walsh, Wd. 9; Frank C. Merrifield, Wd. 12; Cornelius Foley, Wd. 3; John W. Slavin, Wd. 24; Edward T. Rowe, Wd. 21; Thomas F. Clark, Wd. 2; John C. Foley, Wd. 13; Frank Reed, Wd. 4; John Brown, Jr., Wd. 21; Jacob Rothfuchs, Wd. 23; Charles A. Eaton, Wd. 6; Owen J. Curley, Wd. 15; William J. Melvin, Wd. 24; Frederick C. Johnson, Wd.

14; John O'Hearn, Wd. 1; David F. Gunn, Wd. 25; David Watters, Jr., Wd. 3; Charles W. Palmer, Wd. 19; Fred H. Capper, Wd. 11.

Thirty traverse jurors third session, Superior Civil Court, April sitting, viz:—

Wm. H. Hellyar, Wd. 11; Geo. W. Wardrop, Wd. 16; Fred S. Collins, 8; Clifford N. Barrett, Wd. 12; David M. Gibson, Wd. 24; Michael O'Connor, Wd. 10; John B. Austin, Wd. 1; Stewart E. Hoyt, Wd. 22; James O'Reiley, Wd. 2; John H. Curley, Wd. 18; George A. Brackett, Wd. 21; John E. Brannigan, Wd. 8; Charles A. Watts, Wd. 23; John F. Keating, Wd. 9; Thomas H. McManus, Wd. 6; Frank A. Hewins, Wd. 23; George W. Viles, Wd. 6; Walter H. Elliott, Wd. 1; Wm. H. McKeone, Wd. 18; Wm. J. Clancy, Wd. 15; James Phelan, Wd. 4; Francis L. White, Wd. 9; Arthur E. Williams, Wd. 6; John O'Connell, Wd. 25; Linus E. Clark, Wd. 5; Thomas F. Cummins, Wd. 9; Thomas F. Mahoney, Wd. 2; Jerome L. Kelly, Wd. 17; Michael Casey, Wd. 19; John J. Tobin, Wd. 15.

Thirty traverse jurors, fourth session, Superior Civil Court, April sitting, viz:—

Oscar G. Riddon, Wd. 17; Louis M. Hammond, Wd. 23; George E. Carter, Wd. 11; Edward B. Edwards, Wd. 6; James McGovern, Wd. 24; Frederick A. Hatch, Wd. 10; John A. Long, Wd. 23; Henry D. Goodale, Wd. 24; Sidney C. Johnson, Wd. 17; George B. Prescott, Wd. 23; Thomas G. Joyce, Wd. 12; Herbert B. Dodge, Wd. 23; William F. Gormley, Wd. 6; Maurice F. Winslow, Wd. 9; Jerome E. Lynch, Wd. 17; William F. Holbrook, Wd. 15; Charles E. Stringer, Wd. 3; Cornelius G. Connelley, Wd. 17; William F. Day, Wd. 21; Thomas J. Flynn, Wd. 16; John F. Greve, Wd. 22; William Love, Jr., Wd. 24; John H. Norton, Wd. 21; Richard Cashin, Wd. 15; Willard C. Tannatt, Wd. 18; John C. Staav, Wd. 13; Thomas F. Ward, Wd. 8; George W. Chester, Wd. 22; Albert S. Claridge, Wd. 10; Daniel F. Buckley, Wd. 18.

Adjourned at 12.40 on motion of Ald. Adams.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 1, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Aid. Codman, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last two meetings.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Seven grand jurors, United States Circuit Court, May sitting, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:

James H. Walsh, Wd. 9; Wm. J. Scott, Wd. 21; Louis J. Stahl, Wd. 21; Frederick W. Clark, Wd. 6; Joseph P. Kees, Wd. 21; Wm. A. Davis, Wd. 6; Wm. J. Parker, Wd. 12

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Messages were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1) Thomas Dwight, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1903.

(2) Joseph H. O'Neil and Edward H. Dunn, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(3) Louise S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan, Joseph Lee, and Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, to be Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Severally laid over, under the law.

A message was also received from His Honor the Mayor, notifying the Board that he had this day made the following reappointments, not subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1) Professor Francis W. Chandler, to be a member of the Board of Art Commissioners for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

(2) George A. Sanderson and Katherine L. Marion, to be members of the Board of Insane Hospital Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1899.

Placed on file.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Ashmont St., at Ocean St., W. 24.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. On petition of G. J. White, for leave to project two bay windows at 11 Norway St., Wd. 10.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. On petition of Jordan, Marsh & Co., for leave to project an awning over a new entrance to their store on Avon St., Wd. 7.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Aid. Codman.

4. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double tracks in Charlestown, Causeway and Commercial Sts.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

5. On petition of Henry G. Nichols et als, trustees under will of E. D. Jordan, that the Board estimate the damages to

them caused by the taking of their land on Irvington St. by the Boston & Albany Railroad Company.

No objections. Referred to the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named when appointed, viz.:-

## Building Dept.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for leave to build a wooden addition to building at Oak Sq., near Washington St., Wd. 25.

E. Dodge, for leave to build a wooden building on Dupont St., near Decatur St., Wd. 3.

## Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Charles Tsing, a sign, at 170 Marion St., Wd. 1.

Thomas J. Renwick, a sign, at 196 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Muraine & Small, two barber poles, at 65 Norway St., Wd. 10.

H. Cohen, a sign, at 79 Paris St., Wd. 2.

Charles A. Raymond, an illuminated sign, at 2-8 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

J. H. Gannon, an illuminated sign, at 2 Whitmore St., Wd. 7.

Francis W. Reid, an illuminated sign, at 2807 Washington St., Wd. 21.

## Claims.

Fanny Taylor, for payment to Charles E. Loud, of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on southerly side of Dana Place.

Sophonronia N. Herrick, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mt. Vernon St.

Mary Landrie, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Weld Hill St.

John Long, for compensation for damage to estates 456-458 Huntington Ave., caused by flooding, on account of negligence of employees of water department.

Mrs. Lavinia A. Barber, for compensation, on account of death of her husband from injuries received while in the employ of the city.

## Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Owen W. Rice et als., in aid of Anthony Volta's petition for leave to maintain a boot black stand in front of the Old Court House on Court St.

## Electric Wires.

Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to erect poles in Walnut Ave., Parker and Washington Sts., Roxbury, Washington and Malden Sts., city.

## Fire Department.

H. C. Whitney, for a public meeting relative to location for the fire engine lately on Dartmouth St.

## Supt. of Public Grounds.

Howard Bros., for leave to remove trees at 339-391 Adams St., Wd. 24.

George P. Bancher, for the trimming of a tree at 156 W. Canton St.

## Licenses.

James R. Waite, for a permit for the La Blanc sisters, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Columbia Theatre, for one week, beginning May 1, 1899.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Lillian Clair, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre, for the week beginning May 8, 1899.

Henry H. Sprague, for a license for musical, dramatic and literary entertainments, at Union Hall, 43 Boylston St., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

James C. Little, for a license for flying horses on vacant lot on Washington St., for three weeks beginning May 6, 1899.

L. E. Bow, for a license for flying horses,

on Q St., for the period ending Sept. 15, 1899.

Alvin Spear, for leave to run barges between Highland station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, and between West Roxbury and Spring St. stations and the Newton and Dedham lines.

Cary F. Johnson, for license to run one or two passenger barges between Forest Hills station and the Cemeteries on Memorial Day, also between West Roxbury station and the grounds of the Caledonia Club on special occasions.

#### Memorial Day.

John H. Dunn, late captain of Co. I, Ninth Massachusetts Infantry, of the Spanish war, for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

#### Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay double curves at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St. Same company, for leave to lay double tracks on Beach St.

#### Public Improvements.

John C. Inches et al., for leave to place new sidewalk lights in place of existing lights over area in sidewalk at 33-35 Court St., Wd. 6.

Estate of John L. Gardner, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk in front of estate 561 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a building from 521-523 Western Ave., to Mackin St. opposite the Warren School House, Wd. 25.

S. T. Fletcher & Co., to project a permanent awning at 33-40 Clinton St., and 13 and 5 Fulton St., Wd. 6.

McNeil Bros., to erect guy post in Bowdoin St. and to stretch a guy rope across said street.

#### Petitions for sidewalks, etc.—

Catherine Lombard, 101 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

First Parish in Brighton, Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

J. Goldinger, 106-116 Everett St., Wd. 2.

Catherine F. Erb, 9 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.

J. Goldinger, 51 Morris St., Wd. 1.

B. M. Schwarz, 136 Paris St., Wd. 2.

James Hogan et als., 1-3-5 Victor St., Wd. 16.

Arthur McArthur et al., 56-58 Sawyer Ave., Wd. 20.

John Mahan, 51-57 Deway St., Wd. 16.

Louis Henlein, 10 Morse St., Wd. 20.

Anne M. Badger, 144 Ruthven St., Wd. 21.

M. H. Cobe, 29 Howland St., Wd. 21.

#### Markets.

Day & Stinson, for leave to construct areas etc., in sidewalk on Merchants Row and No. Market St., in front of cellar No. 6 Faneuil Hall Market, Wd. 6.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. COLBY moved to consider Nos. 6 to 15, inclusive, together.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved to amend by excepting No. 11, and the motion as amended was carried viz.—

Action on appointments of the Mayor, viz.—

6. Josiah H. Benton, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, for five years beginning May 1, 1899.

7. Albert W. Hersey, to be a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees, for five years beginning May 1, 1899.

8. Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee, for five years beginning May 1, 1899.

9. Alfred De Voto, to be a Music Trustee, for five years beginning May 1, 1899.

10. Samuel H. Durgin, to be a member of the Board of Health, for three years beginning May 1, 1899.

12. Thomas W. Flood, to be Commissioner of Wires, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

13. Charles H. Cole, Joseph M. Harrington,

and John B. McDonough, to be Commissioners, for one year beginning May 1, 1899.

14. John Rea, Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, and Jeremiah J. Callahan, to be Weighers of Coal, for one year beginning May 1, 1899.

15. Cyrus D. Foss, Forrest J. Whitney, and Jeremiah J. Callahan, to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, for one year beginning May 1, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Dixon and Berwin. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yeas 10, and the several appointments were confirmed.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 11, unfinished business, viz.—

11. Charles E. Stratton, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for three years beginning May 1, 1899.

The question came on confirmation.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I believe in not being inconsistent. I voted last year for the rejection of Mr. Stratton as Park Commissioner. I see no reason why I should change my position this year—in fact, I think I should make it more emphatic, if possible, in putting my ballot in the box with a "No" on it. Last winter a committee of the Park Department laborers tried for several weeks to have an interview with the chairman of the Commission, Mr. Stratton, and they failed to obtain a hearing. Finally certain influences were brought to bear, and the Mayor gave a hearing in his office one evening to a committee of the Park Department Employees and of the Central Labor Union of Boston. The Mayor of Boston is perfectly willing to have a compromise made in regard to certain suits that the men should wear, but the Park Commission were autocratic and wanted the laborers to have the suits they suggested. Through their committee, the laborers of the Park Department were perfectly willing to use any compromise suit in the way of blue jeans, overalls, anything that was thought applicable to their business as laborers in the Park Department. The Mayor decided that he would see the Chairman of the Park Commission in regard to the matter. As I understand, every effort was made to have a compromise but I failed. For years I have heard of prison gangs in the South and other parts of the country working upon the highways, repairing roads, etc.; but it did shock me a few weeks ago to go through our beautiful parkways and see laborers working on the roads in the garb of common prisoners. I believe, as I have always believed, that laborers are worthy of their hire. They are not too proud to wear certain costumes or apparel suited to their position in life; but I believe when, in a city like Boston, an autocratic commission like the Park Commission takes matters into its own hands and compels the men to wear a certain costume which is objectionable, it is about time for the Board to stand up in its manhood and vote against the confirmation of the Chairman of that Commission. I am willing today to stand here and vote against Mr. Stratton, as I did last year. His nomination was then rejected in this Board, irrespective of either of the political parties, by a vote of 1 to 11, and I trust that his nomination will be rejected today.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, while I give full weight in my mind to the reasons set forth by the alderman for refusing to vote for the confirmation of Mr. Stratton it seems to me his position is very unwise. Mr. Stratton has the reputation in this community of a man perfectly capable of filling the position to which he has been nominated. Whatever his views may be in regard to uniforming laborers—and they are certainly unfortunate—still, while we may not agree with all his views, the combination is a reputable one and the Mayor has made it after due consideration; and it seems rather hard and unwise, in view of the facts, that we should refuse to confirm the nomination. Mr.

Stratton is a gentleman, he has given much attention to the affairs of the Park Commission, he is in every way a man of standing in this community, and I think it would be very unwise, as a matter of discipline and routine in the department, if the Board of Aldermen should fail to recognize his true worth.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I dislike to disagree with the alderman, my democratic colleague. I know we will not disagree on party questions. There is nobody who will stand on this floor and advocate from a party standpoint any nomination that the Mayor of Boston may send into this Board sooner than myself. But I would like to ask the alderman from Wd. 8 if he has had any business with the Park Commission. My experience in three years has been this, that the Park Commission of Boston is an autocratic body, and if the alderman has found them different he has been a very fortunate alderman. Mr. Stratton may be an able man for the position, irrespective of my view in the matter—and I wish to say here and now that, if I have to, I will vote alone on the democratic end. I don't want to influence any democratic member of this Board. It makes no difference to me if my vote is the only vote against Mr. Stratton as a member of the Park Commission. He came before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—and I am very sorry to say this, not wishing to indulge in personalities—and a certain member of that Board told me he was surprised at the very little Mr. Stratton knew regarding the parks of Boston. It does seem to me strange that the Chairman of the Park Commission of Boston should know so little about what is going on for the betterment of the parks of Boston, when millions of dollars have been expended there for the past five or ten years. As I said in my opening statement, I am not speaking today to influence any democratic member on this floor. I do not want to do it. I shall stand here and vote against Mr. Stratton irrespective of the position taken by any other member.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask that this name be assigned for one meeting.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Board voted to assign the matter to the next meeting, yeas 9, nays 2, Ald. Barry and Brick voting nay.

SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of John C. Talbot for a license to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 1157 Washington St., Dorchester—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A communication was received from the Board of Health on the petition of Annie S. Bates (referred April 3), for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 115-7 Warren Ave.—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:—

Charles A. Bancroft, John H. Banks, Charles A. Belford, Joseph H. Blatt, John F. Bowen, James M. Carter, Wm. H. Chick, James J. Clark, Wm. A. Coburn, John J. Conroy, Horace Dennie, Aaron A. Downs, George G. Drew, Cornelius A. Dugan, John A. Duggan, Peter P. Fee, Charles H. Ellisetti, Wm. E. Fitzgerald, Thomas Folger, Elijah D.

Foss, Walter A. Goddard, Charles G. Gousschaire, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Joseph Gutentag, John F. Harrigan, John W. Holmes, Edward L. Hopkins, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Thomas Jordan, Gusteen T. Kenerson, Edw. A. Kennedy, George B. Kerr, Edw. J. Leary, Morris F. Lewenberg, George M. Locke, Michael McEleney, Joseph I. McLaughlin, James J. Morgan, George H. Nason, Thomas J. O'Neil, George F. Pierce, Benjamin F. Powell, John G. Ray, Patrick F. Reddy, John H. Riley, John L. Russell, George J. Ryan, B. Franklin Sanborn, Henry J. Schenck, Wm. A. Sheehan, Henry W. Shepard, Charles J. Smith, Forest E. Starr, Anson Stern, Wm. H. Swift, Frederic S. Walker, George L. Wrighton. Approved by the Board.

BAY WINDOWS, ETC.—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc.:— Francis Raynes, two, 30-2 Washington St., Wd. 5.

Massachusetts General Hospital, facades, on northeast corner Washington and Bedford Sts., Wd. 7, over both streets.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, May 15, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

The chairman submitted the following:—

The joint special committee on Memorial Day, to whom were referred the requests of the various G. A. R. posts and other organizations for allowances from the city for memorial purposes, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

For the Committee,

David F. Barry, Chairman.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the following-named G. A. R. posts and veteran organizations the sum specified for each respectively, the same to be expended for memorial purposes, in accordance with the provision of chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886, and upon conditions that the money shall not be expended for other than memorial purposes, and that any balance remaining shall be set aside as a fund for said purposes, and that each organization and G. A. R. post shall submit to the City Council before July 1, 1899, a report containing a statement of the expenditures from the amount received, together with the number of actual members in the organization, and the number and location of the graves decorated; and a receipt from the officers of the said G. A. R. posts and other organizations, stating that they have received the sums, to be expended in accordance with the provisions of said statute, shall be a full discharge to the City Treasurer for such payments; the sum so paid amounting to eight thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, Memorial Day, May 30, 1899, viz.:—

Organization.	Amount.
Dahlgren Post 2.....	350
Charles Russell Lowell Post 1.....	370
Abraham Lincoln Post 11.....	370
John A. Andrew Post 15.....	370
Friedrich Hecker Post 21.....	370
Joseph Hooker Post 21.....	370
Thomas G Stevenson Post 26.....	370
Washington Post 32.....	370
Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 63.....	370
Francis Washburn Post 92.....	370
Edward W. Kinsley Post 113.....	370
Robert A. Bell Post 131.....	370
Wm. George L. Stearns Post 149.....	370
John A. Hawes Post 179.....	370
Gettysburg Post 191.....	370
Boston Post 200.....	370
Thomas F. Meagher Command No. 3, U.V.U	235
Gen. Joseph Hooker Command No. 9, U. V.U.	145
Vlecksburg Command No. 15, U.V.U.....	100
Gettysburg Command No. 19, U.V.U.....	235

Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans..	370
Farragut Association of Naval Veterans..	145
Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association.....	190
Gen. R. S. Mackenzie Garrison No. 4, R.A. & N.U.....	235
Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R.A. & N.U.	190
Trimountain Garrison No. 98, R.A. & N.U.	235

Total .....\$8,000

The report was accepted; the reading of the items in the order was dispensed with, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I want to ask that that order be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements with the petition from Captain Dunn to be reported back today.

Ald. BERWIN in the Chair.

Ald. BARRY—Now, I don't desire to prevent this going to the Committee on Public Improvements, but I want to say what I have to say so that every member of the Board may know it and so that there will be official notice taken of it. Under the act of the Legislature, we have a right to appropriate money for the decoration of soldiers' and sailors' graves on the 30th day of May. That money has been allotted, to the amount of \$3000. The various posts that asked for this amount of money have had their petitions before the Committee on Memorial Day. The amount this year is \$600 less than last year, and every member of the Board knows that each post will have more work to perform this year than last because they have buried many of their comrades during the past year. It was impossible for the Committee to give a single additional dollar over the \$3000. In order to make up the \$600 deficiency of money, the Committee took a proportional share off the amount allotted to each post. Every member of the Committee present agreed to it. There was no other way to do. We could do nothing different, the result being that a post, for instance, that last year received \$400, receives this year \$370, \$30 less; that a post receiving \$325 last year receives \$15 less this year, and that a post receiving \$150 lost \$5. It was the only fair thing to do, and there was nothing else left for the committee to do. We could not put in a dollar extra for one post or another, because that would have made trouble all around. I have my friends in certain posts, and others have theirs. The \$8000 was distributed, the cut down being made in that way. If, after this explanation, the Board sees fit to refer the matter to the Committee, I certainly do not object; but there is no possible way of getting a single dollar more out of that bill, unless we strike at one of these posts, which certainly cannot stand any reduction with the large number of graves they have to decorate.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope this order will be passed at the present time. I do not approve of it entirely, but it is like a great many things that come up in the Board which are matters of public exigency and which we have to pass. I believe there is no necessity for reducing the pay of officials through the hall, and I believe there is no necessity for reducing this amount. But, owing to the way things are being conducted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, we are obliged to put up with it. I don't believe in it. But the committee have done the best they can, and therefore I shall vote for the order as submitted.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry, but the chairman seems more frightened than hurt. I had no intention of setting the committee's work back or of overhauling anything the committee has done. I have considerable confidence in the committee as it is made up. But it did seem to me, as one of the members of the Board asked that the reading of the apportionment of the money be omitted, that there could be no harm in having

the matter go to the Committee on Public Improvements. There is a possibility that one or two of the twelve members of this Board might make some suggestion whereby the petition of Capt. Dunn—of which I have no knowledge, but which I assume is relative to some of the soldiers who died in the Spanish war—might be taken care of. I can certainly see no reason why the Chairman or any other member of the Board should object to having the matter go to the Committee on Public Improvements, to be reported back today, and I would suggest that it go there, that we may have an opportunity to consider various features connected with it.

Chairman BARRY in the Chair.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that the committee which has had this matter in charge—the Memorial Day Committee—has acted properly in the matter of distribution of the money to the several posts; but, at the same time we can act upon the matter in the Committee on Public Improvements and report it back this afternoon, and I think that opportunity should be given to members of the Board of Aldermen who are desirous of looking into it. I am satisfied that the matter has been acted upon properly by the Committee, but I think that those who want to look into it should have an opportunity to do so. I would amend the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements so that the Committee will report back this afternoon, and when it does come back we can act upon it.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that he has no objection to this being referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, but he believes it was his duty as Chairman of the Committee, in fairness to the other members of this Board, to explain the reasons governing the action of the committee, and to show why the matter came in the form in which it now stands to the Board of Aldermen. The question is on reference.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly satisfied that it shall be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and reported back this afternoon. It is possible that we may find a way to restore to the posts the sums which they formerly received; and I trust that the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, so that if anything can be done in that direction we can take the appropriate action.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today.

#### POLICE.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Police, submitted the following:

(1). Report on veto message of His Honor the Mayor (referred last year), vetoing order increasing salaries of certain members of the Police Department—that the veto be sustained.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, that the reports be read by their titles.

The report was accepted, and the Board voted to reconsider its previous action.

The question came on the passage of the order, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rather anticipated that the statesman from Dorchester would have something to say upon this question. This is a report of the Committee on Police, recommending that the veto of His Honor the Mayor of a proposition to raise the salaries of police lieutenants and others be sustained. Everybody knows it is a matter which we went over rather extensively last year; that His Honor the Mayor vetoed orders to increase certain salaries in the Police Department, which passed both branches of the City Government; and that it was also intimated that the Board of Police

did not favor the proposed increases. Now, there is nothing for this Board to do but to sustain the Mayor in this matter. By acting otherwise, we will simply stultify ourselves. The Mayor is unalterably opposed to it and has committed himself to that position, and we are all aware that, with the present financial condition of the city, it will be impossible to make the proposed increases. We might as well meet the issue as it presents itself. It is utterly impossible to furnish the money necessary—much, perhaps, as we would like to have it provided—to pay the increases according to the orders which passed the City Government last year. There is nothing in this matter for the Committee on Public Improvements to consider. We can do nothing except what is recommended by the committee. If we vote in opposition to the Mayor's position, it will simply be an attempt to jolly the policemen and you all know that they will not be deceived by it. That is all there is to this matter. I don't believe the alderman from Wd. 24 (Ald. Codman) would be willing to contribute his annual salary, or the part that has not yet been drawn, towards aiding this cause along. I would be willing to do that if it would do any good, but that is neither here nor there. The fact remains that you can do nothing in this matter but sustain the Mayor's veto.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, not having received notice of the committee meeting at which this was considered, I am rather unfamiliar with the matter. I would therefore ask unanimous consent to have it assigned for one week.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have no wish to press my motion to have the matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I simply felt, from the title of it, that it was an important matter, and I did not know but it was one of those mysterious things that the Committee on Police, through its Chairman, sometimes submits to this body. I thought that I would like to obtain certain information in regard to it. I am willing now to withdraw my motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, so as to let the Alderman from Charlestown press his motion.

There being no objection, Ald. Codman's motion was withdrawn and the question came on Ald. Prescho's motion to assign to the next meeting.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, there is nothing involved in this matter. The alderman from Charlestown tells us he was not present at the committee meeting. However, if there is anything he wishes to learn about the matter, I will gladly withdraw so that his motion to assign the matter to the next meeting may prevail.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee last year, I repeatedly appealed to the chairman to have this matter brought up. It was not done. The chairman did not see fit to call a meeting to act upon it. It has now been called up in the committee when I was not present, and I simply want time to look into it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I don't want to allow the records to remain with the alderman's statement unanswered, to be read in future years when I am not a member of this Board. Ald. Prescho and myself are both likely to be retired to private life—at least, as far as association with this body is concerned—if the new aldermanic bill meets with the approval of the Governor. Now, I had nothing more to do with holding this matter up last year than any of the other members of the Committee on Police. Under the rules, if a majority of the committee demanded a meeting, I would have to accede to the demand. I could do nothing else. If they simply jolled along with me, not taking any action looking towards a meeting, desiring me to assume the entire burden of not reporting upon the matter, and now claim that they

wanted me to take action looking to a report upon it, I don't know where I fit.

Every member of the Committee is just as responsible for holding the matter up as I was. I did not hurry it along or delay it. The rules of the Board will assuredly bear me out in the statement that the calling of a meeting is not entirely in the hands of the Chairman of a committee. If the chairman does not want to have a meeting, the majority can have a meeting called. However, that is neither here nor there—this has been acted on at a regular meeting of the Committee, and I don't see how the City Government can take a position contrary to that taken by the Mayor. Certainly the salaries will not be raised, no matter what action we take, and if this is to be simply an attempt to jolly the policemen, I will merely say that I am not in that business. That is something with which I will have nothing to do. If we could do something which would be of real benefit to the officers concerned, that would be an entirely different matter.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, if the alderman wishes to take this time to deliver his valedictory, I do not. I will simply say that I have the rights common to every member of this Board, and that I do not remember receiving any notice of this meeting. I would therefore like to have this matter go over, so that I may have the privilege accorded to every member—time to consider what is acted upon in committees of which I am a member. I will therefore ask the members of the Board to assign this to the next meeting. We all know the persuasive powers of the alderman on my right (Ald. Berwin), who is just now absent. He may have cajoled the other members of the Committee and I want to give him an opportunity to cajole me.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(2) Report on the petition of Ellen W. Smith (referred Feb. 27), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following.

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Ellen W. Smith the sum of Eight Dollars, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs Feb. 4, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Mrs. A. R. Peters (referred March 27), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered:—That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. A. R. Peters the sum of Five Dollars, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs February 26, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of David A. Hollis (referred March 27), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered:—That there be allowed and paid to David A. Hollis the sum of Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs March 21, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred April 12), for the payment of an annuity of \$300 to Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of patrolman Wm. D. Leavitt—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the communication from the Board of Police (referred April 12), relative to the salaries of matrons at police stations 11 and 13—recommending the passage of the following increase of \$100 per annum:—

Ordered:—That the salaries of the police matrons for Division 11 and Division 13 be fixed at the rate of Two Hundred Dollars per annum for the period during which they are employed.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Reports that no further action is necessary on the following matters, viz:—  
Remonstrance of Sarah J. Boyden and others (referred Oct. 11, 1897) against allowing hawkers and pedlers to cry their wares on certain streets in Roxbury.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred April 21, 1896) against the proposed increase of pay of the police force.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred June 30, 1898) against the proposed increase of pay of patrolmen.

Order (referred Jan. 13, 1898) concerning one day's leave of absence in thirty without loss of pay for policemen.

Accepted. Sent down.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 43 newsboys, 24 bootblacks and 2 flower venders.

Reports accepted; licenses approved by the Board.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave for children to appear on the stage for week beginning May 1, 1899—that permits be granted, viz:—

James R. Waite, for LaBlanc Sisters, Columbia Theatre.

A. L. Griffin, for Lillian Claire, Bowdoin Square Theatre.

Reports accepted; permits severally granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for leave to run barges—that permits be granted, viz:—

Cary F. Johnson, one or two passenger barges between Forest Hills station and the cemeteries on Memorial Day; also between West Roxbury station and grounds of the Caledonian Club on special occasions.

Alvin Spear, barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, and between West Roxbury and the Newton and Dedham lines.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses for various amusements—recommending that the same be granted, viz:—

Henry H. Sprague, musical, dramatic and literary entertainments at Union Hall, 48 Boylston St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899.

James C. Little, flying horses, vacant lot on Washington St., near Kingsbury St., for three weeks, beginning May 6, 1899.

L. E. Bow, flying horses, Q St., City Point, for period ending Sept. 15, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:

Armstrong Transfer Express Co. (referred Feb. 20), to be paid for damage to team caused by a team of the city.

George W. Oliver (referred April 3), for payment to Harry W. Powers of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Armandine St.

Elizabeth Schneider (referred last year) to be paid for damage to property caused by breaking of a sewer in Ward St.

Casper Berry (referred last year), to be paid for damage to estate 82-88 Leverett St., caused by leakage from a sewer.

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on petition of Thomas F. Glennon, et als. (referred March 6), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$105.65, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the

sale of an estate on Ward St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2380, fol. 219.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of James W. Horne (referred last year), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary F. Dilling the sum of \$135.02, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, for the sale of an estate on Armandine St., Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 34.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of John H. Proctor (referred Jan. 9), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John H. Proctor the sum of \$267.47 being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Elmira St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 71.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Harriet B. Preston (referred Feb. 13), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet B. Preston the sum of \$41.48, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mill St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2407, fol. 586.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of Jane E. Newell (referred Jan. 16), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Jane E. Newell the sum of \$151.41, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 65.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Report on the petition of George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustees (referred March 27), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustee, the sum of \$130.50, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Forest Hills St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2531, fol. 116.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(8) Report on the petition of James A. Floyd (referred April 12), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James A. Floyd the sum of \$223.80, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Hillside Terrace, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2531, fol. 539.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### WOODEN BUILDINGS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Build-

ing Department, submitted the following:

(1) Report of the petition of John E. Cousens (referred April 24) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to John E. Cousens to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on rear of Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a coal elevator.

(2) Report on the petition of John A. Emery (referred March 27), recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to John A. Emery to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 24-26 Island St., Wd. 17, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

Reports accepted; orders passed. Sent down.

#### PROJECTION OF BAY WINDOWS AND SIGNS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows, in accordance with the following petitions:

James Fitzgerald (referred April 3), two, 375 and 381 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

David Rubinovz, one, easterly corner Huntington Ave. and Heath St., Wd. 19.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report recommending that leave be granted to project signs as follows:

Isaac Shurnick (referred April 12), a sign, at 1206 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

William Thibodeau (referred April 12), a sign, at 1659 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Francis Thomas (referred April 12), an illuminated sign, at 931 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Fayerweather & Ladew (referred April 12), a sign, at 226-228 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

James D. Russo (referred April 12), a barber pole, at 657 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Rosenauer & Miller (referred April 12), a clock sign, at 33 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Wyman & Co. (referred April 24), a V-shaped sign, at 637 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Ambrose W. Isele & Son (referred April 24), a sign, at 53 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Morris Salis (referred April 24), a pole sign, at 2028B Washington St., Wd. 7.

Henry M. Flynn & Co. (referred April 24), an illuminated sign, at 11 Elm St., Wd. 6.

J. Edward Bauer (referred April 24), an illuminated sign, at 32 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Rocco Sarni (referred April 24), 3 signs, at 198 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

Emil Heusser (referred April 24), 2 barber poles, at 340 Blue Hill Ave.

John Coasta (referred April 12), 3 barber poles, at 261 North St., Wd. 6.

Frank O. Newton (referred April 12), an illuminated sign, at 13 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

D. H. Posner (referred April 12), an illuminated sign, at 25 School St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Seminara (referred April 24), a sign, at 517 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

J. H. Emery (referred April 12), a sign, at 33 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### RAILROAD REPORTS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West

End Street Railway Company (recommitted today), for location for tracks on Charlestown and other streets—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, that in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Charlestown St., from a point where the company's tracks now end in Haymarket Sq. to Causeway St., thence on Causeway St., from a point on said street where the existing tracks of said company now end to Commercial St., and thence on Commercial St. to a point near Hull St.; also a single track, connecting with the above located tracks on Charlestown St., to and connecting with the existing tracks on Haverhill St.; with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted April 10), for location for curves at corner of Northampton St. and Harrison Ave., etc.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional curves at the junctions of Northampton St. with Harrison Ave., Washington St. and Shawmut Ave., and at the junctions of Dover St. with Harrison Ave., Washington St. and Shawmut Ave., with necessary crossovers, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated February 20, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted April 10), for leave to build additional curves, etc., to connect with Grove Hall car house—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in

the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use additional tracks, curves, switches, cross-overs and connections, connecting the Grove Hall car house of said company with existing tracks on Blue Hill Ave., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted April 10), for leave to lay tracks in City Sq., etc.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the Streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track in City Sq., Park St. and Warren St., Charlestown; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated March 15, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(5) Reports recommending that orders of notice for hearings on Monday, May 22d, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the following petitions:—

Waltham, Newton & Forest Hills Street Railway Co. (referred April 24), for a location for tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, in Baker, Weld, Maple, Centre, South, New South, Brandon, South and Washington Sts.

West End Street Railway Co. (referred today), for leave to lay double tracks on Beach St.

Same company (referred today), for leave to lay curves at the corner of Massachusetts Av. and Boylston St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Walnut Ave., Parker and Washington Sts., Roxbury, and in Washington and Malden Sts.,

City Proper—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 8th, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

#### NATIONAL ORDER OF RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors on the occasion of their convention in this city, May 26, 1899.

Passed. Sent down.

#### GIBSON SCHOOL FUND LAND.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That a committee to consist of the five members of this Board who are on the Committee on Public Lands be appointed to make an investigation into the condition of all the remaining land known as the Christopher Gibson School Fund Land, held in trust by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, located on Dorchester Ave. and Gibson St., in Dorchester, and report to this Board its findings and recommendations as to what disposal should be made of this property.

Passed.

#### CROSS WALK ON ROSEDALE ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a cross walk on Washington St., opposite Rosedale St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### HOLIDAY FOR PAVING DIVISION EMPLOYEES.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Paving Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on July 26, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed. Sent down.

#### HOLIDAY FOR SEWER EMPLOYEES.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Sewer Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on June 27, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed. Sent down.

#### GRADE OF COPELAND ST. REVISED.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That this Board establish the revised grade of Copeland St., at Roxbury, in accordance with plan and profile of said street made by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor, dated April 5, 1869, and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree on Westerly St., Wd. 22, the same being in a dangerous condition; also to remove a tree, which is partly decayed, in front of estate 1965 Washington St.; the expense tending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove tree standing in front of estate of Gerard Bement, on Blue Hill Ave., between Elmo and Glenway Sts., as the said tree is in a dangerous condition; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed, under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND IN WEST END.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take for park and playground purposes the land bounded by Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper Sts.

Passed.

ELECTRIC POLES ON HANOVER ST.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to direct the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to remove the stumps of their poles from Hanover St.

Passed.

LEAVE TO ATTEND G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow the veterans of the Civil War to attend the Grand Army Encampment in September without loss of pay.

Passed. Sent down.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the amounts necessary for street improvements in East Boston, as follows:

London St., Maverick to Bennington.....	\$1,100
Havre St., Maverick to Bennington.....	1,100
Paris St., Porter to Bennington.....	5,400
Chelsea St., Gove to old Chelsea Bridge, resurfacing.....	10,000
Orleans St., Sumner to Maverick, paving with granite blocks.....	
Maverick St., R.R. crossing to Orleans, paving with granite blocks.....	
Maverick St., Orleans to Jeffries Point, macadamizing and paving gutters.....	
Everett St., Lamson to Cottage, repairing. Cottage St., Maverick to Marginal, resurfacing.....	1,000
Marginal St., Lewis to R., R. B. & L. R.R., repaving.....	3,800
Lewis St., South Ferry to Sumner, relaying sidewalk on westerly side and crosswalk, Webster St.....	5,700
Lexington St., Putnam to Shelby, paving from gutter to track.....	1,350
Putnam St., White to Bennington, and East Eagle to Condor, resurfacing.....	4,200
Shelby St., Lexington to Saratoga, resurfacing.....	1,200
Saratoga St., Chelsea to Byron, paving from gutter to track.....	
Moore St., Pope to Saratoga, and Bennington to Water, resurfacing.....	2,000
Cowper St., Moore to Short, resurfacing.....	300
Bennington St., Worrisworth to Saratoga, paving gutters, west side.....	500
Gladstone St., Breed to Walley, repairs.....	300
Horace St., Byron to Moore, gravel roadway.....	200
Homer St., Moore to Byron, gravel roadway.....	200
Chaucer St., Curtis to Moore, grading.....	300
Curtis St., Chelsea to Saratoga, gravel roadway.....	1,500
Pope St., Saratoga to Byron, grading etc. Square, junction Princeton, East Eagle and Chelsea, gravel roadway.....	2,000
	500

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the reading of that be dispensed with, as I would like to explain the matter.

The motion was carried.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, all that calls for is to put the streets of East Boston in a proper condition. It does not call for anything fancy, any boulevards or anything in that line. It calls for an appropriation of about \$75,000, to put the streets in proper condition. They are in a wretched condition now, the worst I ever knew. I have been through the whole district, every street, with an expert, have looked at the streets and found out just what is needed, and have gone to the Street Department and got an estimate

of the amount necessary to put the streets in condition. We have some streets there where the gutters are from six inches to a foot higher than the middle of the street, and from time to time the water washes and gullies down the middle of the streets, making them absolutely unsafe for any kind of travel. In the fourth section particularly the streets are in a deplorable condition. I think they are worse in East Boston than in Dorchester, and the other outlying districts, because our section is built up, the street are full of houses, there is no vacant land, and it seems to me a shame that the people of East Boston have to submit to such a condition of affairs. I think it will be a bad thing for the administration if the streets are not put in a better condition than they are in today. The worst of all, it seems to me, is the sidewalk of one of the main thoroughfares to the ferry, leading to Maverick Sq. It is walked over by thousands of people every day. The attention of the administration was called to that a year ago by the senior councilman from Wd. 2, and no attention was paid to it. That sidewalk has been spoken of by the Police Department, and I have no hesitation in saying that it is the worst piece of sidewalk in the city of Boston. If the city is suffering for money, I think the Board of Estimate and Apportionment ought to cut something else and take care of the streets of East Boston.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I should like very much to make a similar appeal on behalf of Charlestown, if it had not been made so often in vain. I have made appeals so often that I am now tired of doing it. It is well known that the streets of Charlestown are in very bad condition and greatly in need of money, and I want to impress on the members of the Board the fact that if they are going to make any appropriations of the kind they ought to make them for Charlestown. I think if the alderman had appealed as many times as I have he would be rather inclined to be silent at the present time. If the Mayor would only cut off useless expenses, going to the Legislature and consolidating the departments running by unpaid commissions under a single head, so that people not alone outside of the city but outside of the State would not be employed while our own citizens are willing and anxious to work for a fair salary—if he would cut off the Board of Statistics, the Municipal Record and all these useless extravagances he has gone into, we would have money to do such things as the alderman is referring to.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like also to make a similar appeal for the business district of Boston—to have its streets taken care of. I have not the slightest doubt that the administration would take care of it if the legislature would let us alone. We all know how recklessly matters affecting the city of Boston are acted upon by the Legislature, where an act can be passed of which the originator has said that he did not know the legal intent, by which the city of Boston this year will lose \$300,000 out of its budget. If the Legislature would not take away from us \$150,000 for a bridge for the benefit of Everett, with very little resulting benefit to Charlestown and a very minute benefit to the rest of the city of Boston, I think we might have the money to take care of Charlestown, East Boston, and above all, the business district of Boston.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to add just a word. We have heard a good deal of talk about lobbyists. I have been designated as a lobbyist myself by one of the members of the Senate this year because I appeared in behalf of the children of the late Colonel Bogan, when the matter came up for the first time, and I was desired to withdraw by the Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman saying that if I did so he would not oppose the bill.

When I did withdraw, and found out that he was working against it, I appeared there a second time, and he said that he would accuse me of being a lobbyist if I did not withdraw. But I persisted, and finally the bill was passed. I was accused of being a lobbyist, but of all lobbyists it cannot be denied that the Mayor and Corporation Counsel are the busiest. Why, gentlemen, it is a perfect farce to think of the way measures in which we are interested are handled by the Corporation Counsel. We don't have anything to say about them. We are never consulted. We can pass votes, and the Corporation Counsel and his assistants will go up to the Legislature and lobby against them. His Honor the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel and his assistants are the ones who have done the most persistent lobbying at the Legislature which has interfered with the different districts of this city getting the amounts they should have.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry to see the alderman from Charlestown interjecting politics into this matter. I will agree with my colleague from Wd. 6, that we want to get better streets in Boston. One thing that has a very important bearing on that is the fact that a Republican legislature will force the city of Boston to pay \$200,000 for a bridge for which we, as members of the city Government, have voted \$50,000. We are not getting the results we should get. Perhaps we will bye and bye, but in the meantime, we have to pay out sums of money for the expenditure of which we are not responsible. I don't think the alderman from East Boston is asking too much. He comes in particularly as an advocate of East Boston, and I hope what he has asked for will be voted.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, it is all very well to pick out a solitary case, such as the Maiden bridge, but there are a number of these cases. There is a great deal of unnecessary expenditure also in this city by reason of unpaid commissions; and a great deal of the burden which has fallen on the city of Boston has been caused by His Honor the Mayor cajoling the members of the Legislature.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

ACCEPTANCE OF LUCAS ST.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to accept Lucas St.

Passed.

REPAYMENT OF CUT IN WAGES TO FIREMEN.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to report to this Board whether or not any action has been taken towards the repayment to the members of the Fire Department of the amount of wages lost by the 7½ per cent cut down, between the time of the said reduction and the restoration to the old rate, and if not, whether it is his intention to take such action.

Passed.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of requiring that all rubber-tired vehicles shall be equipped with bells, and report their findings to this Board.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:03 P.M., on motion of Ald. McDonald, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order at 5.48 P.M.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SEWERAGE WORKS BILL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.  
Boston, May 1, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a copy of House Bill No. 1129, entitled "An Act Relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston," favorably reported by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs and now pending before the Legislature, together with a letter addressed by the Superintendent of Streets, under date of April 26, 1899, to the members of the sub-committee having this matter in charge, explaining the financial consequences which will result from the passage of this bill in its present form.

As it was my belief that these consequences could not have been fully understood by the members of the Committee before they reported the bill, and that it could scarcely be their deliberate intention to make it impossible to do any further sewer work upon our streets during this financial year, and to compel the closing up of important work already in progress, an opportunity was sought to lay the true state of the case before the committee at its session this morning, and the matter was fully explained by the Superintendent of Streets and myself. As the committee has not seen fit to assent to any modification of the bill, I feel that it becomes my duty promptly to lay the situation before the City Council and the public. The present administration has done everything in its power, so far as the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs is concerned, to avert action which will not only result in the immediate discharge of many hundred skilled sewer workmen, whose services are needed by the city, but will cause great injury to a large number of property owners, who have counted upon obtaining necessary sewer facilities, and will bring a large amount of real estate development to a standstill.

The bill reported also makes it impossible to do any additional construction work upon assessable streets, as this cannot proceed without provision for the construction of sewers. The statement of the Superintendent clearly shows that there is no available balance within the million dollar loan already authorized for this year, for the construction of any sewers in streets, and I have now no recourse except to invite the attention of the City Council and of the public to the threatened action of the legislature.

I desire to add that at the present time the question of the desirability of continuing the assessment plan, whether in connection with the construction of new sewerage works or the maintenance of the existing system, is in no wise at issue. While neither the Superintendent of Streets, the Corporation Counsel nor myself have changed our former opinions as to the merits and justice of the assessment system, as provided for by Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, we accept the fact, since the action of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, that this system is to be done away with—at least, to the extent provided for by House Bill No. 1129. The only question now at issue is how the financial transition shall be made from the system as it has existed to the new basis provided for in said bill. All that I have asked is that some provision should be made, outside of the million dollars provided for this year—which is already necessarily applied, in the manner explained by the Superintendent of Streets—for the repayment of any sewer charges which tax payers may have a right to recover from the city and for the maintenance of the sewerage system during the present year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

April 26, 1899.

Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, House of Representatives, Boston.

Gentlemen:—The bill reported by you for the Committee, relative to the sewerage works of the city of Boston, has my careful attention, and I cannot believe that the Committee is fully informed as to the results which would follow the passage of this act as now worded.

As I understand it, the city of Boston is authorized to expend, in the year beginning February 1, 1899, and ending January 31, 1900, \$1,000,000 for the following purposes: Construction of sewerage works, repayment of any sewer assessment or sewerage charge which may be legally repaid, to meet the amount required prior to the first day of February, 1900, for the interest and sinking fund requirements, and to meet the maintenance of such works to February 1, 1900. This gives the following result:—

Total amount available.....	\$1,000,000
Repayment of assessments, Unknown quantity.....	
Interest and sinking fund requirements .....	\$122,000
Maintenance .....	350,000
Land damages (low estimate).....	50,000
	522,000
Leaving for construction, assuming that no assessments or charges are repaid.....	478,000
Amount required to complete work at Moon Island.....	239,000
Amount required to complete work at Pumping Station.....	54,500
Construction expenditures to date.....	137,000
Total .....	480,500
Total amount available for construction .....	478,000

From the above figures, you can see that, unless provision is made for the items which ordinarily would not come from the \$1,000,000 there can be absolutely no further construction work on sewers in Boston the balance of this year. I cannot believe that any such purpose was in the minds of the Committee, and I can but refer to City Document No. 70 (copy of which I send herewith) to show the great demand for sewerage works. Should House Bill 1129 become a law without change from its present form, the progress and development of the city would be greatly retarded. During the last few years, very large areas of land have been opened up by the building of Brighton Ave., Columbus Ave., Huntington Ave., Blue Hill Ave, and Columbia Road. Branching off from all of these avenues streets are under construction, or ordered, hundreds of houses have been built, and this brings about an unusual demand for sewerage works. As surface construction cannot be taken up until the sewer work is completed, the passage of the bill as reported would mean that all work must stop on Commonwealth Ave.—the loan for which provides that the avenue must be completed before January 1st, 1900—prevent the building of the last section of Blue Hill Ave., on which the sewer work is but just started, make impossible the further construction of Columbia Road and the giving of sewer service to that portion of the road already occupied by several large yacht clubs, and prevent the building of Taibot Ave., for which a street loan has been provided.

On properties assessed at \$2,500,000 between the Fenway and Brookline Ave.—where considerable street work has already been done, but where it is necessary to build an outlet sewer—the building up and development must stop, although several fine houses are started, and it has been the intention of the holders of this property to immediately improve it, and after such improvement, its value would be nearly \$5,000,000.

All work on "323 streets" which it had been planned to build this year would be prevented for the reason that the regular loan for this work does not provide for the

sewers. This must be taken care of from the Sewerage Works loan.

If you will run through the items from page 22 to page 32, inclusive, of City Document No. 70, which I enclose, you will find in detail the sewers which have been petitioned for, and are urgent—and, in some cases, are under construction. All this work must absolutely stop. The sewers must be bulkheaded at the point where the construction is at the present moment, and the very proper requests of the citizens of all sections of the city for sewerage works be refused. As these sewers are paid for in greater part by the parties benefited, and this loan is repaid to the city by them, it does not seem fair to so limit the amount that the great quantity of work which would surely be in progress this season should be stopped. Failure to provide sewers will mean that all the various branches of labor engaged in work which appertains to the development of real estate, commencing at the grading and preparation of land for building purposes, the work of constructing the buildings, and all that this implies, would be very much reduced the coming season.

In addition to the work above referred to, there is certain emergency work which must always receive attention, such as, for instance, orders of the Board of Health to remove conditions dangerous to health, and in the case of breaking of worn-out sewers.

Aside from the financial provisions of the bill, I cannot agree that some of the other changes are wise; but, as that matter has without doubt been discussed by your Committee, I will not now ask a hearing on those points. I would suggest, however, that the sum made available for the current year be \$2,000,000, for the reason that this year the various outside items must be provided for, and the amount available for construction work, even under the \$2,000,000 loan would not nearly supply the demand for sewerage works; and it does seem but reasonable that the man who desires to improve his property should be furnished with a sewer—especially as the cost of same would be borne by him.

I should be pleased to appear before your sub-committee or the full committee with officials of the Sewer Division, to make clear any point upon which the Committee may desire further information. There is certainly no legislation of the present year that is of such vital importance to the development of the city and to every class of citizens as the act which will provide for the construction and maintenance of sewerage works. This must be my excuse, if any is needed, for the length and details of this letter.

Yours very respectfully,  
Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets.

P. S. Allow me to also call your attention to the fact that the bill authorizing \$2,000,000 for the construction of Bennington St., extension of Malvern St., widening and construction of Morton St., and other streets under 50 feet in width, under the assessable act, would become inoperative, for the reason that none of this work could be undertaken until the sewers were built; no money being provided for the sewers, the work, as contemplated in the act, could not be undertaken.

(Accompanying the above was a copy of house bill No. 1129, entitled "An act relative to sewerage works of the city of Boston.")

Ordered printed and sent down.  
In connection with the above, Ald. Codman offered the following:—

Resolved, That, in view of the figures presented in the statement of the Superintendent of Streets this day transmitted to this Board relative to the effect of the carrying out of the provisions of house bill 1129, entitled "An Act Relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston," now pending before the Legislature, the Board of Aldermen respectfully requests that said bill be recommitted to the Com-

mittee on Metropolitan Affairs, or that action upon it be postponed, so that an opportunity may be afforded to the members of this Board to fully investigate the matter and to present their views to the Legislature; and that a committee of five members of this Board be appointed to endeavor to secure the carrying out of this request.

The resolution was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board, I believe this is a matter of vital importance, one that is far reaching in its effects on the citizens of Boston. It seems to me that the legislature is making a serious mistake in not allowing the city to borrow money to carry on the work of sewer construction. This is a matter which particularly affects the outlying districts, and it will hold up the development of millions of dollars' worth of property in Dorchester, Roxbury, Brighton and other sections, which are rapidly developing. I sincerely hope that this resolution will pass by a unanimous vote and that the legislature will grant us the courtesy of being allowed the privilege of appearing before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, or some other committee, in order to state our views upon this matter. I think the committee on Metropolitan Affairs have certainly not looked into this matter deeply enough and that they have made an error in judgment in reporting a bill which allows the borrowing of a million and a half dollars for street construction, not providing any additional money for the construction of sewers, which is of the first importance, and which must be done before the money can be spent on the streets. In my particular district there are miles of streets today which are suffering for want of sewers, and there are many streets which are fully developed, upon which houses have been built, which are paying large taxes to the City Treasury, and yet it is impossible to get these streets accepted and laid out under the present conditions. I trust, as I said before, that this matter will receive the unanimous report of the Board, and if it does, I think the legislature will grant us the privilege we ask for.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, owing to the representations made by His Honor the Mayor I think it is wise to look into this matter. I do not commit myself to any of the statements made, but I, for one, want to see the best interests of the city subserved; and if there are any large public improvements to be deferred or stopped by the action of the legislature, I would like the Board of Aldermen to look into the matter and then go to the legislature and make representation to that effect.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, in offering these resolutions I regret that I am not able to say much for or against the proposition as submitted to us by His Honor the Mayor today, backed up by figures and data from the Superintendent of Streets; but I well know that a good many statutes and changes in statutes are made at the Legislature without, as I believe, a full knowledge of what the workings of the proposed changes may be. From the statements that have been made today it seems to me that members of the Board can give to the members of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs who are reporting this change in our Sewer Assessment act a good many points which apparently they have not had placed before them. I consequently have offered this resolution, asking for a delay on their part in acting, in order that I may place myself more closely in touch with the facts and may consult with them as to their reasons for proposing to make the amendment to the sewer act which has been read to us today. I do not wish to be placed as regards my vote in the future on any other resolution. This is simply

a request, as far as I am concerned, for a delay, in order that I may post myself and consult with the committee as to the best possible action they can take for the good of the city at large and for the outlying districts, which I believe will be mostly injured and hampered by restrictions on our Sewer Department—such rigid restrictions that they cannot proceed with some very large undertakings which have been commenced. Also, as I understand the situation, a large amount of the appropriations for widening and improving the streets will be unavailable unless some provision is made for the sewers. Consequently, I am willing to ask for this delay, and propose it, in hopes that the results of investigation will show what the best action may be.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, a peculiar state of affairs confronts the city of Boston. The legislature of Massachusetts seems to be bent on retarding the building up of the outlying districts of the city. If the Legislature wishes to repeal the sewer assessment act, the alternative ought to be to allow the city of Boston to borrow a sufficient sum of money to build the sewers; for if that is not done citizens who are now building residences will be placed in a nice predicament. They will have houses without sewers. The legislature of Massachusetts should be very careful about this matter, and the Board of Aldermen should have a chance to be heard upon it. In Dorchester we have Talbot Ave., Blue Hill Ave., a large number of streets that should be sewered, and how are we to have that work done if some money is not appropriated by the City Government of Boston, or if the Legislature of Massachusetts does not go on and say to us, "Here, you can borrow a million and a half for sewer construction?" If some proper action is taken by the Legislature the work can go on, and I sincerely trust that this resolution will be passed, and that the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs—some of whom, I understand, reside in Dorchester—will listen to the people to whom they should listen. This is a very serious matter, a question that has not arisen here for many years. I sincerely trust that the Metropolitan Affairs committee will listen to the members of the Board of Aldermen, who have the interests of the citizens of Boston at heart. We have been elected by the people to the Board of Aldermen, and we understand what is required in our various sections—more so than members living one hundred miles from Boston can. The whole truth in the legislature of Massachusetts has been that two or three representatives up there carry all these measures through and the rest of them follow in line and vote for them, at times not knowing what they are really voting for—as they acknowledged here a year ago, when a number of them said they didn't understand what they voted for when they voted for this sewer assessment. Now, this not a question of sewer assessment; it is a question of continuing our work here in the city Boston. We cannot stop still. The city is building up rapidly. Take Dorchester, for instance, where eight hundred houses were built last year—what are we going to do? Are we going to stop building there? Are we going to stop building here in the city of Boston, allowing the Legislature to come in and say "you can build your houses, but you cannot have any sewers?" For that reason, I trust that this matter will be seriously considered at the Legislature, for if that bill is passed by the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs seven hundred or eight hundred men will be thrown out of employment. I believe the citizens of Boston are under everlasting obligations to His Honor the Mayor for bringing this matter before the board this afternoon.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I regret to see the alderman from Dorchester attacking the committee on legislative affairs, because I don't think he hits the nail on the head in doing so. I don't think that committee is to blame for this. I believe the trouble in the past has been that the Legislative committee has taken its cue from the Mayor and has passed nearly everything he wanted, and this year the Mayor has appeared before them and asked them to pass an amendment to a certain measure, and because they have not investigated properly in the past, but have taken too much on the mayor's say-so, they have this year refused to give the usual chance to him to get measures through. The Mayor, finding that out, has come to the Republican members of the Board, as well as to the Democrats of this Board, where he ought to have come before, and has asked them to intercede and to show to the committee that, possibly in this case he is right. But the Committee has been in the habit of being misled by the Mayor of Boston and has taken his word as to the desirability of certain measures, and has found out after they have been passed, within a few months, that they are measures disastrous to one class or the other in this city—either to the property owners or to those who hire property. I believe matters have now come, as they should to a proper head, that instead of the Mayor going up to the Legislature and getting these things through the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs at the State House without this Board knowing anything about them, the Committee has now taken the right stand, that it will not pass this or other measures on the ground that the Mayor says so, and he, in his turn has come to this Board and asked us to express our opinion as strongly as possible, in order that it may be felt by that Committee of the Legislature. I am glad that this matter has come up, and perhaps if many other matters within the last two or three years had come before us in this way it might have been better for the city. Of course, I speak only from my own experience, but I know that a good many statutes which have been placed on the books, and which it has been afterwards discovered should be wiped out, would never have passed if the opinions of this Board had been acted upon in the first instance.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I intend to vote for this resolution—not on account of the situation stated by Ald. Codman, but in order to place the responsibility where it belongs. If the work of the Sewer Department is stopped, as seems necessary under the provisions of this law as intended to be passed by the Legislature at the present time, I want to be able to say to those whom I represent that the responsibility lies with the Legislature, not with the Board of Aldermen acting as their representatives. I want to say that the Legislature of Massachusetts proposes to spend \$1,400,000 for streets, and then, in a very unbusinesslike way, to prevent the building of sewers. The Legislature proposes, I understand, to allow \$600,000 for the building of Bennington St. in East Boston, approximately \$400,000 in Dorchester and \$400,000 additional for the building of boulevards and roadways leading out of the city of Boston—and that money cannot be used, because it would be very poor business policy to build the streets if we cannot build the sewers. Charlestown St., which is in course of construction, if this act is passed by the Legislature cannot be built, because it will be very poor business to start to build the street and afterwards have to build the sewer. I think this matter should be put strongly. It is not a question of the responsibility of the Mayor. I don't take it in that sense. It is a question of bringing this to the mind of the Legislature, asking them to allow us some share in the management of our affairs. Let them

allow the City Government of Boston to at least express a fair and deliberate opinion in regard to financial affairs that properly belong to the citizens of Boston, in the line of providing what is reasonable and right on behalf of the citizens in carrying on these great affairs.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask who is responsible for the sewer assessment act, if not the Mayor of Boston? Who has gone up to the Legislature and asked for this interference? We have not. I will say boldly that nine times out of ten when the Legislature of Massachusetts has interfered with Boston affairs it has been at the instigation of the Mayor of Boston, and that is how the Sewer Assessment Act was passed. I say it is a bad course for any man to pursue to come and ask a favor and then give to the one from whom he is asking it a rap in the face. I thought a reasonable attempt was going to be made to get the legislature to lay this over. If the Legislature is to be attacked in this way, I am going to vote against the resolution.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I will say positively that in what I have said on the resolution I am not opposed to the rescinding on the part of the Legislature of the iniquitous sewer assessment act. I believe heartily in doing away with that act. As the Alderman from Charlestown, (Ald. Prescho), has just said, that act was put on the statute books almost wholly at the behest of the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel, and it seems to me the new aldermen on my right who have attacked the Legislature in this matter have been very unjust to the Legislature. The Mayor last year went up there and asked for this Sewer Assessment Act, and also for the Board of Apportionment Act. Both of those acts have been flat failures, and the citizens of Boston today are crying out against them. By those acts, the Board has been placed in a position where it is impossible practically to do anything for the people. I certainly hope no more bricks will be thrown at the Legislature in connection with this matter, if we expect to gain what we ask for in the petition.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, just a few words. I wish to say, in answer to the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Prescho) that the position he has taken in regard to this matter is a very singular one. Every member of the City Government of Boston knows how serious the situation is, and it is not a question of making attacks on the Legislature. If one thousand men in the Sewer Department are thrown out on the street, I trust that Ald. Prescho will have in midsummer a storm door on his house which will be so strong that it will be impossible for the 250 or 300 or more sewer men in Charlestown to get inside the bulwarks of the house.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, I want to be fair in this matter. When it was brought by the Mayor, I took the ground that I wanted it fairly considered, I did not want a snap judgment—wanted it fairly considered, and I stated that I was willing to go before the Legislature and have this done if the situation was as the Mayor stated it. I have seen so much juggling with figures since I have been a member of the Government that I have become a little suspicious, and I wanted to examine into it, and, if it was a good proposition, to support it. But when the matter was considered in the Committee on Public Improvements we understood that the members were not going to attack the Legislature, and unless those rumors are withdrawn I shall vote against the order.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, this seems to be another one of those cases where we have a full discussion in the Committee on Public Improvements and then members when they come out want to say something for the benefit of the newspaper reporters, the result being that they get at loggerheads among themselves. This is one of the things where

the least said the better. It is proper, perhaps, that the matter should be delayed by the Legislature until it can be looked into, to see whether it is right or wrong; but when the representatives of Dorchester try to square themselves with their constituents they get the whole thing by the ears. I think the proper thing is to have less discussion and more voting on the matter.

The resolution was passed, and the Chairman appointed as the Committee Ald. Codman, Brick, Adams, Barry and Day.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the report and order (referred today), concerning appropriations for Memorial Day—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of S. T. Fletcher & Co. (referred today), for leave to project a permanent awning at 33-40 Clinton St. and 1, 3 and 5 Fulton St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of McNeil Bros. (referred today), for leave to erect a guy post and stretch a guy rope—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to McNeil Bros. to place, maintain and use one guy post on Bowdoin St., opposite the State House, with the necessary ropes attached thereto; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; ordered passed.

#### STAND IN FRONT OF OLD COURT HOUSE.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall and County Buildings, submitted a report on the petition of John Leonard, (referred April 24), for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of temperance drinks in front of the Old Court House, on Court St.—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### LICENSE OF PURITAN HALL.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

##### Majority Report.

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred—April 12—the petition of the Directors of the New England Watch and Ward Society for a hearing on its petition for the revocation of the license for Puritan Hall, 995 Washington St., respectfully report that they gave the hearing requested, at which both parties were represented by counsel, and sufficient evidence was presented, in the opinion of the Committee, to warrant them in reprimanding the agent of the hall for laxity in not seeing that dances were carried on in proper manner. Such a reprimand having been given, and the Committee having been assured that no cause for complaint will be given in the future, they respectfully report no further action necessary.

##### Minority Report.

Ald. COLBY dissented from the above report, and presented the following:—

"I find myself unable to agree with the majority report of the Committee on Licenses with reference to the complaint

against Puritan Hall, which was referred by this Board to that Committee.

"The evidence submitted by the complainants was clear, full, and overwhelming, and was not substantially denied by the respondent. As a matter of fact, the members of the Committee were unanimous in their findings on the evidence presented as to the occurrences at the Hall, the only difference being as to what action was called for in the premises.

"The violations of all laws of decency, as understood by all classes in the community, were so numerous and flagrant that, in my opinion, some substantial action is called for.

"A mere reprimand amounts to nothing at all, and I recommend that the license of the Hall be suspended for one week."

The question came on the acceptance of the majority report.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I am a member of the License Committee, and we heard the evidence, or most of it, and the Committee agreed to reprimand this man who has the hall. If there are any more complaints from the same parties we will revoke his license. I don't believe, however, in throwing water on a drowning rat. The gentleman, I understand, gave his word that he would not allow this sort of thing at the dances there any more. I don't believe there will be any further trouble and I don't think we should be hard on the gentleman. The committee agreed to reprimand him, and if there were any more complaints we would revoke his license.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry to disagree with the Chairman of the Committee upon this matter, because during the few months I have been in the Board I have been in substantial agreement with him on almost every question that has come up. But I do not look at the matter as seriously as he does. I heard the evidence on both sides. The evidence presented by the Watch & Ward Society was given by two men whom they hired to go down there to see what was going on. On the other hand, the man who held the license had the testimony of two policemen whom he hired. They testified that nothing improper was going on there, that if there was they would have prevented it. All that was improper about the thing was that the dance was given there and was attended almost wholly by ladies who acted differently from what ladies in a different station of life would act, and their conversation was a little broad, according to the stories related. There was somebody drinking out of a bottle, and there were other little incidents of that kind, which did not seem to be very serious to the policemen who were there. However, it seemed proper to the Watch & Ward Society to go to the Police Department, in order that the thing might be kept going in proper shape. If we take away the license, all that will do is to drive them to another hall, just as when the sparrows are chased away they go somewhere else. It does not seem to me that anything more is demanded than a reprimand of the man who holds the license.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I will state my position in the matter. I recognize perfectly well that it would be useless to expect the same sort of a dance to be maintained in that place on Washington St. that you would expect in Copley Hall. That is perfectly true. But in any public hall licensed in the city of Boston obscene stories that can be heard half way across the hall should be excluded. The people in the lower walks of life have as much right to be defended from that sort of thing as those of higher stations. I claim that we are just as much bound to see that decent shows are given in one section of the town as in another. I agree perfectly, however, that the standard must be different. It would be perfectly

useless to put the same thing on the stage of the Howard Athenaeum that you would put on the stage of the Hollis Theatre. It is not necessary, however, that a performance at the Howard Athenaeum shall be run obscenely in order to captivate trade. I am willing to overlook some things, but, taking the testimony as it was put in, it is perfectly obvious that the people at this dance conducted themselves in an indecent way, that the remarks made there were not proper remarks to make in public, and the general conduct of the thing was such as should not be allowed in any place in the city of Boston. Why, some of the posters put in were indictable, and I understand they have been indicted in one place. The man running the place did not see anything improper until it was called to his attention, and when we spoke to him about it he said he would see that it was stopped. But there is no gentleman in this Board who will sanction any such proceedings as were testified to in that hall. Ever since this matter came up and was brought to the attention of that man—although it is true that it is something which is not in this report, of course,—within a week, posters have been issued, and the matter has been called to my attention by people who object to that sort of thing around their premises, which should not be allowed.

The man himself appeared like a very decent sort of a man. The trouble is that, in his desire for gain—and this is not his business, being a side show, a place which he sublets, looking for a chance to increase his revenue—he allows the mark to be overstepped. I say if the man takes those chances he ought to suffer the consequence. I don't believe, myself, in absolutely revoking his license, but I ask for the substitution of the minority report, that the license may be revoked for a week, simply to teach him a lesson, to show him that the Board of Aldermen refuses to take the ground that, because this is in a community occupied by working people, we don't care what they do. I think we do care, and we feel that they are entitled to the same protection as other places. The only testimony which he offered was the testimony of the two police officers, paid by him, and that is the only compensation they get. I confess it is a little unfortunate that police officers should be paid by the man who runs a show, because human nature, even in our own spheres, is such that it is difficult to get unprejudiced witnesses when their bread and butter is connected with those about whom they are to testify. It is a little unfortunate that those police officers were called in. In the first place, if they testified to anything wrong going on they would be stultifying themselves, by reason of allowing it to occur while they were on duty; in the second place they would be testifying against the man who was paying them for their services. I don't doubt that the officers did not see these wrong things, and I imagine it was not very hard for them not to see. That is the easiest way to get rid of a thing—not to see it.

I don't think the officers intended to deceive in any way. They testified to things as they saw them, but they took pains not to see things as they were. I move that the minority report be substituted for that of the majority.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I must say that when the Committee on Licenses heard this matter it impressed me as it has Ald. Colby; but I found that this hall was leased, and the gentleman to whom it was leased stated that the gentleman who gave the lease revoked all engagements of the man to whom he leased it, and was willing to submit all future engagements this season to the Committee on Licenses. In view of the fact that there were only two months or less available, we thought a reprimand would be a proper

thing. I fail to see the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee. He does not lose anything if the license is revoked for a week, and the practical effect of a reprimand is to punish him in the eyes of the public for what has occurred there. He has the stigma attached to him, because this matter will undoubtedly appear in the newspapers and the citizens will be warned against the hall. It strikes me that if the gentleman is willing to submit all engagements to this committee, and has revoked the present engagements, made by a previous lessee, we ought to be satisfied. As I said before, I think the difference between revocation for one week and a reprimand is nothing more than the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if that is true, that the gentleman is to submit everything to the Committee, perhaps Ald. Presho knows something about last Friday night's time up there, a notice of which I saw when they advertised something "particularly hot in the town." If everything is to be submitted to the Committee, I don't see how that thing occurs.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, that was shown to the gentleman on the last Board day. Those statements, I suppose, were made in good faith to the Committee. As regards the performance referred to, I was not notified by the Clerk of the Committee in regard to it, but I presume the gentleman has kept his agreement.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I will say that I don't know whether it was that show last week or not, but one time about a week or ten days ago a man came up here with some posters. He was looking for some of the License Committee, and the posters were shown to me in the Clerk of Committee's room, and I was asked what I thought of them. I said the posters would be all right to take out to Harvard,—they said there was to be a hot time, and that the Harvard boys would be there—and he said he would do it. I suppose that is the time that has been referred to.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, in regard to that poster, I will simply say that it has been some time since I studied French, but I know that not a single word in the whole thing was right. If it was sent over to Harvard College, I don't know but what they would object to the French as much as to the rest of it. I certainly hope I will never again see any such French as appeared on that poster. (Laughter.)

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, while I am not a member of the Committee on Licenses, I attended the hearing held in the Committee room, and in view of the fact that the Watch and Ward Society did not have the courage to send any of their members into the hall to see what was going on, I don't think we have any right to take any stock in their arguments in favor of the revocation of this license. They had two hired spotters paid by the society to go in there. On the other hand, two police officers, regularly employed by the City of Boston, testified that in their judgment nothing wrong took place that night. So I don't see why we should revoke this man's license on the testimony of two paid spotters. I hope the report of the majority of the Committee will prevail.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, in regard to this matter having been laid over I will simply say that, as the members well know, Ald. Colby wanted to get away last week, and the matter was laid over to this week.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am not a member of the Committee, but I think a roll-call would probably be taken on this question, and it is important that every member of the Board should go on record one way or the other upon it. I shall vote with the majority of the Committee, because I believe in majority reports. There is no getting away from the fact,

that if we are to have a house of assignation in certain halls in the city of Boston for abandoned creatures to congregate, where they can corrupt the ideas of young girls who may come in contact with them and make them as abandoned as they are, I think it is the duty of the Committee on Licenses, if such things come to their notice again after this reprimand to revoke the license for this hall or any other hall in Boston where that sort of thing is tolerated. The alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) puts it tersely and to the point when he says that this place is frequented by working people of Boston, who have a right to protection in certain directions as much as the people of Copley Sq. or anything else. The question of locality makes no difference—they should have virtue in this hall just as well as in Copley Sq. I think it is the duty of the Committee on Licenses, if this matter comes up again, to revoke the license. I will vote with the committee.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, if any such thing were shown as the alderman has spoken of, I certainly would be in favor of revoking the license, but there was no testimony whatever to show that anybody was harmed or injured by anything done in the hall, either directly or indirectly. There was nothing to show that young girls frequented it, or anything of the sort.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I question that a little mite. The only absolutely disinterested witness there was Robert A. Wood, a man who does a great deal of good work in a practical way, and who takes a great deal of interest in the sociological conditions of the South End, as well as other sections of our city. In that work he is absolutely unaffected by

politics. He said that he knew of the place only by reputation, but that its reputation in the vicinity was distinctly bad. His testimony as to how that hall stands in the community weighed a great deal in my mind, and on that, and on the testimony we had as to what took place in the hall, I based my findings.

The motion to substitute the minority report for that of the majority was declared lost.

Ald. COLBY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to substitute the minority report for that of the majority was lost, yeas 2, nays 9:—

Yeas—Ald. McDonald, Colby—2.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—9.

The majority report was accepted.

#### THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, there has been some reference in the press to matters coming before the Building Committee of the Board of Aldermen. I understand that that reference is not based on credible grounds, and I understand it was not made at the instance of Ald. Colby, to whom the articles seemed to refer. I understand that there is no truth in them, and that Ald. Colby has that to state.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the Board refused reconsideration on all votes taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 6:34 P. M., to meet on Monday, May 8, at 3 P. M.

## CITY OF BOSTON

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen

Thursday, May 4, 1899.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and a quorum present.

The Board of Aldermen then went into session as County Commissioners, to consider the petition of Lizzie G. Thoits, for an estimate of the damage to her by the taking of her estate on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

G. C. Travis represented the Boston Elevated Railroad Company. B. H. Greenhood appeared for the petitioner.

Mr. Greenhood said the petitioner desired further time to look into the law pertaining to the matter, and asked a postponement for four weeks.

Ald. COLBY raised the point that, under the act, it would be necessary for the petition to be amended so as to set forth the names of parties who might be interested, as mortgagors or otherwise, in the property, and thought it would be necessary under the statute to issue fourteen days' notice to anyone having a claim on the property.

Ald. BERWIN thought the request of the petitioner, that the hearing be postponed for four weeks, should be acceded to, and that in the meantime the parties in interest would have an opportunity to determine just their position. He moved an assignment for 4 weeks.

At request of the Chairman, the Clerk read the provisions of Section 108, Chapter 112, of the Public Statutes, relating to the taking of land, and damages therefor, in connection with the location and construction of railroads, as follows:—

"When the lands are mortgaged, both mortgagors and mortgagees, in addition to their rights under the mortgage, shall have the same powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to the same liabilities and duties, as are provided in this chapter for

land owners in cases of damages arising under section 95; and all petitions for the estimation of such damages shall state all mortgages known by the party petitioning to exist upon the premises. Mortgagors and mortgagees may join in such petition, and the tribunal to which it is presented shall order the petitioner to give notice thereof to all parties interested as mortgagors or mortgagees, by serving on each of them, fourteen days at least before the time of hearing, an attested copy thereof, and of the order thereon, that he may appear at said hearing and become a party to the proceedings."

On motion of Ald. McDonald, Ald. Berwin's motion was amended, so that the matter would be assigned to three weeks from today; and it was voted that the petitioner be directed to bring in the petition in an amended form, in accordance with the statute, so that an order of notice might be issued upon it.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. McDonald, at 3.30 P. M., to May 25, 1899, at 3 P. M.

## THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Thursday, May 4, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P.M., President Kiley in the Chair.

President Kiley, in calling the meeting to order, said: The Council will be in order. Communications from His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the members present to rise and remain standing until counted.

Twenty-seven members were counted in the chamber.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the City Messenger to see if any members are present in the ante-room. (The City Messenger made a return of one member in the ante-room.) The Chair will rule the point of order well taken. The Council stands adjourned to next Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 8, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Sixteen petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, May term, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

- Michael McPhee, Wd. 1; Louis F. Abbott, Wd. 19; Edw. B. Hickey, Wd. 18; Benj. Plumer, Wd. 1; Charles W. Pratt, Wd. 9; Michael J. Enwright, Wd. 5; James W. Galvin, Wd. 22; John A. Carlton, Wd. 2; Joseph H. Green, Wd. 21; Philip F. McBride, Wd. 4; Alexander McInnis, Wd. 23; Michael J. Teahan, Wd. 17; Maurice H. Flanagan, Wd. 23; John J. Lyneh, Wd. 17; Bernard F. Tierney, Wd. 17; Charles R. Piper, Wd. 24.

SUNDAY EVENING AMUSEMENTS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, May 4, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the regulation passed by the Board amending Chapter 3 of the Revised Regulations of 1896 so as to require a permit from the Board of Aldermen for the use of any licensed place of public amusement on Sunday evening, the Board having no authority, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, to pass such regulation, as such matter is fully regulated by law under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to approval by the Board:—

- (1) James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1901.
- (2) Daniel B. Carmody, to be a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties as an employee of the Law Department.
- (3) Lyde W. Benjamin, to be a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Mr. Paul C. Brooks, who was recently appointed a Constable and confirmed as such by your Board, but who has been found ineligible for the position.
- (4) Thomas E. Bates, Thomas H. Lawton, Frederick K. Vinal and Charles R. Williams, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.
- (5) Lawrence N. Hennessy, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over, under the law.

STAND AT OLD COURT HOUSE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 8, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I feel obliged to return without my approval the vote of your Board granting permission to John Leonard to maintain a stand for the sale of temperance drinks in front of the Old Court House, on Court St., for the reason that nine persons already hold permits for stands in front of the Old Court House, and that there is obviously no additional room available at the North end of the Court House, which is the only place where such stands can be erected.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The Board voted to reconsider the vote whereby the permit was granted. The question came on granting the permit, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission, the vote being yeas 0, nays 11.

FREE MUNICIPAL LECTURES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 8, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the report of the Advisory Committee on Free Municipal Lectures, giving a summary of the work of the past winter season, and I suggest that the same be printed as a public document.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Accompanying the above was the detailed report of the Advisory Committee.) Ordered printed and sent down.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz:—

- 1. Winnie Linden, one at 133 Everett St., Wd. 2.
- The petitioner was given leave to withdraw, at her own request.
- 2. John Lepore, one over Thacher St., and one over the corner of Thacher St. and Thacher Ct., from building 31-33 Thacher St., Wd. 6.
- 3. Henry H. Green, one over the corner of Washington and Indiana Sts., from building 94 Washington St., Wd. 9.
- 4. John C. Haynes, three over Columbus Ave., from building on Columbus Ave., near Terry St., Wd. 18.
- No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)
- 5. Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to erect poles on Walnut Ave., Parker, Washington and Malden Sts.
- No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Department.

The J. O. Whitten Co., for leave to build a wooden addition on rear of 69 Western Ave., Wd. 25.

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

- Kitson Hydro-carbon Heating and Incandescent Lighting Co., an incandescent light, at 1603 Washington St.
- Abner M. Hill, a sign, at 449 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.
- James C. Johnson, two barber poles, at 25 Cunard St., Wd. 18.
- H. Jay Smith, a sign, at 975 Washington St., Wd. 9.
- B. W. Mustasky, a clock sign, at 1093 Tremont St., Wd. 18.
- Quong Lee, a sign, at 726 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Sam Kee, a sign, at 24 E. Dedham St., Wd. 9.

Frank Di Marchi, a flag and a barber pole, at 158 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Pacific Restaurant Co., an illuminated sign, at 1139 Washington St., Wd. 9.

H. A. Le Bow & Co., 4 V-shaped signs, at 9 and 11 Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

#### Cemetery Dept.

Remonstrance of William H. Hyde et als. against allowing the use by the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association of certain land on the northeasterly side of Harvard St. for burial purposes.

#### Claims.

Albert A. Dyar, to be repaid \$115 with interest thereon, being the amount paid by him for an alleged invalid tax deed of estate 4 Rockingham Ct.

Frank F. Proctor, for payment to Nathaniel L. Foster of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Bellevue Ave. (lot 117).

Frederick C. Mahoney, to be compensated for injuries received on account of the falling of the elevator at City Hall.

James J. Povers, for compensation for loss of work, etc., caused by injuries received while in the employ of the Sanitary Division.

#### Electric Wires.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., for leave to erect poles in East and West Cottage Sts.

Postal Telegraph Cable Co. and N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., that said first-named company be allowed to attach its wires to the poles of the second-named company on Blue Hill Ave. and E. Cottage St.

Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to erect four poles on Mt. Pleasant Ave.

#### Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Nick Kaliavas, for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of lemonade in front of the Old Court House, during the summer months.

#### Supt. of Public Grounds.

Washington Realty and Investment Association, for the removal of one tree at 2760 Washington St., and one at 2766 Washington St.

Benj. F. Dewing et als., that some provision be made to prevent caterpillars from injuring the trees on Milford St., and that the trees be trimmed.

#### Lamps.

Frank T. Lewis et als., for one electric light at the corner of Harrishof and Haley Sts., and another at the corner of Dennison and Haley Sts.

#### Licenses.

George L. Layman, for leave to run a merry-go-round on vacant lot on D St., for three weeks beginning May 10, 1899.

#### Memorial Day.

Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68, G. A. R., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

#### Police (Ald.).

Ellen Hannan, to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs.

#### Public Improvements.

Remonstrance of the City of Chelsea against the closing of Chelsea bridge, North Draw, for the purpose of widening the draw.

S. Bresth, for leave to construct a bulk-head opening in sidewalk at 17 Norman St., Wd. 8.

John W. Wilson for leave to locate a post, with clock thereon, in the sidewalk at 11 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Remonstrance of Puritan Trust Co. against allowing bootblack stand on Franklin Av., adjoining its building.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:

Florence Lyman et als., on Canal St., Wd. 8.

Frances James, 2-4 Story St., Wd. 15.  
Henry J. Bowen, 99 Old Harbor St., Wd. 15.

Henry J. Bowen, 6-8 Story St., Wd. 15.  
Timothy L. Connolly, 33-41 Hunneman St., Wd. 17.

Margaret C. Keenan, 457 Quincy St., cor. Clarkson St., Wd. 20.

Alfred T. Haskell, Columbia Road, n. w. cor. Quincy St., Wd. 20.

Reuben Chapman, 14 Harbor View St., Wd. 20.

Allan J. MacKinnon, 32-34 Hartwell St., Wd. 21.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up unfinished business and on motion of Ald. Presho voted to consider Nos. 5 and 6, together, viz.:-

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

5. Thomas Dwight, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library, for the term ending April 30, 1903.

6. Joseph H. O'Neil and Edward H. Dunn, to be members of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for three years beginning May 1, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Presho and Dixon. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the appointments were confirmed. Ald. Presho moved to reconsider; lost.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:-

7. Louise S. O'Brien, Michael A. Kerrigan, Joseph Lee and Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, to be Overseers of the Poor, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1899.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move that we take up all the names but that of Mr. Joseph Lee. I want his name laid over for one week.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to know who Joseph Lee is?

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I can't tell the alderman who he is.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move you that all of No. 7 be laid over for one week.

The motion was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion was lost, yeas 5, nays 7:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Coiby, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration. It seems to me it would be a good deal better to lay over the whole matter than to pick out any one name, especially the name which the gentleman asks us to assign, when he himself does not know who the gentleman is. There are a number of these appointees whom I do not know, and I would like to investigate the whole subject, to see whether it would not be better to refuse confirmation on all these men. I hope the Board will lay the whole matter over rather than to pick out any one name, unless some good reason is given for picking it out. I therefore hope reconsideration will prevail and that the whole matter will be assigned for one week.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope reconsideration will prevail. I would like to find out between now and the next meeting why Mrs. Quinn's name was transferred from the Trustees of the Children's Institutions.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I haven't any interest in any particular name here, but, as a committee is out on the investigation, or so-called investigation, of Rainsford Island, perhaps it might be good

policy to lay the name of Mrs. Quinn over, also. I would ask that Mrs. Quinn's name be laid over, and I trust that the Board will be willing to lay over the whole matter.

Reconsideration was declared lost.

Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. Reconsideration was lost, yeas 5, nays 7:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Briek, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on taking No. 7 from the calendar, except Mr. Lee's name.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move the reference of this whole matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion was lost.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rainsford Island.

The motion was lost.

The question came on taking No. 7 from the calendar, excepting the name of Mr. Lee.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I move that exception be made also to the name of Mrs. Annie E. Quinn.

Ald. Presho's amendment was declared lost.

Ald. Presho doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. Presho's amendment was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Presho—3.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Briek, Codman, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—9.

The motion to take up all the names except that of Mr. Joseph Lee was declared carried. Ald. Colby doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was carried, yeas 9, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Erick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby—3.

The question came on confirmation of all the names except that of Mr. Lee. Committee, Ald. Dixon and Colby. Eleven ballots were cast: Yes 10, no 1, and all the appointments except that of Mr. Lee were confirmed.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move to assign the appointment of Mr. Joseph Lee as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor to the next meeting.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the name of Joseph Lee be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today.

Ald. Codman's motion was lost.

Ald. Dixon's motion to assign Mr. Joseph Lee's name to the next meeting, was declared carried. Ald. Berwin doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign Mr. Lee's name to the next meeting was carried, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Briek, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Presho—5.

Ald. Dixon moved to reconsider; lost.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 8, special assignment, viz:

8. Action on the appointment of Charles E. Stratton, to be member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the term of three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

The question came on confirmation.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I move reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend, that the Committee report back this afternoon.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I accept the amendment.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I object to that.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I trust that that motion will not prevail. This issue

has been squarely before the Board for a week and was fully debated at the last meeting. I don't know how any member can throw any light upon it more than he can throw in the open Board; and I trust that that motion will not prevail.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I hope the matter will go to the Committee on Public Improvements, and that it will not necessarily be referred back today. I believe it needs some consideration, and unless the majority thinks advisable I hope the matter will be sent there and not referred back today. However, I am willing to assent to the motion to refer back, and trust that it will be overruled afterwards.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I want to say in regard to this matter that I stood ready last Monday to vote against Mr. Stratton, and the alderman from Dorchester, as a matter of courtesy, asked assignment for a week. I don't ask for any information in regard to this appointment today, but there are several members of the Board of Aldermen, who think, if this is taken into the Committee on Public Improvements, they may get more light on the subject. I see the object of the alderman from Dorchester in desiring assignment to another week—for what purpose I do not care to state on the floor of the board at the present time. I am willing to accede to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 8. I trust that the matter will go to the Committee on Public Improvements and be returned today.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I have no desire at this time to hamper the confirmation of Mr. Stratton, but I do desire to say something in the Committee on Public Improvements in reference to his confirmation this afternoon; and I am perfectly satisfied that, if the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today, it will be satisfactorily arranged to all concerned. I trust that the motion to refer will prevail.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman on the other side of the chamber knows the reason why I want this assigned for another week, now is the time to state it. I have no reason for asking assignment for another week. I am ready to vote here and now; but I do not believe in sending this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements with instructions to send it back today. It seems to me to be a farce, because if the majority of the members want to send it back they can do so, and if they don't, they will not. I believe it is very possible that a number of members of this Board may get some information in relation to this matter when it is brought up in the Committee on Public Improvements, and I am willing to vote to have the matter sent there, but the insinuation of the gentleman opposite that he knows the reason why I want it assigned for another week, is not truthful, in my opinion, and if he knows such a reason he knows more than I do. I should like to have it stated right here.

No. 6 was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today.

#### VETO OF POLICE SALARY INCREASE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 9, special assignment, viz:

9. Report of the Committee on Police on message of the Mayor (referred December 19, 1898), vetoing an order increasing the salaries of certain members of the Police Department, recommending that the veto of His Honor the Mayor be sustained.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule at this time that No. 9 is not properly before this board. The matter involved is a vote of the government of 1898, action in which this government took no part. It seems to the Chair that the proper return to be

made should be that "no action is necessary," and the Chair will refer the matter to the Committee on Police.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz: B. A. Dyer, two, corner Quincy and Magnolia Sts., Wd 20; James H. Laby, one, 10 Tremont St., Wd 3.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, May 22, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### STORAGE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Edwin R. Flint for a license to store and keep for use oils or fluid composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 62 Western Av., Wd. 25—approving the same. Approved by the Board.

#### LIST OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

The following was received:—

Office of City Clerk, City of Boston,

City Hall, May 8, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston:—

I transmit herewith a list of record books of the cities and towns annexed to Boston, and of records of churches and religious societies which have ceased to have a legal existence, the care of whose records is not otherwise provided by law, and which are in my possession, together with a list of a large number of miscellaneous books, pamphlets, documents, papers, etc., pertaining to Boston and its annexed territory, most of which, for lack of better provision for their custody and safety, are now stored in the fire-proof room in the basement of City Hall. These records, documents, etc., I have had classified and arranged in shelves and drawers, and respectfully ask that said list be printed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Galvin, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the following list of constables' bonds:—

Charles H. Cole, William P. Cook, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, Charley A. Glover, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, Edward W. Kelly, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, William A. Mason, James Needham, Thomas D. Roberts, David Schapero, John J. Sullivan, Frank Yennaco.

Approved by the Board.

#### LEAGUE OF AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

A communication was received from B. F. Gilkison, secretary of League of American Municipalities, enclosing communication and resolution for the purpose of having the city become a member of the League.

Placed on file.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 72 newsboys, 23 bootblacks and 1 flower vender.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George L. Layman (referred today), for leave to run a merry-go-round on vacant lot on D St. for three weeks beginning May 10, 1899—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Henry W. Hubbard (referred April 12), illuminated sign, 117 Clifton St., Wd. 16.

Charles A. Raymond (referred May 1), illuminated sign, 2-8 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

George Burwell & Sons (referred April 24), sign, 569-573 Washington St., Wd. 7.

J. H. Gannon (referred May 1), illuminated sign, 2 Whitmore St., Wd. 7.

H. Cohen (referred May 1), sign, 79 Paris St., Wd. 2.

Muraine & Small (referred May 1), two barber poles, 65 Norway St., Wd 10.

Thomas J. Renwick (referred May 1), sign, 196 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Charles Tsing (referred May 1), sign 170 Marion St., Wd. 1.

Francis W. Reid (referred May 1), illuminated sign, 2807 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Francis Peabody, Jr., et als., trustees (referred April 12), for leave to construct a portion of basement of building on Atlantic Ave., East and Essex Sts. at grade 7, and a portion at grade 3—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw at their own request. Accepted.

#### WOODEN BUILDINGS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Henrietta Goldsmith (referred April 3)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on 1281-1283 Tremont st., cor. 3-5 Prentiss st. and 9 Prentiss st., Wd. 18, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for mercantile purposes.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred April 24)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Oak Sq., near Fanueil St., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a car-house; main building occupied for same purpose.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed. Sent down.

#### POLES FOR RAILROAD.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Co. (recommitted Jan. 30), for a location for tracks on Ashland and other streets, etc.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Hodges & Harrington, dated Jan. 21, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Canterbury St., 5 poles, 28 ft. in height, 3 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft. The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening

and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of Ald. Berwin, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back this afternoon.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company (referred from last year) that leave be granted to the last named Company to attach its wires to poles of the first named company on Hampden and Dudley Sts.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and to the Boston Automatic Fire Alarm Company to attach the wires of said Fire Alarm Company to, poles of said Telephone Company on Hampden and Dudley Sts.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of Joseph Herman & Company (referred April 18) for the removal of a pole of the Boston Electric Light Company on Dudley St., corner 2307 Washington St., Roxbury—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered—That the Boston Electric Light Company be hereby directed to remove the pole belonging to said company, located at the corner of Dudley St and 2307 Washington St.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred April 12) for an extension of time in which to relocate poles on Rockland St., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered: That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. in which to relocate poles on Rockland St, Wd 25, under the order passed by this board June 14, 1898, be and the same is hereby extended to July 1, 1899.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted from last year) for leave to erect and remove poles in Geneva Av. and Park St., Wd. 20—Recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:

Ordered, That permission be granted to N. E. Tel & Tel Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on plans deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:—

Geneva Ave., 2, 35 ft. x 11 inches, sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated November, 1889; Park St., 1, 30 ft. x 10 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated 1891.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to remove two poles from Geneva Ave. and one pole from Park St., said poles being shown by red dots marked "removed" on plans made by C. A. Perkins, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days

from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted April 24), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Sigourney St., Wd. 22, four, 35 ft. x 13 in., sidewalk 7 ft. wide; Beethoven St., Wd. 22, five, 35 ft. x 13 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide; Landseer St., Wd. 23, four, 35 ft. x 13 inches, sidewalk 6 ft. wide—date of plan, March 23, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. (recommitted April 24)—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Adams St., 8 poles, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; Hillside St., 2, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; Ocean St., 3, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; Roslin St., 2, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 8 ft.; Paris St., 4, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 8 ft.; Hooker St., 4, 35 ft. x 13 inches, width of sidewalk 7 ft.—date of plan March 31, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted April 24)—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:—

Brookside Ave., Wd. 22, 1, 35 ft. x 13 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; plan dated April 23, 1892.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to remove one pole from Brookside Ave., Wd. 22, said pole being shown by a red dot on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated April 23, 1892, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days

from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(8) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted April 24), recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

E St., 24, 35 ft. x 13 inches; sidewalk, 10 ft. wide; plan dated March 1, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(9) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted April 24)—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Munroe St., Wd. 21, 3, 25 ft. x 13 inches, sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated March 2, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(10) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted May 1), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Ashmont St., Wd. 24, 1, 35 ft. per 12 in., sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated March 9, 1897.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to remove one pole from Ashmont St.; said pole being shown by a red dot marked "removed" on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1897, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(11) Reports on the petitions (referred to-day) of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect four poles on Mt. Pleasant Ave., and of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, for leave to erect poles in East and West Cottage St.—Recommending the passage of orders of notice

for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petitions, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

(12) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions (referred from last year):—

United States Hotel Company, for leave to connect said Hotel with the East St. engine house by an electric wire.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Bicknell St., Wd. 20.

Remonstrance of John R. Morse and others against allowing the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to erect poles on Bicknell St.

Remonstrance of John Noble and others against allowing the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to erect poles on Ruthven St.

Remonstrance of Margaret A. Grace against granting a permit to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to erect poles on Crawford St., between Humboldt and Walnut Aves., or on Harold St., between Hamerton and Abbotsford Sts.

Remonstrance of Margaret A. Grace and others against the erection of poles on Crawford St.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on Crawford St., Walnut Ave. and Ruthven St., Wd. 21, and on Chestnut St., Wd. 5.

Catherine Foundation, for removal of an electric light pole from in front of 18 Julian St.

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to erect poles for its electric wires on Bunker Hill St., between Sackville and Main Sts., Wd. 4.

L. W. and H. F. Morse, for the removal of a pole of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Cheney St., Wd. 21.

Isaac H. Ripley and others, for a revocation of the permit to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to erect poles on Mt. Everett St., Wd. 20.

Joseph Herman & Company, for the removal of a pole of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Dudley St., corner of 2397 Washington St., Roxbury.

Mayor's message transmitting communication from the Wire Commissioner relative to rights to run wires, etc., through the city by Mixer Brothers.

Report on petition of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect poles on Crawford St., Wd. 21.

Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect poles on Crawford St., Wd. 21, and Savin Hill Av., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted.

#### REQUESTS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric lamp on Terrace St., Wd. 19.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light on Sydney St., in front of Harbor View St., Ward 20.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate an electric light on Warrenton St., as shown by enclosed plan; the expense of the same to be charged to the Lamp Department.

Orders severally passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove four trees, corner Park St. and Wellesley Park, Wd. 20; said trees being an obstruction to public travel; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree located in

front of estate 539 Seventh St., South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees in front of estate 2760-2766 Washington St., Roxbury; said trees being in a dangerous condition and a menace to public travel; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a decayed tree located at the corner of Scavens Ave. and Maple Pl.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree on Paris St. near the corner of Sumner St.; to remove a tree, partially dead, in front of 25 Princeton St., and to remove plank walk on the Border St. side of Central Sq. Pk., and concrete this walk in a manner similar to the other walks in the park, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department. Severally passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAINS IN EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested to inform this Board,

1st. Why the drinking fountain, understood to be a gift to the city, was removed from Central Sq.

2nd. What arrangements he has made or intends to make in regard to giving East Boston a share of the benefits to be derived from ice water fountains.

3rd. The location of all drinking fountains at present maintained in East Boston.

Passed.

#### SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS, CHAPMAN DISTRICT.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting how many school rooms are used at present in the Chapman district, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman School.

Passed.

#### PERMIT FOR N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. TO CLOSE STREETS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered the following:—

(1) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. to close the roadway on Harrison Ave. between Lovering Pl. and Broadway; Mott St., for 150 ft. west of Harrison Ave.; Way St., 100 ft. east of Harrison Ave., during the time necessary for placing Harrison Ave. to the proper grade lines.

(2) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. to close the roadway on Shawmut Ave. to all public travel, other than cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Co., from the north side of Boston & Albany bridge to a point 100 feet south of Castle St., and Castle St., for 100 feet east and west from Shawmut Ave., during the time necessary for changing the grade of said avenue.

Severally assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### FLAG POLE, COLUMBIA ROAD.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to have a flag pole erected on boulevard "Columbia Road," at a point indicated on plan herewith submitted, and to give a hearing on same to John A. Fowle, Boston St., Upham's Corner.

Passed.

#### REOPENING OF SILVER ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Silver St., South Boston, reopened to public travel.

Passed.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3:40 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Doye, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:27 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

#### HEARING ON RAILWAY DAMAGES.

An amended petition was received from Lizzie G. Thoits to the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners, for the assessment of her damages for land taken by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

On the above amended petition, it was:—

Ordered—That the petitioner be directed to give notice to all parties interested in said estate as mortgagees or lessces, by serving on each of them an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, fourteen days, at least, before the time of said hearing, which is to be given on Thursday, May 25, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M.

The order was passed.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Edward L. Brodie, (referred April 12), for leave to project one bay window from building, 29 Spring St., Wd. 8,—that leave be granted.

The report was accepted, and the question came on granting leave.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, on the question of granting leave, I was opposed to this petition, and opposed to the granting of petitions for bay windows in the West End, as a general thing, when they are classed as this one is. This bay window is to be built onto another building. The building at the corner of Spring and Chambers Sts., on Spring St., is about 8 feet wide. The bay window which is now on that building is about 5 feet in width. The building to which it is proposed to attach this bay window is about 17 feet in width. What I asked for in the petition is a bay window 12 feet wide and about 30 feet high. What this street may come to we have an example of on Chambers St.

Chambers St. is a street 45 or 50 feet wide at this point, and Spring St. is about 30 feet wide. Now there is a bay window on the other side of the street, 3 feet in width and with this bay window the width of that street in the upper portion will be reduced to about 24 feet. If this bay window is built other petitioners will come in from time to time and the whole purpose of their coming in is not to beautify the street but because it is cheaper for them to build in that way. For that reason I am opposed to the building of this bay window, and because the streets are narrow. For no other reason am I opposed to the granting of this petition. I have no desire to hamper Mr. Brodie, but because I believed that the committee had no knowledge of the subject, and that I had, I asked to have it sent to the Com-

mittee on Public Improvements. Mr. Colby has shown a desire to have it put through and I don't want to offer any strenuous objections; but coming from that section of the city I don't think it should be granted as I believe it to be a matter of public utility that it should not be granted.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of that Committee I would say that the petitioner asks for something that the law says he can have. Everything he asks for is perfectly legal. For that reason, I am in favor of granting it.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I have just a word to say. If I got into any trouble when I was in this board before, it was on account of the position I took on bay windows. I think I took more exceptions to the projection of bay windows than any other single member of the board and did as much, in my feeble way, to prevent the projection of bay windows as anybody. I believe the present restrictions by standing regulation of the board was passed through my instrumentality. I do not believe theoretically in allowing bay windows. We widen a street and then allow it to be encumbered with bay windows, which I think is wrong. My idea is that there are certain localities where bay windows should be kept out.

It so happens, however, that in some way or other, the West End has become peculiarly afflicted with bay windows; and in this particular case there is a bay window on the other half of the property in question, belonging to the same people. It would, therefore, be a very funny thing if we should not grant this petition. This property owner has two adjoining buildings there, upon one of which is a bay window—and the two buildings are really one; and, having a bay window on one part of the building, he asks for one on the other part. There is no good to be gained, so far as I can see, by refusing the petition, as there would still be this other bay window on that part of the street. I went down there this morning to satisfy myself whether this was a proper case for granting the petition, and I may say, after examination, I am satisfied that it is proper. If we should refuse to grant the petition, the peculiarity of the situation is that the petitioner has one bay window on the other half of the building, and I can see no particular harm in granting this.

The report was accepted and leave granted.

(2) Report on the petition of Jordan, Marsh & Company (referred May 1) for leave to project a permanent awning over the sidewalk at a new entrance to their store on Avon St., Wd 7—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(3) Report on the executive appointment of Charles E. Stratton to be Park Commissioner (referred today)—that the same be referred to the Board of Aldermen.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Colby and McDonald. Whole number of ballots, 11; yes 9, no 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

Ald. DOYLE moved to reconsider; lost.

(4) Report on the report of the Committee on Railroads, relative to the petition of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company for a location for tracks on Ashland and other streets, and for pole locations on Canterbury St. and Huntington Ave. (referred today)—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order, referred therewith.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(5) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, work under same to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the

ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:—

John W. Wilson (petition referred today) to erect, maintain and use a post with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate 11 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

John C. Inches and another (petition referred May 1), to place, maintain and use sidewalk light covers over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate 33-35 Court St., Wd. 6.

Estate of John L. Gardner (petition referred May 1), to construct, maintain and use an area 15 ft. by 10 ft., with covers of solid granite, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 551 Tremont St., Wd. 9, as shown on plan dated April 26, 1899, on file in the Permit office of the Street Department.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(6) Report on the petition of John Soley & Sons (referred May 1), for leave to move a wooden building from 521-523 Western Ave. to Mackin St., opposite Warren School, Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, hip roof, 36 feet in length, by 23 feet in width, by 33 feet in height, from 521-523 Western Ave., through Western Ave. and Mackin St., to lot on Mackin St., opposite the Warren School, Wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(7) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estate:—

(Petitions referred May 1.)

John Mahan, 51-57 Dewey St., Wd. 16, granite edgestone.

Louis Henlein, 10 Morse St., Wd. 20, granite edgestone.

Anne M. Badger, 14 Ruthven St., granite edgestone.

M. H. Cobe, 29 Howland St., Wd. 21, granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, order severally passed.

(8) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owner to furnish material, as follows:—

(Petitions referred May 1.)

J. Goldinger, 51 Morris St., Wd. 1, brick.

B. M. Schwartz, 136 Paris St., Wd. 2, brick.

James Hogan and others, 1-3-5 Victor St., Wd. 16, brick.

Arthur McArthur and another, 56-58 Sawyer Av., Wd. 20, brick.

Catherine Lombard, 101 Bowdoin Av., Wd. 20, gravel.

First Parish in Brighton, Chestnut Hill Av., Wd. 25, gravel.

J. Goldinger, 106-116 Everett St., Wd. 2 (without granite edgestone).

Catherine F. Erb, 9 Fenelon St., Wd. 20 (without granite edgestone).

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

#### M. V. M. TRANSPORTATION AND TARGET PRACTICE.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to provide the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston during the present season, at an expense not exceeding \$5000; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public buildings department.

The CHAIRMAN—This is the customary order, passed each year.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask for information. I understand that the question of picking out the site came before the Committee on Armories this year. Under the circumstances, wouldn't it be better to have the matter laid over?

The CHAIRMAN—I beg pardon—this is for transportation, to get to and fro, for moving wagons, etc., each year.

Ald. CODMAN—To and from where?

The CHAIRMAN—To and from the different armories, to the destination, wherever it may be, and back again.

Ald. CODMAN—Isn't that because of the fact that they have to go out of town at the present time, whereas if a site were selected by the city such transportation would not be necessary?

The CHAIRMAN—No, this is simply an allowance of so much for fares, and so on, and if anything is left over it will go to the sinking fund.

Ald. CODMAN—Well, Mr. Chairman, I have received certain information into which I would like to inquire; and, unless the Chair's information is very positive, I would like to have the matter laid over to the next meeting, so that I may look into it.

The CHAIRMAN—I have no objection.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Board, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### ENLARGEMENT OF HANCOCK SCHOOL LOT.

The following was received—  
City of Boston, In School Committee,  
April 25, 1899.

Ordered, That the Ingraham School property on Sheafe St., be surrendered to the City Council, the same being no longer required for school purposes, with the recommendation that said lot and building be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be applied to the cost of land to be taken for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince St.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

In connection with the above, Ald. Dixon offered an order—That the Ingraham School property on Sheafe St. be placed in charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be used for taking land for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince St.

The order was passed.

The communication and order were sent down.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, reconsideration on all votes passed today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Day, at 4:46 P.M., to meet on Monday, May 15, at 3 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, May 11, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

## CLOSING OF BROADWAY BRIDGE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 20, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting information as to "the reason why the bridge on Broadway, between Dorchester Ave. and Harrison Ave., is closed, and also the length of time it is proposed to keep said bridge closed."

Yours Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston April 18, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I beg to submit the following report, in accordance with the request contained in the inclosed order of the Common Council.

Broadway bridge (between Dorchester Ave. and Harrison Ave.) was closed under authority of an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed April 12, 1899, during the construction of the widened bridge, in connection with the new tracks of the Boston and Providence Railroad, making connection with the Terminal Station. The railroad officials report that this work will be completed by the first of June. One sidewalk will be kept open on Broadway, but it is not possible to maintain a roadway during this construction.

Yours very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Placed on file.

## EMPLOYMENT OF NON-RESIDENTS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 11, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

In reply to the accompanying order, referred to me, I can only state that in vetoing, under date of March 17th, the amendment of Section 12 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances providing that none but legal voters of Boston shall be employed in any capacity as male subordinates in any department, I distinctly stated that, under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885, it was, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, "entirely outside of the powers of the City Council to undertake to define by ordinance the qualifications of officials or employees, or to impose limitations upon their selection by the executive departments." It follows that such amendment to the ordinances cannot be recognized by the Executive as having any legal force or effect, and until a court decides otherwise the heads of departments will not consider themselves called upon to pay any attention to the amendment. I should consider that a recognition of this amendment as having any legal effect was a surrender by the Mayor of powers lodged in his hands by the charter amendment Act of 1885, and it will only be regarded, therefore, as an expression of opinion as to the proper executive policy on the part of the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered—That the Trustees for Children, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council

what justification they had for appointing on April 5, 1899, John C. Davis of Vermont as assistant superintendent at Rainsford Island, after the passage of the ordinance requiring male employees of the city to be citizens and legal voters of Boston.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Linehan of Ward 13.

## STREETS FOR SOUTH UNION STATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 27, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in reply to your order requesting "a list of the streets given by the city of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities in said city, etc."

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Street Commissioners'  
Office, City Hall, Room 38,

April 24, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: The Board of Street Commissioners respectfully report, in reply to the order of the Common Council of March 30, 1899, requesting a list of the streets given by the city of Boston to the Old Colony Railroad Company to increase its terminal facilities at South Boston, in 1893, and the amounts given by the railroad company in return, that no streets were given by the city of Boston to the railroad company, but that Swan, Colony and Ontario streets, and a part of Foundry street were taken by the Old Colony Railroad Company and discontinued under authority of chapter 127 of the acts of the Legislature of 1893, empowering the company to take, for an increase of its terminal facilities at South Boston, all the territory bounded by Dorchester Ave., West Fourth St. and the line of the railway.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners,

J. H. Jenkins, Secretary.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, before that communication is placed on file I should like to say just one or two words. In that section of Wd. 13 that I have the honor to represent in part four acres of streets have been handed over to the railroad corporation, the terminal company, without one dollar of compensation. I would like to make that statement, because the railroad company has the right to take any number of streets for so-called public improvement, but when the city of Boston wants a foot of land to make an improvement like Cove St. extension, they have to pay for every foot. I would like to make that statement right here.

The communication was placed on file.

## WALL—EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 4, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Cemetery Trustees in reply to your order requesting "a list of the bidders and contracts awarded, if any, for the construction of the fence at Evergreen Cemetery, and a statement of the material to be used in said construction."

In accordance with their suggestion, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, rescinding the appropriation for a wall at the Evergreen Cemetery, so that a new appropriation of the same amount may be made for a fence.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.—Cemetery Department.  
Office of Chairman, 92 State St.,  
Boston, Mass., May 2, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of  
Boston.

Dear Sir: In Common Council, September 15th, 1898, it was ordered that the Cemetery Trustees be hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1500 for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

This was approved by Your Honor September 21st, 1898.

The frontage of Evergreen Cemetery requires a wall about 800 feet long. This wall should be at least four feet high, of solid construction, with iron pickets on top to protect the grounds from trespassers. Such a wall would require an expenditure at least double the sum appropriated.

After investigation, this Department recommends, as in accord with the appropriation, the construction of an iron fence. One suitable in design and strength can be built for \$1635, which is the lowest figure received on estimates furnished by iron fence builders.

In the opinion of the Board, the Trustees do not feel authorized to expend the sum of \$1500 for the construction of a fence, inasmuch as the phraseology of the original order reads "for the construction of a wall."

Inasmuch as a wall cannot possibly be constructed for the sum appropriated, and as some protection is urgently necessary in the front of Evergreen Cemetery, we desire to have the original order rescinded and the amount of \$1500 made available for the construction of an iron fence.

Yours respectfully,

J. Albert Brackett,

Chairman Cemetery Department.

Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, be and hereby is rescinded.

The communication was sent up and the order assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Bennett of Wd. 5.

VETERANS IN BATH DEPT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 27, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the secretary of the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting "a complete list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of said department."

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Department of Baths, 64 Pemberton Sq.,  
Boston, April 22, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor City of Boston,  
Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I am requested by the Bath Trustees to reply to the order of Councilman Bordman of Wd. 10, dated April 6, 1899.

After considerable inquiry, we find that no veterans have ever been certified to the Bath Commission from the Civil Service, and as no hearing has ever been asked for by any of the employees who have been suspended temporarily, we have no "list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of the said department," to send to the City Council, and know of no veterans in the department.

Yours respectfully,

Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary.

Order printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8.

BATH DEPT. EXPENSES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, April 27, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the secretary of the Bath Commission in reply to your order requesting information as to the expenditures of the Bath Department during the current financial year.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Department of Baths,  
64 Pemberton Sq.,

Boston, April 22, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I have prepared the following data which will show the expenditure of money in the Bath Department for the fiscal year of 1899:—

February draft.....	\$531 76
In preparation for bathing season	
the following articles were purchased:	
Suits .....	\$2662 24
Towels .....	682 34
Soap .....	355 35
Rent of Bathing places for the year:	
Dorchester .....	400 00
East Boston, Dry dock.....	450 00
East Boston (Wharf) Dec. Jan., Feb. ....	150 00
Boston Elec. Light.....	682 63
(Light at various beaches and houses from Aug. 1st, '99, to Jan. 1st, '99).	
Towing Bathhouses and floats—	
18.8 (Aug. 25 to Oct. 19).....	495 00
	<hr/> 5877 56
Balance.....	2654 20

The balance was expended for small items such as: Ropes, chains, oars, machinery supplies, laundry and gymnasium supplies, tools, locks and keys; all of which articles are for permanent use during the coming season of 1899.

March draft.....	\$233 73
Pay Rolls for February.....	150 00
East Boston, rent of wharf: (March, April, May, 1899).	
Coal for January at different places .....	102 50
Boston Elec. Light: (Light at Dover St. and E. B. Gym., Jan.).....	168 42
	<hr/> 2146 46

Balance .....	387 27
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The balance was expended for small items such as: Teaming, rent of piano, laundry supplies, etc.

April Draft.....	\$623 26
North End Park. Bills for 1898:	
Lighting .....	\$638 09
Reconstruction of machinery.....	247 00
New shelter tent.....	165 00
New Laundry machinery.....	95 92
Pay rolls, bath dept. for March.....	1873 92
Bills pub. bldgs. opt., repair division .....	2387 06
	<hr/> 5906 99

Balance.....	1016 27
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The balance was expended for small items such as: Coal, telephones, ice, teaming, stoves, etc.

The bills for the Repair Division on the April draft were for repairs on various places during 1898, properly charged to the maintenance account. These repairs were necessitated by the increase in patronage at all places during the bathing season.

The order of Councilman Chamberlain states that but one bath is at present opened to the public. This is an error, as at the present time, beside Dover Street Bath, the East Boston Gymnasium, five convenience stations and twelve urinals are maintained. We also have a force of three men employed at the wharf, repairing houses; two watchmen are also employed and the office force is maintained. Pay Rolls for each month, at present, amount to \$1800.00.

Concerning the expenditure of money

on loan account for summer baths, permanent improvements, the following is a list, as taken from the Auditor's books. All these permanent improvements were necessitated last year by the increased demand for bathing and are in good order for this year's summer bathing:—

Harvard Bridge Bathhouse.....	\$1051 12	
Harvard Bridge Bathhouse.....	2425 44	
Harvard Bridge Landing.....	1910 68	
Permanent work, N. End Park	918 19	
Permanent work, N. End Park..	1278 26	
New houses at L St. Beach and new rafts.....	2416 31	\$10,000 00

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, this communication makes a pretense of explaining the inordinate expenditure by this board of Bath Trustees of funds placed in its charge to maintain the Bath Dept. during the coming summer.

A careful analysis of the \$17,988.75 expended out of the maintenance fund shows that a great amount was expended for the unpaid bills of last year, which were illegally incurred and without regard to results. The balance of this maintenance expenditure with the exception of pay rolls are for things bought in excess last year, such as bathing suits, machinery, tools, etc.

As the Mayor has testified before a legislative committee recently that the baths must close before the end of the coming season on account of lack of funds, and as the first duty of the Bath Trustees should be to keep the bathhouses open as long as possible these and similar expenditures prove the lack of foresight with which the board has and is acting. One question here might not be out of place. Who makes the purchases for the Bath Dept. and is he above suspicion?

As for the \$10,000 expended for summer baths every penny of this money was spent last year and without legal right for Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885, Section 6, expressly provides that no expenditure shall be made nor liability incurred for any purpose beyond the appropriation duly made therefor. This official admission together with the rest of the report fully justifies the action of the Council of last year and shows that the charges made at that time are amply sustained.

The Council of this year was deceived in voting this amount of money for Summer Baths, for it supposed it was giving permission for new expenditures during the coming summer.

As to the statement made that I was in error when I stated that but one bath was open I wish merely to say that this reply bears out the truth of my statement for it is acknowledged that but one bath—the Dover St. Bath—is open. I am not so uncharitable as to suppose that the Secretary, Mr. Kearns, contends that urinals and public convenience stations are baths. He probably intended to convey the impression that the dept. had other ways of expending money.

Last Monday I was promised by Mr. Kearns an account of the gross amounts expended during February, March and April, 1899, for (1) Baths, (2) Gymnasias, and (3) urinals and public convenience stations. I was unable yesterday to obtain these figures at the time stated for I found no one in charge of the Bath Dept., Mr. Kearns being detained at home by sickness.

I am informed, however, on the best of authority that the amount of money expended outside of Baths, pure and simple, for the first 3 months of this fiscal year is a very small part of the total \$18,000 expended.

Mr. RICE of Wd. 2—Mr. President, on account of the lengthy report, I move you, sir, that it be assigned for one week and printed.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President,

before that motion is put, I will request Mr. Rice to withdraw it, because I wish to ascertain a particular item that appears there at the present time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, if the motion as made is carried, there is nothing in it to prevent the gentleman from obtaining any information he sees fit to obtain at this time.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I did not understand the item—and it struck me very forcibly—in regard to the "rent of piano." I did not know that pianos were used in bathing. I would like to have the clerk read that part of the communication again, so that I may understand what it is.

(The Clerk read the part of the communication referred to.)

Mr. Rice's motion to print and assign to the next meeting was carried.

#### PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:—  
To the Honorable City Council of the City of Boston:—

The undersigned encloses the petition of the North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associated Charities of Boston, asking that three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated toward the renting of a field of about eight acres located on the south and west sides of Waverly St. and north of Lincoln St., in the middle of the thickly populated tenement district extending from the Boston & Albany R. R. to the Charles River, and also extending from Market St. to Everett St.

I desire to add my respectful petition that the City will find it possible to grant this request and make this great addition to the out-of-door facilities of the rather poor population who inhabit this whole territory.  
Robt. Treat Palne.

April 29, 1899.  
(Accompanying the communication was the petition addressed to the Board of Park Commissioners, referred to above.)  
Placed on file.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS AT DRY DOCK.

The following was received:—  
Executive Mansion, Washington.

April 8, 1899.  
My Dear Sir:—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, submitting a resolution adopted by the Common Council of your city, and to state that by direction of the President it has been forwarded for the consideration of the Secretary of the Navy.

Very truly yours,  
Geo. B. Cortelyou,  
Assistant Secretary to the President.  
Hon. Daniel J. Kiley, President, the Common Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

Navy Department,  
Washington, April 13, 1899.  
Sir: The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, addressed to the President, containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Boston, protesting against the importation of alien labor for employment on the Boston dry dock.

In reply I have to inform you that the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks to whom your letter was referred, reports that the Bureau has transmitted a copy of the resolution referred to to the contractors for the construction of the dry dock at the Navy Yard, Boston, inviting their attention to the provisions of law relating to the importation of aliens under contract to perform labor in the United States.

Very respectfully,  
John D. Long, Secretary.  
Mr. Daniel J. Kiley, President, Common Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

Navy Department,  
Washington, April 22, 1899.  
Sir: Referring to your letter of the 6th

instant, containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of Boston, protesting against the importation of alien labor for employment on the Boston Dry Dock, and to the Department's reply thereto, stating that the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of this Department had transmitted a copy of said resolution to the contractors for the construction of the dry dock referred to, inviting their attention to the provisions of law relating to the importation of aliens under contract to perform labor in the United States, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from Messrs. O'Brien and Sheehan, the contractors for the Boston dry dock, in which they state that they have taken no steps to import labor for the construction of the dock, nor have they any intention of doing so.

Very respectfully,

John D. Long, Secretary.

Mr. Daniel J. Kiley, President, Common Council, Boston, Massachusetts.

New York, April 17th, 1898.

Mordecai T. Endicott, Chief of Bureau, Yards & Docks, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of your favor of April 12th, enclosing copy of communication addressed to the President of the United States by the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, with reference to the employment of certain labor in connection with the work of construction of the Dry Dock for the Navy at the Navy Yard at Boston, Mass.

In reply thereto we beg leave to say that there is not the shadow of foundation for the adoption of the resolution referred to by the Common Council of the City of Boston, and the Council is very much in error in saying that it was the intention of the contractors to import a large number of employees from other places to the detriment of the citizens of the City of Boston.

The fact is we have carried on a great deal of public work in and around Boston for the last four or five years, and all our employees are residents and citizens of the City of Boston. This applies to work under contract to us, and work in which we are interested, and especially applies to contracts for the Moon Island Reservoir, in the City of Boston, New State Dock, at South Boston, also work at Readville and Jamaica Plain.

It will not be necessary to increase our force in order to carry on the construction of the New Dry Dock, as the force now employed by us on other work in and around Boston and nearing completion, will be transferred to the Dry Dock.

Respectfully yours,

O'Brien & Sheehan.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, owing to the absence of the councilman who introduced the resolution, I move that the several communications be printed and assigned to the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

#### PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, together, viz.:

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in relation to the order requesting said board to allow young boys their former playground in Franklin Park, stating that this playground has never been taken away from the younger children.

2. Mayor's message transmitting copy of "An Act relative to the Sewerage Works of the City of Boston" (House Bill 1129) and copy of a letter of the Superintendent of Streets explaining financial consequences which will result from passage of said bill in its present form.

3. Mayor's message transmitting the report of the Advisory Committee on Free

Municipal Lectures, giving a summary of the work of the past winter season.

4. Notice of the appointment of Aldermen Doyle, Codman, Dixon, Colby and McDonald on the joint special committee relative to petitioning for an act to allow the city to manufacture and sell gas and electricity.

Severally placed on file.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2, to consider Nos. 5 to 19, inclusive, together, viz.:

5. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition, referred May 19, 1898, of Hugo Pinkson for compensation for damage to property at 287 Tremont St., caused by the construction of the subway—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

6. Report of same committee, on petition, referred May 9, 1898, of Hubert McCorkle for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Rockland St.—leave to withdraw, on account of late notice.

7. Report of same committee, on petition, referred October 17, 1898, of Grace B. Dickhut for compensation for loss of her bicycle which was run into by a city team—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

8. Report of same committee, on petition, referred March 13, of George A. Jordan to be paid the amount of judgment and costs of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer,—leave to withdraw.

9. Report of same committee, on petition, referred January 30, of Warren N. Gerald to be repaid a part of the amount paid for an intelligence office license,—leave to withdraw.

10. Report of same committee, on petition, referred January 30, of Esther Lake for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Berkeley St.—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

11. Report of same committee, on petition, referred June 27, 1898, of Simon Feder for compensation for injuries received by an alleged defect in Charles St.—leave to withdraw.

12. Report of same committee, on petition, referred July 11, 1898, of William L. Benedict for compensation for damages to estate on Selkirk road, caused by blasting in the construction of a sewer,—leave to withdraw.

13. Report of same committee, on petition referred October 24, 1898, of Ellen Cannon for compensation for injuries received on account of an alleged defect in Newhall St.—leave to withdraw.

14. Report of same committee, on petition, referred November 21, 1898, of Michael Tierney for compensation for damage to property at 216 Massachusetts Ave., caused by persons at work for the city,—leave to withdraw.

15. Report of same committee, on petition, referred November 21, 1898, of Michael E. Hanley for compensation for injuries received on account of an alleged defect on Beach St.—leave to withdraw.

16. Report of same committee, on petition, referred February 20, of the Armstrong Transfer Company, to be paid for damage to team, caused by a team of the city,—leave to withdraw.

17. Report of same committee, on petition, referred April 3, of George W. Oliver, for payment to Harry W. Powers, of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Armandine St.—leave to withdraw.

18. Report of same committee, on petition, referred November 28, 1898, of Elizabeth Schneider to be paid for damage to property, caused by breaking of a sewer in Ward St.—leave to withdraw.

19. Report of same committee, on petition, referred December 12, 1898, of Casper Berry, to be paid for damage to estate 82-88 Leverett St., caused by leakage from a sewer—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

20. Report of Committee on Police—no

further action necessary, on the following matters, viz:—

Remonstrance of Sarah J. Boyden and others (referred October 11, 1897) against allowing hawkers and pedlers to cry their wares on certain streets in Roxbury.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred April 21, 1898) against the proposed increase of pay of the police force.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred June 30, 1898), against the proposed increase of pay of patrolmen.

Order (referred January 13, 1898), concerning one day's leave of absence in thirty without loss of pay for policemen.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 21 to 23, inclusive, together, viz:—

21. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Patrick Hart, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Patrick Hart the sum of thirty-two dollars and eighty-four cents (\$32.84) being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bowen St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 124.

22. Report of same committee, on petition of Frank Brewster, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of two hundred twelve dollars and fifty-four cents (\$212.54), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Massachusetts Ave., corner Lansdowne St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2532, fol. 231.

23. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas F. Glennon et als., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of one hundred five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$105.65), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Ward St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 219.

24. Report of same committee, on petition of James W. Horne, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary F. Dieling the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars and two cents (\$135.02), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Armandine St., Dorchester, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 34.

25. Report of same committee, on petition of John H. Proctor, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John H. Proctor the sum of two hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-seven cents (\$267.47), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Elmira St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 71.

26. Report of same committee, on petition of Harriet B. Preston, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet B. Preston the sum of forty-one dollars and forty-eight cents (\$41.47), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mill St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2407, fol. 586.

27. Report of same committee, on petition of Jane E. Newell, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Jane E. Newell the sum of one hundred fifty-one dollars and forty-one cents (\$151.41), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 65.

28. Report of same committee, on petition of George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustees, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George D. Low and Henry M. Williams, trustees, the sum of one hundred thirty dollars and eighty cents (\$130.80), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Forest Hills St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2531, fol. 116.

29. Report of same committee, on petition of James A. Floyd, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James A. Floyd the sum of two hundred twenty-three dollars and eighty cents (\$223.80), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Hillside Terrace, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 539.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, to consider Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33 together, viz:—

30. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of John E. Cousens, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Cousens to build a wooden building in rear of Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a coal elevator.

31. Report of same committee, on petition of John A. Emery, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Emery to build a wooden addition to building, 24-26 Island St., Wd. 17, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used for manufacturing purposes.

32. Report of same committee, on petition of Henrietta Goldsmith, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Goldsmith to build a wooden building at 1281-1283 Tremont St., corner 3-5 Prentiss St. and 9 Prentiss St., Wd. 18, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used for mercantile purposes.

33. Report of same committee, on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said company to build a wooden addition to building on Oak Sq., near Faneuil St., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used as a carhouse.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

34. Report of Committee on Police, that the following order, referred to said committee, ought to pass:—

Ordered, That the Board of Police be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed to allow and pay to Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of late Patrolman William D. Leavitt, deceased October 28, 1898, an annuity of three hundred (300) dollars per annum, commencing on the 29th of October, 1898, as provided by section 2 of chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that the report and order be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I have no particular reason for objecting to the motion made by the gentleman from Wd. 8, in the fourth division, but I have been informed today that this merely provides for payment of this money from the Police relief fund, and is a mere matter of form so far as this Council is concerned. If such is the case, and my statement does not meet with opposition, I see no reason why we should assign the matter.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, my reason for asking for assignment is that I may look into the matter. I know of several cases—one case in particular—where an officer has left a widow and large family, and if there is any such action as that I would like to look into it, in order to have the widow I speak of come under the same act. I ask that this be assigned to the next meeting, in order that I may look into the matter.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope the matter will not be assigned, unless some better excuse can be given. There is no question at all but that section 2, chapter 178, of the Acts of 1897, does provide for this specific matter and unless some argument can be offered to prove that what I say is untrue, I hope the matter will not be assigned. The money is to be taken from the Police Fund, not from any fund of the city, as I understand, although I am not a member of the Police Committee—and, if that is the case, I think as a mere matter of form this should pass the Council. I think it should not be assigned.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, this order provides merely for an annuity of \$300 a year. The legislature, I believe, allows the expenditure of \$3000 by the department every year in that way, and in view of the fact that the widow will get it annually, it matters not when we act upon it. She will get it annually, anyway, whether we pass the order this week or next week. If we should assign it to another year she would lose \$300, but that is not the question. I think it is only courtesy to allow the gentleman time to look into the matter, and I trust that assignment will prevail.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

35. Report of same committee, on communication from Board of Police on the subject, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the salaries of the police matrons for Division 11 and Division 13 be fixed at the rate of two hundred (200) dollars per annum for the period during which they are employed.

The report was accepted in concurrence, the order was read once, and the question came on giving it a second reading.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I move that further consideration of this matter be assigned for one week.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I trust that the matter will not be assigned unless the gentleman gives us some reason for assignment.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to ask some member of the Committee on Police for some information myself. From what little I know about it, I think the order is all right, but I think they can help us out; therefore, I trust some member will enlighten us.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Police, I will state that divisions 11 and 13 are the only divisions where the matrons have been paid \$100 per annum. Some divisions pay as high as \$400 or \$500, but the salaries of these matrons have remained year after year at the small sum of \$100 per year. The communication that came to the Committee from the Board of Police in regard to this matter, stated that although the salary of the positions had not increased during the last three or four years, the work of the matrons was three times as much as it used to be. The

Committee decided that it was no more than right that the matrons of these two divisions should have their salaries increased by the small sum of \$100 a year, which still makes them the smallest paid of any of the matrons in any of the divisions of our Police Department today.

The question came on the question to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will not be assigned to the next meeting. As one of the Committee on Police, I wish to state that the information we received was that these parties at the present devote the largest share of their time to the work, and certainly, considering the amount of time that is given, they should have this increase in their salary. For a person who devotes practically the whole of her time, \$200 is a small amount. I hope the order will pass.

Mr. SIMPSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman in this division (Mr. Chamberlain) what the matron of Police Division 7 receives?

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I am unable to answer that question.

Mr. SIMPSON—Mr. President, I hope this matter will be assigned for one week.

The motion to assign was lost, the order was read a second time, and was passed in concurrence. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider; lost.

36. Report of the Joint Special Committee on Memorial Day, on requests of G. A. R. Posts and other organizations, for allowances from the city for memorial purposes, recommending the passage of an accompanying order making specific appropriations for posts and organizations, to be expended in accordance with the provisions of chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886, as set forth in City Document No. 84.

Q. on acceptance of said reports and ordering the orders to a second reading.

The report was accepted in concurrence, the reading of the orders was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2, and the question came upon their passage.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered the following amendment:—

Amend by reducing the appropriation for the Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans from \$370 to \$300; increasing the appropriation for the Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association from \$190 to \$250, and increasing the appropriation for the Peter Salem Garrison No. 4, R. A. & N. U. from \$190 to \$200.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I had Lopes, when this matter was presented to the committee on public improvements of the board of aldermen, that they would have increased the amount allowed the Grand Army posts, or, rather reinstated the amount of money that has usually been appropriated by the city of Boston for the Grand Army Posts; but, inasmuch as they did not do that, and seeing at the same time that they saw fit to give the Kearsarge Association \$370, making that association on a par with the Grand Army posts, and knowing as I do that it is an organization composed of a body of men who are in very good circumstances, and realizing that the Robert Gould Shaw Veteran Association and the Peter Salem Garrison are composed of men who are comparatively poor, I thought it nothing more than right and just that the Committee on Memorial Day might have given to the wealthy organization a sufficient amount to have permitted them to carry on their business, and still at the same time have remembered those who are not in a position to help themselves.

I have seen fit, Mr. President, to ask the members of this body to take away from that association a very small amount—\$70—and divide that amount up among these two poor organizations. They are both colored organizations—and it is with

much reluctance that I use that word here. I never like to refer to any particular class, or to say "colored," but I believe that on this occasion it is necessary for me to use the word "colored" in order that I might rightly set before the gentleman of this Council the reason why I have taken this step. These men for whom I speak at this hour are all poor men. Some of them are working today at starvation wages, while others are not working at all. They desire to strew upon the graves of their comrades on the 30th of May flowers, and if they have the money, I am sure they would not ask the City of Boston for one copper. When I say, gentlemen, that these men are in need of this money, and when I say that these men spent last year in excess of the appropriation made by the City Council, a considerable sum—I do not exaggerate. I subscribed myself—and God knows that I could not afford it, but they were mine, and I felt at the time that anything I could do to aid them, I would do. I aided these men, assisted them, in paying their bills last year. The amount of money appropriated by the City of Boston was not sufficient, and they had to go around and levy a tax upon the members of the organization, in order to meet that demand, and if the amount that is given them this year by the City of Boston is not increased, I am sure they will have to do likewise. I appeal at this time to the members of this body. I ask you, gentlemen, to take from this rich organization, composed of men who are in good circumstances, composed of men who, if they should not be given enough to meet their Memorial Day expenses, every one of them, I might say—possibly with a few exceptions—could go down into their pockets to pay the balance that would be needed, and would not miss it. But I speak now for men who are poor and have not the means—poor but good, and who behave themselves as they should. They are black-eyed beauty spots, old African touch-me-nots. Mr. President, I trust the gentlemen of the Council will give me the addition that I desire.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would state as a member of the Committee on Memorial Day that the committee found this year that they were \$600 short of the amount the committee had last year to divide up among the different posts, etc.; and, as we went through the list of appropriations of last year, we cut down those posts that then received \$400 to \$370; those posts that had \$250, to \$235; those that had \$200, to \$190. That made the cut proportionate throughout. Now, there were no persons who appeared before us, with the exception of one representative of the Joseph Hooker Command, No. 9, U. V. U., I believe, and we have cut them from \$150 to \$140, but, seeing that that command would be very hard pushed this year, we finally gave that representative \$10 to split up between his command and one other command, the Farragut Association. I do not question the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead), but I think no harm will be done if his proposition to cut the Kearsarge Association from \$370 to \$300 is laid over, with this whole matter for a week. I hope this matter will be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I think we ought to vote on this matter tonight. Supposing we assign it for a week and then the order should be amended. The whole thing would then have been delayed for seven days, bringing it to the 18th, and if an amendment is made the matter will have to go to the board of aldermen the following Monday, and there will be at best a very serious delay. The fact is, this money must be appropriated previous to the 30th of May, because the city is not allowed to approve bills that are incurred without an appropriation. If we delay the matter for a week and then

amend it, and it has to go to the board of aldermen, the board of aldermen will not meet until the 22nd, when there may be a still longer delay, and the matter may be tied up so that the appropriation cannot be used by the 30th of the month at all. I am ready to vote tonight—and I am free to confess that I will vote with Brother Armistead. I hope this matter will come to a vote tonight.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, as a member of the committee, together with my friend in this division (Mr. Lydon), I would simply say that we met in committee meeting to look into this matter. We studied it over very carefully, and I should have been glad to have my friend in the first division (Mr. Armistead) appear before us at that time, and state what he has stated here tonight. We might have been able to do something to help him out. But, under the instruction that came through Mr. Barry, the Chairman, he stating to us that His Honor the Mayor was not going to give us over \$8000 to spend for the day, we thought the only fair thing to do was to make a reduction pro rata among the different posts and organizations. We therefore reported as we have, in order that the money might be used for Memorial Day. I hope that assignment will not prevail, but that the order will go through tonight.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the gentleman in the third division, let me say that I did appear before the Committee on Memorial Day, but, unfortunately for me, the committee had adjourned before I arrived. Notices were sent out to the effect that the committee would meet at 8 o'clock. I was present at a quarter past 8, and no one was there but the chairman of the committee and the clerk. That committee must have done its business up in double-quick order. I certainly intended to have stated my grievances before the committee, and to have tried to get them to do something for these organizations. I regret very much that I did not meet the members of the committee.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I wish to state, in regard to changing or altering this report, that I was requested by some good friends of mine to have their appropriation increased this year, and Mr. Bordman, a member of this body, was very much interested in my friend from Wd. 11's case, and he therefore tried in every way possible to secure an additional appropriation for the Robert G. Shaw command. But, after considering the matter for some time, we came to the conclusion that the only way that would be fair to all concerned, in view of the fact that there were a great many other Posts as much entitled to consideration, as we felt, as the Robert G. Shaw—some of the other Posts and Commands that different parties were interested in personally—would be to cut the amount for each organization proportionately as against the sum received by it last year. We did that as we were given to understand that the Mayor would not give us another penny beyond \$8000. Of course, we deplore the fact that the amount has been cut, because we are aware that the posts are getting poorer each year and that they have more graves to decorate on Memorial Day; but we could not give to one without being unfair to the others, and had to cut proportionately.

The motion to assign was lost.

Mr. Armistead's amendment was adopted. The order as amended was passed. Mr. Armistead moved to reconsider, trusting that the same would not prevail; lost. Send up.

37. Communication from the School Committee surrendering to the City Council the Ingraham School property on Sheafe St.

The following order comes down in connection with said communication:

Ordered, That the Ingraham School property on Sheafe St. be placed in charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to be sold, and that the proceeds of such sale be used for taking land for the enlargement of the Hancock School lot on Prince St.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

38. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, which comes down without alteration, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on April 27, also transmitting copies of communications from the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the Chief of the Electrical Construction Division and the Superintendent of the Boston Division of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, showing the necessity of the appropriation, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand (4000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Moon Island to Long Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement in explanation of the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment upon this matter. The Chair will state that the telephonic communication between Long Island, Rainsford Island and Gallops Island was cut off, owing to the catching of the cable by the anchor of an incoming vessel. The order providing \$4000, as passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment—and which was voted for by your humble servant—provides for telephonic communication along the shore from Boston to the Cow Pasture and thence by water across to the islands in the Harbor. The Chair desires to make this explanation, in order that the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may be understood. If there is no objection, the communication will be placed on file.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, the reading of the order was dispensed with and it was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

39. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be hereby requested to have the woodwork around the clock in Christ Church repaired; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department. Passed in concurrence.

40. Ordered, That the joint special committee on investigation of Rainsford Island be authorized to employ a stenographer for a report of the investigation; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

41. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to cancel the agreement of Bennett H. Nash, dated the eighth day of November, 1888, holding the city harmless "from and against any and all claims for damages, costs, expenses or compensation, on account of the placing of an area covered by a Hyatt light and flagging in Boylston St., in front of or adjoining the premises now or formerly numbered 56 on said street," the immunity of the city from such claims being now secured by chapter 38, section 18, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, to consider Nos. 42 to 46, inclusive, together, viz.:

42. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow the veterans of the Civil War to attend the Grand Army Encampment in September without loss of pay.

43. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the city to the National Order of Railway Conductors on the occasion of their convention in this city May 26, 1899.

44. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take for park and playground purposes the land bounded by Charlestown, Thacher, Lynn and Cooper Sts.

45. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Paving Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation of their services, on July 26, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

46. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow the employees of the Sewer Division a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on June 27, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Severally passed in concurrence. Mr. Harvey moved to reconsider; lost.

#### CARS ON STREETS IN SOUTH BOSTON

The Council proceeded to take up No. 47, unfinished business, viz.:

47. Whereas, the American Sugar Refining Company has a petition before the Board of Aldermen, asking for permission to operate railroad cars on certain public streets in South Boston:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council said permission should not be granted, because of the great danger and menace to life which has prevailed under the operation of these railroad cars.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I move the assignment of that for one week.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope the matter will not be assigned for one week. It came up here about four weeks ago, and I think it should be acted upon finally tonight, that it may go to the Board of Aldermen so that they may have it before them at their next meeting. I see no reason at all for delay, unless it is in the interest of this corporation.

The motion to assign was lost. The preamble and resolutions were read a second time and assigned. Sent up.

#### ORDINANCE REGARDING PUBLIC BATHS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 48, past assignment, viz.:

48. An ordinance relative to Public Baths and Gymnasias.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 1. The Health Department shall have the care and custody of all bathhouses, whether for all-the-year-round use or floating bathhouses in salt water for summer use, bathing beaches, swimming-pools and gymnasias, now or hereafter provided by the city; shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations, now or hereafter established by the city.

Sec. 2. Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby repealed.

The question came on giving the ordinance a second reading.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move to amend this ordinance by striking out section 2.

The amendment was carried. The question came on the second reading of the ordinance as amended.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, with a well-earned self-complacency, the Socialist, (for advantage only), who presides, with despotic Caesarian control, over the finances of the city of Boston, endowed with more power than the Governor of this Commonwealth, or

the President of the United States, by a Republican Legislature, has said: "The sole function of the Common Council is to criticize." The Common Council tonight will exercise to the utmost that sole function as bidden, and the subject for its criticism shall be a department especially created to recklessly spend the city's money and at the same time indulge the vagrant fancy of a hydromaniacal Mayor.

The question tonight is not that too many baths have been established, and that a larger amount of money has been spent for this purpose than was reasonably warranted, by the financial condition of the city, but on the mal-administration, utter incompetency and flagrant violations of law committed by the present Board of Bath Trustees. The acceptance of this ordinance will not reduce the number of baths or the amount of money available for public bathing this year, but, on the contrary, will give the public better service and a fair return for the investment of public money; and this point I desire that those in opposition will well remember, in any reply they may make to my argument. For we all believe in a reasonable number of baths which are economically maintained and not established for purely political purposes.

One of the greatest contributory causes of our present municipal bankruptcy is the unlimited number, irresponsible membership and uncontrolled extravagance of unpaid commissions. The present executive has signalized his administration by the creation of a large number of such commissions and, in so far as shown, his lack of business judgment and total disregard for even an appearance of economy.

It may well be said that, in certain charitable work, which properly belongs to a municipality, such as overseeing of the poor, administration of a Public Library, or an art commission, those in charge for obvious reasons might be unpaid, yet some would combat this suggestion, although the nature of the work is mostly of a supervisory character; but where the work performed by the department is purely administrative, entailing merely the making of contracts and the employment and superintendency of labor—economy, responsibility, and the proper administration of the department, in theory as well as in practice, is better promoted by a paid head of a department than by a well-intentioned but irresponsible commission.

If a new commission is created, the temptation immediately arises to give it something to do, and that temptation has been fatal in a marked and startling degree, to the finances of the city of Boston, during the present administration, as will be plainly seen by the following facts: When the baths were under the administration of the Health Commissioners, paid officials, in 1896, the amount of money expended was \$20,000. In 1897, \$21,000; but in 1898, under the present unpaid Commission, although \$35,000 was given them at the beginning of the season for maintenance and innumerable transfers made, aggregating \$22,000, there were left at the end of the season \$20,000 worth of unpaid bills, besides a bill of \$12,000, due the Park Department. Special loans, aggregating \$25,000, were also made—in other words an increase in expenditure of \$93,000 was made under the unpaid commission; even then the baths were closed, for lack of funds, on the first day of September. In view of the present financial difficulties of the city, this must appear to every thoughtful man as an appalling piece of reckless extravagance which could not and would not have occurred under a responsible head of department or a sound executive. Such a statement alone shows a total disregard of economy and a criminal defiance to law which plainly provides that no money shall be expended without authority from the City Council. Last year many bath houses were built and alterations made without any appropriation having been made there-

for, but these bills have been provided for this year by loans through the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of which Josiah Quincy is the Alpha and Omega—the first and the last, the head and the tail.

Contracts were continually made by the Bath Department last year with the pernicious and extravagant Repair Division of the Public Building Department, and some have said that, were it not for the employment of the political heelers in this division, the building of new bath houses would never have entered the mind of the Mayor. However that may be, that the pay-rolls of the Bath Department, under this irresponsible commission, were padded outrageously cannot and will not be denied. The demand of this Board at the beginning of this year was for an appropriation of \$163,740.00, about four-fifths of which, \$131,240, was demanded for salaries alone, and even the Quincyized editorial rooms of the Boston press emitted a righteous howl against so palpable an attempt to create places for political adherents. The amount paid for the salaries alone for one bath, I understand, was more than \$10,000. Was this money paid for the promotion of the health of Boston or for the healthfulness and vigor of the Quincy machine?

As for the spurious estimate that 2,000,000 people bathed last year on account of the increased facilities it need only be said that these are Quincy figures, and by this time the people of Boston know what unreliability this carries with it. And it should be stated that even the basis for this calculation was furnished by a mere estimation of the paid servants of a man who was pursuing a fad.

Let us now turn to the shameful record which stands as an inglorious monument of this defiant and extravagant unpaid commission. Receiving, at the beginning of this financial year, 1899, the large appropriation of \$69,500, it has already spent \$25,020, or more than one-third of the appropriation, and but one bath is open, one gymnasium under its care and a few paltry unpainted public convenience stations. A loan of \$10,000 for Summer Baths was granted Feb. 27, 1899, and every cent of that money was spent before the ice had disappeared from the ponds. Will the Common Council, as protectors of the City Treasury, as representatives of the citizens of Boston and as good public servants, allow this commission, in headlong recklessness, to drag the city further into unnecessary debt?

In their private capacity the members of this commission are undoubtedly exemplary in character and possessed of good business sagacity, but their knowledge of municipal finance is so limited and their direct participation in the management so remote that, in the wily hands of our hydro-maniacal Mayor, it becomes our plain duty to insist on their abolition.

The Health Commissioners have shown their capacity to manage the baths and they should be again restored to their jurisdiction. In the name of economy, out of respect to proper obedience to law and as a protest against irresponsible, unpaid commissions I plead for the acceptance of the ordinance now before this body.

The ordinance was read a second time and the question came on its passage. Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the ordinance was passed—yeas 33, nays 23:—

Yeas—Armistead, Bennett, Brauer, Carroll, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Doherty, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klenm, Leftvith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Roland, Sanderson, Stevens, Stone, Swcney, Walker, Wells, Westloe, Wood.—33.

Nays.—Atwood, Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton,

Giblin, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Madden, Martin, Mildram, Nangle, Newhall, Rice, Sullivan, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson.—28.

Absent or not voting.—Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Donovan, Flynn, Gibbons, Horrigan, Leonard, Lydon, McInerney, Mulcahy, O'Brien, Simpson, Stockton.—14.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I hope that reconsideration will prevail and that this matter will take the course that several other matters have been permitted to take and go over for one week. I feel, Mr. President, that the Health Department is not able at the present time to take charge of the work now performed by the Bath Department, as it has increased since 1897. The large number of floating bathhouses, winter bath houses, bathing beaches, swimming pools and gymnasias, public convenience stations, urinals and public landings that are now under the care of the bath department, cannot be taken care of by the Health-Department, which has altogether enough to look out for under its duties as provided for by ordinance and statute. I hope that the ordinance will be reconsidered, and that it be assigned for one week, in order that we may have a full argument of the question, and in order that certain members of the Council may be able to reply to the blond shot-putter from Wd. 12.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN.—Mr. President, inasmuch as the ordinance has been on the calendar for the last three weeks, and inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 2 has had an opportunity during that time to look up the matter, I see no reason why it should be assigned for another week, and be kept upon the calendar.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I hope that reconsideration will not prevail. The summer season is coming on and these bath houses want to be put in order and fixed up so that the people who are to use them can have them for use at once. As for this work being put back under the charge of the Board of Health, I think it is just that it should be put there. The gentleman from Wd. 2 says that the Board of Health will have more than they can do if they take this additional work on their hands. Mr. President, they have had it in the past. It was been their duty until within a year or two years, and they have been paid for doing it. I see no reason why they should not do it now. I wish to say that I am just as much a believer in baths as any member of this council, but this is not a question of abolishing the bath system, but simply a question of making a change in its management, and I believe that the city, in its precarious financial condition, will save a great deal of money by making the change. I hope that it will be put back under the charge of the Board of Health, and that reconsideration will not prevail.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I simply want to go on record here tonight as being opposed to reconsideration. One of the members of the council has said to me privately that I was opposed to the baths. I am not, Mr. President, I am thoroughly in favor of baths, but I am also in favor of any department being managed in a businesslike way. For that reason I hope this will go back under the charge of the Board of Health. The Board of Health have conducted this in a businesslike way in the past. I want to see the baths opened this summer, and under the present management, at the rate the money has been spent for the last three months I think you will have to close the baths up about the first of July. For that reason I think it is time to change the management. If you organize any other business and run it in the way

in which the bath department of the city of Boston has been run, you certainly would have a new president at the first meeting of the board of directors. I think it is about time to have a new management of the bath department and I hope this work will go back under the care of the Health Department, who are paid for their services, and who have conducted this work in a businesslike manner in the past—I think they are still able to do it now.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

#### TRACKS ON TREMONT ST.

The Council proceeded to consider No. 49, on the table, viz:—

49. Resolve and order, offered by Mr. Watson on April 6, relative to the restoration of the railway tracks on Tremont St.

The question came on adoption of substitute for above, offered by Mr. Stevens on same date.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 moved the indefinite postponement of the whole matter.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I think it is rather discourteous in the member from Wd. — well, I don't know the ward, but it is somewhere out in the woods (laughter)—to arise here—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the members of the Council to refrain from demonstrations.

Mr. WATSON—He has not hit me, Mr. President and fellow members, by his motion. He has simply done a discourteous thing towards Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8. Mr. Cuddy moved to lay this whole matter on the table and there it is. It seems to me it should remain there until Mr. Cuddy moves to take it up; and if Mr. Cuddy moves to take it up tonight, I think I should oppose him. If these members want to have a fight, I am willing to take it up, but as to the matter of indefinitely postponing it, I am against that, and hope that it will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a ruling at this time, that No. 49 on the calendar cannot be indefinitely postponed until it has first been taken, on motion, from the table. The Chair will rule the motion to indefinitely postpone out of order.

#### CLAIMS REPORT.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the order (referred Feb. 2) for the repayment to the estate of Hannah E. Dennis the sum of Fifty Dollars, being the amount paid for entrance to sewer in Everett St., Brighton, and the said estate having been afterwards assessed for her proportionate part of the cost of said sewer—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence. Mr. Logan moved to reconsider; lost.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Clerk, by direction of the President, called the roll to ascertain the number of members present, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Dorle, Eddy, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood.—67.

Absent—Bordman, Donovan, Emery,

Flynn, Gibbons, Horrigan, Leonard, Stockton—8.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove dead tree at intersection of Dorchester and Old Harbor Sts.; the same being a menace to public travel.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CROSSWALK, WD. 15.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a crosswalk on the northerly side of the junction of East Sixth and H Sts., Wd. 15.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REORGANIZATION OF FIRE DEPT.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to so organize the department that the members shall be divided into two shifts of twelve hours each, so that the members of the Fire Department of the city of Boston shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours of duty in every twenty-four.  
Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Doherty.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF HAYES SQ.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place seats around Hayes Sq., Wd. 3.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. DOHERTY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the dead trees in Hayes Sq., Wd. 3, to be removed immediately.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CONDITION OF CONCORD AVENUE.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place the roadway of Concord Ave., Wd. 3, in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LAYING OUT OF PINE ST.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make an estimate of the cost of laying out Pine St., at Charlestown, at a width of thirty feet, from Bunker Hill St. to Vine St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FLAGSTAFF, HAYES SQ.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a flagstaff and flag for Hayes Sq., Wd. 3, and to cause said flag to be unfurled on Memorial Day; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in reply to a statement made by one of the Trustees of Pauper Institutions, and that statement was published in the Boston Advertiser.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refer directly to

the statement upon which he desires to speak.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, that trustee impugns the motives of certain members of the Common Council in passing the ordinance prohibiting the employment of any persons but legal voters of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires the gentleman to refer to the personal allusion upon which he desires to address the body, and will ask him to state to the Council what it was. The Council will be in order. The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, the statement of that trustee was that it was nothing more nor less than a desire to embarrass the administration of this city that caused the members of this Council to make a fight against the importation of a man from Indiana—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he is unable to see at this time that that is a question of personal privilege. The Chair will, however, allow considerable latitude upon the question, and will probably be able to determine later whether or not it is a question of personal privilege. Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13 may proceed.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to state that my only desire in offering that first resolution was a desire to see fair play for the citizens of this city. That trustee of the pauper institutions, whose name is Alice N. Lincoln, has made certain statements about members of this Council which I deem it my duty to stand up here and say are not so. My only desire in making such a fight, and the only desire I know that the other members of this Council had, was a desire to see fair play. I did not know the man who was head superintendent at Long Island until I went there one morning and saw him and had a talk with him. It was a fight made on principle, nothing more nor less, and I stand here tonight to say that the system and the management of the Trustees of the Pauper Institutions is all wrong. Now, let us see what it is, or what are the motives of Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln—a humanitarian and philanthropist, with a whole pile of money, going to the legislature and getting laws passed and getting appointed to positions in connection with them. She is now a trustee for paupers. What is she doing? She is a great real estate investor, building model tenement houses all over the city. Time and time again poor people have been unable to pay their rent. What has she done then? She has been in a position to have those people placed in an almshouse, which she has done time and time again. That is her business—a professional philanthropist, nothing else. I went to Long Island and saw Mr. Condon, and I made it my business to get a few members of this Council together and go to Concord to see Mr. Scott, the man who is superintendent there, and find out whether this man Condon was competent or not. The only answer he made to us was: "I recommended Mr. Condon on merit alone, but the chances are that he stepped on somebody's toes, and the consequence was that he had to go." Now, who have they appointed? A Mr. Hopkins of the Institution of Technology, a man whose only experience in institutions has been for three months. When I went to Professor Sedgwick about the matter, he said to me that the kind of man they wanted was a large, eminent, able, elderly man, a man who had had lots of experience in institutions.

A man who can tell how much fat should be given to a woman of fifty, who can tell how much lean should be given to a man of sixty, a man who can tell how much fish a man of twenty-five should eat in a week, a man who can look at a sprat and tell that it is not a whale! That is the kind of a man—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the remarks of the gentleman are not on the question to which he rose. The

Chair will ask the gentleman to confine himself as closely as possible to the question of personal privilege. Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to Mr. Hopkins of the Institute of Technology. Personally, I don't know the man. I have nothing against him whatever. But what has been his first official act on going to the Island? His first official act has been to go into the hospital and take out a poor consumptive and place him in solitary confinement. For what? Because he refused to work. That man was brought to East Boston, before Judge Emmons, the next day, and he was discharged. That was the first official act of the able, eminent, elderly man, who knows twice as much as anybody else. What is the condition of the Island today, Mr. President? It is practically the same as it was six months ago—no difference whatever. I would like to say for my part, for my side, that I shall always stand up in defense of men whose only offence is that they haven't money enough.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The President announced the appointment of members on the part of the Common Council on the following committees:

Municipal Lighting—Messrs. Watson of Wd. 18, Atwood of Wd. 16, Fenton of Wd. 15, McInerney of Wd. 19, Hibbard of Wd. 24, Gibbons of Wd. 5, Moore of Wd. 10, and Simpson of Wd. 1.

Elections—Messrs. Stone of Wd. 7, Martin of Wd. 15, Cuddy of Wd. 8, Harvey of Wd. 24, MacDonald of Wd. 12.

Judiciary—Messrs. Stockton of Wd. 11, Walker of Wd. 25, Rice of Wd. 2, Logan of Wd. 14, Howard of Wd. 20.

#### FIRE ALARM BOX, WD. 21.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to place a keyless alarm box at the corner of Regent and Alpine Sts., Wd. 21.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAYMENT FOR VACCINATION.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to compensate the physicians who were recently called upon to attend to the vaccination of the public.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ADDITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATION.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of five hundred dollars to be expended on Memorial Day, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, in decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives either from wounds or disease contracted in the late war with Spain.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I know that I have consumed considerable time tonight in talking, and I should have reserved what little I had to say until this time. I have introduced an order that I am thoroughly interested in—not for political purposes, but one in which I have an absolutely sincere interest. We have had tonight before us, and have passed it, an order appropriating \$8000 for the purpose of decorating the graves of veterans of the civil war; and, Mr. President, at the meeting of the board of aldermen two weeks ago last Monday there was a resolution introduced at the request of Capt. Dunn of the Ninth Regiment, that the Ninth Regiment be allowed some money to decorate the graves of the veterans who died by reason of disease and by eating

embalmed beef. Mr. President, I feel that some way should be provided whereby these graves should be decorated. I have inserted there, regulars, volunteers and sailors, covering everybody. There are today buried in and about Boston the bodies of a number of regulars who died away from home and friends. In fact, I attended one funeral myself in Waterman's undertaking shop, where the only mourners present were a member of the 7th, who did not know the fellow, and myself, and I am sure that nobody will think of his grave on Decoration Day. As a matter of fact, there are a great many graves of heroes of the Spanish war which should be decorated. There is Colonel Bogan—the city should at least decorate his grave; also Major Grady's grave, Major O'Connor's, the grave of Capt. Drum of the regulars, and many others in the ranks of the privates. I have introduced this order and respectfully request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, through His Honor the Mayor, who is a member of that board together with the President of this body, to make an appropriation as asked for in it, laying aside politics and personalities. I ask the Mayor to see that the graves of those soldiers of the Spanish war who are buried in our city be decorated on Memorial Day. I think it would be a disgrace to the city for it to go on record as having failed to decorate the graves of soldiers of the Spanish-American war; and I move a suspension of the rules, that the order may be passed this evening, so that it will go before the Board of Apportionment at once. I hope they will consider it regardless of politics, and I sincerely trust that money will be appropriated for this purpose.

The rule was suspended and the order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### RECEPTION TO ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That a special joint committee be appointed, to consist of as many members as the President of the Common Council and the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen may deem necessary, to receive Admiral Dewey on the day set aside for a public reception to him.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That all public offices be closed and all city business be suspended on public works, etc., on the day that Admiral Dewey is officially received by the City of Boston.

Passed. Sent up.

#### BATH APPROPRIATION.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested not to grant the request made to them by the Bath Commission, through its chairman, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of equipping and furnishing the Chapel of the Congregational Society on Harrison Ave.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I suppose someone is wondering what my reasons are for introducing that order. They are as follows: I am directly informed that this is a land scheme on the part of a lot of politicians located in and about Wd. 9, and, as Wd. 9 has a gymnasium for which \$15,000 has been appropriated, and also a bath house costing over \$100,000, I think the residents of that ward have plenty of facilities for exercising and washing. I sincerely trust that the Board of Apportionment will act on this order and will refuse the request.

The order was referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, BUNKER HILL STREET.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to erect on Bunker Hill St., opposite Charlestown Heights, an ice water fountain; the expense of same to be charged to the Water Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ASPHALTING BUNKER HILL STREET

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in its next loan bill the sum of \$3850, the same to be spent in paving Bunker Hill St. with asphalt, from North Mead St. east 250 feet.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RESTORATION OF SALARIES.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to restore the former salaries of the employees of the Financial Departments of the City of Boston.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

#### OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to adopt a regulation providing that the date for reopening, after the summer vacation, all the high, grammar, primary and kindergarten schools of the City of Boston, shall be the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 20.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the electric light removed from the corner of McLellan St. and Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAYMENT OF FAMILY OF EMMET H. RANDOLPH.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to cause the balance of the salary of Emmet H. Randolph, late janitor of the Walte Primary Schoolhouse, now deceased, to be paid to his family, the same as if he had lived and continued in his situation until the close of the present financial year.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to purchase a site for a playground in the vicinity of Lower Mills District, Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BAND CONCERT, PIERCE SQUARE.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Music Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide for a band concert in Pierce Sq., Dorchester, some time during the coming season.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FEES FOR PERMITS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be re-

quested to refund to the parties who paid the same, or to their authorized representatives, all fees heretofore received by the Street Department for street permits.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say just a few words in support of that order, and that is that taxation, unjust taxation, when carried out according to law, is nothing more or less than legalized robbery, but that taxing without law authorizing it is just the same as going out on the highway and taking it from a man's person. That has been the attitude of the Superintendent of Streets and of the Mayor of Boston this last two years. I speak in reference to the charges which have been made for permits illegally. The Supreme Court has handed down a decision within a few weeks which says that they had no legal right to charge that money, and I stand here to ask them to pay back to the people that money which they took from them. The Mayor of Boston is without a doubt the greatest tax maker this city has ever seen. That is about what he is. The Mayor of Boston would make a good Chinese magistrate, backed up by soldiers, to go out and take money forcibly from the people. He is the Mayor supreme, backed up by a band of political pirates who would go down (laughter)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. LINEHAN—The Mayor of Boston, backed up by a band of political pirates who would go down and loot the City Treasury, if they were not afraid they would get taken in. He is a regular jumping jack at the State House, jumping from one committee to the other, but advocating nothing but increased taxes. But he has not the courage and the manhood to come out and demand an increase of the tax limit. He wants to tax the watering of streets, the sweeping of streets, the carting away of the garbage, and the carting of it out to the garbage plant, of which he is one of the controlling stockholders. That is what the Mayor wants—something that will benefit himself. He is a great promoter of automobiles. You will have them in the city in a short time. Who will pay for them? The city. All those carriages and horses which the city now owns will be disposed of. Joe Leiter, Dick Croker and Mayor Quincy—they are the ones who will control Boston. They are the ones who are pushing him along. He will do anything that they wish, so long as there is a dollar in it—anything. He will take it any way that he can get it—no matter if he has to hold them up at night for it. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council, after having made several requests of a like character, to refrain from demonstrations during the discussion of important matters at meetings of the Council.

Mr. LINEHAN—I stand here tonight, Mr. President, to say that the Mayor of Boston and the Superintendent of Streets would be doing no more than a service of the people to pay back the money they have taken from them illegally—stolen from them. The people who have been paying the one dollar for permits are not the wealthy corporations who are tearing our streets to pieces. They contested it right away. They knew we had no legal right to charge that amount. It has been the poor tradesman, the poor painter, the poor apple woman who kept a stand—everybody who is considered small fry. They are the people who have paid the \$10.50 which was taken from them last year. I say it should be paid back, and we are bound by our duty to our people to vote to pay back anything which has been taken from them unjustly.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to answer some of the remarks made by the gentleman in reference to the Mayor at this time.

I want it distinctly understood that I believe the gentleman made an error when he said it—don't let him think I am going to defend the Mayor. He said they would loot the treasury if they dared to. I want to inform him that they have looted the treasury. (Laughter.)

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to state, for the benefit of Councilman Watson, that when I said they would loot the treasury, I meant go down and blow the safe open. (Laughter.)

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, after listening to the star actor and orator of the council, I move that this matter be assigned for one week.

The motion to assign was lost, and the order was read a second time and was passed. Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### VACATION FOR NIGHT MEN.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, for Mr. Flynn of Wd. 17, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to allow employees whose services are rendered at night, a vacation of two weeks, without loss of pay and in part compensation for said services.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19, and the order was passed. Sent up.

#### PURCHASE OF MAPS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to purchase five hundred copies of the new map of Boston published by G. H. Walker & Co., to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that that order be assigned for one week. I will give as my reason that the committee on printing is liable to err in the distribution of maps. I think it should be amended so that a certain number should be given to each member of the government, and that the balance should be left to be distributed at the discretion of the Committee on Printing. In order that I may have time to draft an amendment which will be fair to everybody, I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will refer the order to the Committee on Printing, under the rules.

#### BINDING IN UNION BINDERIES.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have all bindery work sent out from the Municipal Printing Plant given to none but those recognized as union binderies.

Mr. FENTON—Mr. President, my reasons for introducing that order tonight are these: I understand that the bindery work of the city has been sent to an unfair shop—that is, a part of it has been—and I believe that, as the Municipal Printing Plant employs the labor of the allied printing trades, its bindery work should be given to a Union shop, where they employ Union help and pay Union wages. I hope that the order will pass.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAVING OF SIDEWALKS.

M. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the sidewalks on Charter and Commercial Sts., opposite the North End Park, to be repaved, as they are in an unfit and dangerous condition at the present time.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### TUNNEL FOR FOOT TRAVEL.

Mr. BADARACCO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, build a tunnel or a subway under the Boston Elevated Railroad tracks on Travers St., between Canal and Haverhill Sts., to be used for foot travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DATE OF CITY PROPERTY SALE.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to inform this Council as to the date of the proposed sale of the city yard on Morris St., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### TRANSFER OF ROGERS PARK.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 offered an order—That Rogers Park, Foster St., Wd. 25, be transferred from the charge of the Public Grounds Department to the charge of the Park Department.

Passed. Mr. Walker moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### RENTAL OF LAND, BRIGHTON.

Mr. WALKER offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide for the rental at \$300 of the vacant lot of land about eight acres in extent located on the south and west sides of Waverly St. and north of Lincoln St., being the lot referred to in the communication of Robert Treat Paine to the City Council, dated April 29, 1899, to be used as a playground for the children of North Brighton.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, I think a word of explanation is in order in regard to that order. It has reference to a letter which was received earlier in the session from Robert Treat Paine in regard to a playground which he wished to have hired. He also sent enclosed with his communication a vote passed by the Associated Charities organization of that district, asking to have that \$300 taken from the \$750 which has already been appropriated by the Board of Apportionment for the North Brighton playground, so-called. Of course it is manifest that it would not be legal for the \$300 to be transferred from a sum which has been appropriated for a specific purpose by the Board of Apportionment without the sanction of the Board of Apportionment. It is manifestly, therefore, the province of the Board of Apportionment to act in reference to this matter, if anything is to be done—either to give the \$300 from the \$750, or to appropriate an entirely new sum of \$300. In order to have the whole matter properly brought before the Board of Apportionment, I suppose it is in order to recall the communication from Mr. Robert Treat Paine which has been placed on file.

There being no objection, the communication from Mr. Robert Treat Paine was considered withdrawn from the files, and the order and communication were referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### COMPLETION OF KITTRIDGE STREET

Mr. BRAUER, of Wd. 23, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to finish Kittridge St., Wd. 23, by rolling the same.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTENSION OF PHILLIPS ST.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take the necessary steps to extend Phillips St., Wd. 19, from Ward St. to Huntington Ave.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## REPAIR OF ARLINGTON ST.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Superintendent of Streets to repair Arlington St. so that the pavement will be in a proper condition for both carriages and bicycles.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## NAMING OF SQUARE.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the square formed by the junction of Charlestown, Causeway and Endicott Sts. be named Keany Sq.

Passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

## LIGHT ON LAFAYETTE AVE.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Lafayette Ave. and Endicott St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## CONDITION OF WD. 4 PLAYGROUND.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the Wd. 4 playground put in proper condition for baseball playing.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## FARRAGUT DAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That a committee to consist of seven members of the Common Council, with

such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 23th, Farragut Day; the expense of the same, not to exceed \$1000, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Mr. MARTIN—Mr. President, in presenting this order this evening, I desire to say that it is practically the same order that was presented earlier in the year by the gentleman in the first division. Now, sir, year after year ever since the unveiling of the monument over there in our district, we have had a sum allotted for our celebration, known as "Farragut Day," the same as the 17th of June, Patriots' Day, and the other days. I do not see any reason, because we haven't got a member of the upper branch of the government, why we should be cut off this year. I feel that we should at least get something. The order presented by the gentleman in the first division called for \$1200. This order calls for only \$1000—

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. WINSLOE—To a point of order, that a quorum is not present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the members of the council who are present to rise and remain standing until counted.

Thirty members were found to be present, and the President declared the council adjourned until Thursday, May 18th, at 7.45 P. M.

Adjourned at 9.53 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 15, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. O'Toolc, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 11, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may be placed upon your records, that I have this day made the following appointments, to date from May 12th, 1899:—

Miss Helen Cheever, to be a member of the Board of Trustees for Children, for the term ending April 30th, 1904 (reappointment).

Miss Ellen H. Bailey, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30th, 1904, in place of Mrs. Davis R. Dewey (term expired).

Mrs. George F. H. Murray, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30th, 1901, in place of Mrs. Annie E. Quinn, resigned.

John A. Bruen, to be a member of said Board for the term ending April 30th, 1900, in place of Mr. Charles V. Dasey, resigned.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Francis Raynes for leave to project two bay-windows and a cornice from building 30-32 Washington St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of the Massachusetts General Hospital, for leave to project facades from building on the northeast corner of Washington and Bedford Sts., over both streets.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw, at its own request.

3. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect poles on Mt. Pleasant Ave.

4. On petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company for leave to erect poles in East Cottage and West Cottage Sts.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

5. For leave to locate tracks on Causeway St., from a point near Portland St. to a point near Charlestown St., etc.

6. For leave to locate tracks on Washington St., from Massachusetts Ave. to Northampton St.

7. For leave to lay double tracks in place of the existing single track on Lexington St., from a point near Putnam St. to a point near Prescott St.; also for leave to construct a double track on Lexington St., from Meridian St. to a point near Putnam St.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

8. On petition of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company for locations of tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, in Brandon, Roberts, South Walter, South, Walter, Hewlett, Centre, Maple, Weld, Arnold, Corey, Vermont, Mt. Vernon and Baker Sts.

J. Adams Brown, in behalf of the West Roxbury Citizens Association, appeared and objected to granting the petition, from the corner of Centre and Maple Sts on.

Josiah H. Quincy and Richard P. Elliot seconded the remonstrance.

G. A. Walker, representing William A. Morse and citizens on Maple St., objected to a track location on that street.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

## Building Department.

John McDonald, for leave to build a wooden addition on Western Ave., near Market St., Wd. 25.

## Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Pasquale Polie, two barber poles, at 1 Dover St., Wd. 9.

M. Burke, an illuminated sign, at 49 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

M. L. James, a sign, at 61 Harvard St., Wd. 7.

John J. Dailey, three barber poles, at 1423 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Michael Shinnars, two signs, at 157 Emerson St., Wd. 14.

John E. Jacobson, metal sign, at 257 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

## Electric Wires.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, to be allowed to open Bulfinch and other streets for the purpose of laying conduits, jointly with The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:

For leave to attach its wires to trees on Alleghany and Dennison Sts. and Walnut Ave.

For leave to erect poles in La Grange St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect poles in Carruth St. and Eaton Sq.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Oak St., Wd. 4.

## Claims.

Charles P. George, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of two parcels of land on Litchfield St., Brighton.

Jennie M. Goode, for compensation for personal injuries caused by her being run over by a city hospital ambulance in the Back Bay Fens.

Estate of Caroline L. Dodge, for compensation for damage to estate caused by the closing of a culvert on Ashmont St.

Charles U. Cotting, for compensation for expense caused him by the cutting off of the drain at 116 Central St. by employees of the city.

Cornelius J. Desmond, to be repaid fifty dollars, paid by him as entrance fee to a sewer on Hopkins St., on account of estate 34-36 Corbet St.

William N. Corsick, to be paid for damage to his wagon caused by the overhanging limb of a tree at 106 Paris St.

James F. Barry, for compensation for damage to his wagon while crossing the East Boston Ferry.

Patrick J. McCarthy, for compensation for personal injuries caused by him falling on Bradford St.

## Licenses.

J. H. Emery, for a permit for Doris Bramson, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Sq. Theatre, during the production of "A Temperance Town."

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre, for the week beginning May 15, 1899.

John W. Bryan, for leave to run passenger barges between Chestnut Hill Reser-

voir and the Brookline line, via Beacon St. and Chestnut Hill Ave.

John Lane, for leave to run five passenger barges between the corner of Chestnut Hill Ave. and Beacon St. and the Brookline line.

#### Public Improvements.

James H. Beal, for leave to construct areas on the westerly side of Charlestown St., near Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Bridget Foster, for leave to construct three openings in sidewalk at 213 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

E. E. Richards, trustee, for leave to lay a 1½ inch pipe under sidewalk at 56 Dorchester St., Wd. 14.

Ross & Fowler, for leave to stretch one guy rope across B St., and two across Congress St., Wd. 13.

Daniel Casey, for leave to erect a guy post with ropes at 55 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

John J. Dailey, for leave to place a barber pole on sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20 (to be taken in each night).

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Louis A. Ginsburg, 319-312 Bremen St., Wd. 1.

Stephen Jaeger, 722 East Second St., Wd. 14.

Aloysius Jaeger, 726 E. Second St., Wd. 14.

William T. Eaton, First St. (so. side) from O St. to the playground, Wd. 14.

Ann Trainor, 75 Mercer St., Wd. 15.

William Dromey, 132-148 Quincy St., Wd. 16.

J. Homer Pierce, Glendale St., cor. Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

James Calder, McLellan St., Wd. 20.

John J. Cashin, 53 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

R. O. Dunn, 10-12 Newport St., Wd. 20.

John Moran, 35 Hamilton St., Wd. 20.

C. H. Wolf, 49 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

Jacob Pfeiffer, 54 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

Mrs. Josephine Janse, 56 Round Hill St., Wd. 22.

Bigelow, Kennard & Co., 8, 10, 12 West St., Wd. 7.

Geo. O. Wood, 104, 106, 108 Centre St., Wd. 20.

Francis C. Creber, 28 Abbot St., Wd. 20.

Julie A. Belyea, 26 Nightingale St., Wd. 20.

Martin D. Knceland, 29 Wyoming St., Wd. 21.

Levi Herman, Wyoming and Wabeno Sts., Wd. 21.

D. Bernhard, 10 Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22.

David McIntosh, 43-61 Forbes St., Wd. 22.

David McIntosh, 53, 56, 60, 63, 69, 76 Sheridan St., Wd. 22.

David McIntosh, 44, 46, 48 and 47, 49, 51 Cranston St., Wd. 22.

Elizabeth J. Daly, 81 and 83 Mercer St., Wd. 15.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

9. Notice of the appointment of Messrs. Watson, Atwood, Fenton, McInerney, Hibbard, Gibbons, Moore and Simpson, on the joint special committee relative to petitioning for an Act to allow the city to manufacture and sell gas and electricity. Placed on file.

10. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to restore the former salaries to the employees of the financial departments of the City of Boston.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, with an amendment that all departments have salaries restored.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

11. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to allow employees whose services are rendered at night, a vacation of two weeks, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for their services.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the square formed by the junction of Charlestown, Causeway and Endicott Sts., be named Keany Sq.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

13. Ordered, That Rogers Park, Foster St., Wd. 25, be transferred from the charge of the Public Grounds Department to the charge of the Park Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

14. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to refund to the parties who paid the same, or their authorized representatives, all fees heretofore received by the Street Department for street permits.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

The Board voted on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 15, 16 and 17 together, and read the same by their titles, viz.:-

15. Ordered, That a special joint committee be appointed, to consist of as many members as the President of the Common Council and the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen may deem necessary, to receive Admiral Dewey on the day set aside for a public reception to him.

16. Ordered, That all public offices be closed, and all city business be suspended on public works, etc., on the day that Admiral Dewey is officially received by the City of Boston.

17. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation of five hundred (500) dollars to be expended on Memorial Day, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, in decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors who lost their lives either from wounds or disease contracted in the late war with Spain.

Severally passed in concurrence.

18. An Ordinance Relative to Public Baths and Gymnasias. Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 1. The Health Department shall have the care and custody of all bath-houses, whether for all-the-year-round use or floating bath-houses in salt water for summer use, bathing beaches, swimming pools and gymnasias, now or hereafter provided by the city; shall have the care and custody of all urinals or public convenience stations, now or hereafter established by the city.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance in concurrence.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move that be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend that, that the committee be instructed to report it back today.

The amendment was declared adopted. Ald. Brick doubted the vote.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it was not my intention to make any remarks on the question of returning this matter today, but in order to place myself right, I would like to say just a word. It seems to me that this matter should not be hung up for any length of time. If it seems proper in the judgment of members of the Board to transfer the Bath Department back to the charge of the Board of Health, it may be right that it should be done, and done at once. If, on the contrary, the Board sees fit to sustain the present Bath Commission, I am of the opinion that that question should be settled as quickly as possible, also; and for that reason I trust that there will be some instructions given to the Committee on Public Improvements as to when this ordinance shall be returned. I hope there is no member of the Board who has any objections to referring the matter to that committee with instructions to report back today. The Bath Commissioners, if they are going to have charge of the baths, want to get to work, and the Board of Health likewise should be busy in the matter by this time if we are going to have any bathing this summer. Most of the bath houses that I am acquainted with, those in Dorchester and South Boston, should have necessary repairs made upon them, and I trust that the Board will not object to this matter being reported back today.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, my very reason for desiring this sent to the Committee on Public Improvements is that we may have an opportunity to look into it. I don't think myself it would be an improvement to transfer this work to the Health Department, but, still, there might be reasons shown that would convince me that it was right to so transfer it. My reason for wishing it sent to the Committee on Public Improvements was that it might lie there a week, so that I might find out the facts and satisfy myself and be able to vote upon the question one way or the other. I therefore oppose the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that he supposed the alderman accepted the amendment to report back this afternoon. The Chair finds from the alderman's remarks that he did not, and will now put the question on the amendment.

Ald. Codman's amendment was declared lost.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like a yea and nay vote on that.

The amendment was lost, yeas 6; nays 6: Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Presho—6.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—6.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, under the circumstances I shall have to oppose this going to the Committee on Public Improvements. If there is so much mystery about this Bath Department I think the proper place to have it aired is right here. There is absolutely nothing about the Department in my mind which I am afraid to say here; there is absolutely nothing that I wish to find out about it that I am not willing to find out by open discussion in this board. I think the action of the Bath Department has been such that we all know pretty nearly what they have done, what they have spent, exactly what they have got to spend, and I am opposed to taking this measure and side-tracking or pigeon-holing it in the Committee on Public Improvements, being criticised therefor by the bathing public. This is a matter which has been prominently before the people, a matter which the papers have taken up quite extensively, and I for one am opposed to laying it over or side-tracking it by putting it into the Committee on Public Improvements for any reason that has been given here. I trust that the gentleman who is so much in favor of laying it over for a week to look into it will state what he wants to find out in regard to the Bath Department in open board, and that he will get his information here. I hope this ordinance will be passed or killed in open board.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I want to send this to the Committee on Public Improvements is because of the very lack of information which the alderman himself neglects to give.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope this will not go into the Committee on Public Improvements. I can see no reason whatever for that reference. There is no information that cannot be just as well obtained outside of that committee, and I would move to assign the matter to the next meeting, when we can fight the matter right out here. I am not in favor of these unpaid commissions, and I wish to so register myself. I believe the work of this department can be better done under the charge of one man, who is paid to do it. I believe the Bath Department business is now being carried on by one man—and if that is so, why not give him the direct power and authority?

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Presho doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost—Yeas 4, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Colby, Doyle, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Brick, Codman, Day, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole—8.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was lost—Yeas 4, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Doyle—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—8.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance in concurrence.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the Board of Aldermen will not concur with the Common Council. In my short experience in the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, I have had but slight knowledge of the baths which the city of Boston has conducted. I may say that my experience has been practically limited to the baths in Dorchester. There have been at times bath houses situated in different parts of Dorchester which have been leased, and so partially controlled or wholly controlled by the city of Boston, and under the care of the Board of Health. I think I can fairly say that the people of Dorchester have had absolutely no consideration as far as baths are concerned. These houses have been there, but they have been neglected; they have not been cared for. There has been no attendant there, and doors have been sprung so that they couldn't be shut and everything has been going to waste and deteriorating from year to year. Now, I am not here to stand up for the Bath Commission and to state that I am in accord with the work of the Bath Commission in all respects. I certainly am not in favor of extravagance. I cannot say I believe that all the improvements which the Bath Commission has seen fit to accept and propose have been an advantage. But, as far as Dorchester's is concerned, I do feel that the Bath Commissioners have been of great advantage to us. They have renewed the interest in the Freeport St. bathhouse; they have rebuilt the house, have made a good bathing beach there, and the facts—which I have not before me, so I cannot give them to the Board, but which I have had stated to me—will readily convince anybody who takes the trouble to look it up that Dorchester has been greatly benefited by the Bath Commission. Now, I am in favor, as Ald. Presho is, of a one-headed commission, instead of an unpaid board of commissioners. I believe the present board is practically managed by one man.

I do not intend to go into the question of whether or not he is the proper man, whether he is overpaid or underpaid, or whether or not he is extravagant; but I am opposed to five unpaid commissioners and want to be so registered. I do, however, feel, and feel very strongly, that the Bath Commission has been of a great deal more advantage to Dorchester than any management which the baths may have previously had under the Board of Health. Aside from that, I feel very certain in my mind that the Board of Health does not care for the management of the Bath Department, does not want the baths put back into its hands. It has enough to take care of now, and the members feel that if the baths are put in their charge again they will be overworked—something, it may be said, that we haven't any particular interest in, but if the department is not interested in the baths and they are put under their charge, we certainly cannot expect that they will take an interest in them and keep them up. With the extended work of our Bath Department, which includes gymnasia, swimming pools, convalescence stations, etc., I believe there is enough work for that department to be treated as a separate de-

partment. I hope the ordinance will not be concurred in, but that the management of the baths will be under a different head from the Health Department; although, as I say, if an opportunity is given me I shall be in favor of reducing the five-headed commission to a single commissioner, who shall have charge of the baths.

The order was rejected in non-concurrence, yeas 4, nays 8:—

Yeas—Ald. Adam, Berwin, Colby, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—8.

Notice sent down.

19. The following was passed by the Common Council, and sent up:—

Whereas, the American Sugar Refining Company has a petition before the Board of Aldermen asking for permission to operate railroad cars on certain public streets in South Boston,—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council, said permission should not be granted, because of the great danger and menace to life which has prevailed under operation of these railroad cars.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I ask that No. 19 on the calendar be placed on file for this reason: The Committee on Railroads have had under consideration for a long time the very subject to which this has reference, and I do not care to burden the committee with any more work than they already have. It is out of consideration for the Committee on Railroads that I move that this be placed on file, and I trust that the motion will prevail.

The preamble and resolution were placed on file.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 20, 21, 22 and 23 together, viz:—

The four following matters were sent up for concurrence in their reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

20. Communication from Robert Treat Paine, enclosing petition of the North Brighton Conference, District 5 of the Associated Charities of Boston, asking for an appropriation of three hundred (300) dollars toward renting a field for playground purposes on Waverly St., Brighton.

21. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide for the rental, at three hundred (300) dollars, of the vacant lot of land, about eight acres in extent, located on the south and west sides of Waverly St., and north of Lincoln St., being the lot referred to in the communication of Robert Treat Paine to the City Council, dated April 29, 1899, to be used as a playground for the children of North Brighton.

22. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in its next loan bill the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty (3850) dollars, the same to be spent in paving Bunker Hill St. with asphalt, from North Mead St. east, 250 feet.

23. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested not to grant the request made to them by the Bath Commission, through its Chairman, to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars for the purpose of equipping and furnishing the chapel of the Congregational Society on Harrison Ave.

Severally referred in concurrence.

Later in the session Ald. Presho said:—

Mr. Chairman, I am advised that there was a motion made to take up three orders here together, including No. 23. I did not understand that that motion embraced No. 23. I don't know anything about that and don't want to pledge myself to the instructions conveyed in this order; and I would make a motion that that vote, so far as it refers to No. 23, be reconsidered, and that that order be then sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. I would make that motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that that order was concurred in.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I ask for a reconsideration. I don't want to pledge myself to anything of the kind, because I know nothing about it. I move a reconsideration and that the order be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, so that we may get some information about it.

Reconsideration was carried, and the order was referred, on motion of Ald. Presho, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

24. The order passed by this Board May 1, making appropriations for various organizations for Memorial Day, comes up amended in Common Council, May 11, by reducing the item for Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans from three hundred and seventy (370) dollars to three hundred (300) dollars, and by increasing the item of Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association from one hundred and ninety (190) dollars to two hundred and fifty (250) dollars, and increasing the item for Peter Salem Garrison, No. 70, R.A. and N.U., from one hundred and ninety (190) dollars to two hundred (200) dollars.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board concur and adhere to former action.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Memorial Day. I think they understand the matter better than the Board. I certainly do not understand it, and I would like to have their report upon it.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the time left for action on this matter is so short that it should not now be referred back to the Committee. These posts must have money to work with, and the time left before Memorial Day is very limited. The Chair simply makes that as a suggestion.

Ald. CODMAN—Then I ask, Mr. Chairman, that this be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, because I certainly would not want to vote for or against it without looking it up. I want to know something about it.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 25, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments of the Mayor, viz:—

25. James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move you that we take up together Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, and that they be assigned for one week.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I object. The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will order them to be taken up separately.

On No. 25, the question came on confirmation.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 25 on the calendar be assigned for one week.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have some information from the alderman from Wd. 8 why No. 25 should be assigned for one week. I am today prepared to vote for the confirmation of Mr. Prendergast. I have known him for some time and feel that he is in every way well qualified to fill the position to which His Honor the Mayor has seen fit to appoint him. Unless some good reason can be given for the assignment for one week, I shall insist, so far as my voice and vote go, that it be acted upon today.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman opposite is very fortunate in having known Mr. Prendergast for such a long time. It has not been my good fortune to know him so long, and, so far as I am personally concerned, I would like to have further time. I trust that the matter will

be laid over. It seems to me there will be no loss from laying over the name of this appointee to the Park Commission. While I am not prepared to say that I should vote against him, at the same time I would like to have another week to look into the matter.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I think I would be inclined myself to vote for Mr. Prendergast if I took the matter into consideration from a personal standpoint. If the matter came to a vote today, I think I would be inclined to vote for him. But there is a question I want to look into, as to the rights of the Park Commissioners to grant locations in the parks. There may be questions in connection with that that would influence my vote on the nomination. It is a question in my mind as to whether they have certain rights they ought not to have.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Ald. Brick doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 6, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Colby, Doyle, O'Toole—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Day, Dixon, McDonald, Presho—6.

The question came on confirmation.

No. 25 was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, this is a question of courtesy. I voted with Alderman Brick, in order to give him a chance. I believe in one member of the Board being courteous to another, when an extension of time in order to look into certain details is asked for; and, in this case, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I am inclined to agree to the proposition made by the Alderman from Roxbury. At the same time, I am free to confess that I don't know what influence operated upon honorable members of this Board when they ask that this matter be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. As I said before, I know Mr. Prendergast and have known him for some time, and he is a man, as I have said before, who is eminently well qualified for the place. But the argument that the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) has advanced is, in a measure perhaps, a good one—that he wants to investigate some legal question as to the rights of the Park Commissioners to grant privileges in the parks. As Mr. Prendergast is, I understand, a director in the Boston Elevated Railway Company, perhaps it may be thought that that might have some influence later on in some matters coming before the Board of Park Commissioners. I know he is an honorable man, and that, no matter what his relations may be with the Elevated Railway Company, he will guard the interests of the city. But, under all the circumstances, in view of the arguments that have been advanced, I yield my individual preferences in the matter and vote that the name of Mr. Prendergast be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to consider Nos. 26, 27, 28 and 29 together, viz:—

26. Lyde W. Benjamin, to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900, vice Paul C. Brooks, ineligible.

27. Daniel B. Carmody, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900.

28. Lawrence N. Hennessy, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

29. Thomas E. Bates, Frederick K. Vinal, Charles R. Williams, Thomas H. Lawton, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Presho and Dixon. Whole

number of ballots cast 12, yeas 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

Sophia M. Hauk, one, 647 E Broadway, Wd. 14.

Charles W. Alden, one, 179-181 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

The Massachusetts General Hospital, facades, 496-500 Washington St., corner Bedford St., to project over both streets, Wd. 7.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, May 29th, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:—

John J. Rogers, Lyde W. Benjamin, James P. Keliher.

Approved by the Board.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the West End Street Railway Co. of its acceptance of its 163d, 164th, 165th and 166th locations, and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Severally placed on file.

#### ACTION ON APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 30, special assignment, viz:—

30. Action on the appointment of Joseph Lee, to be an Overseer of the Poor for three years, beginning May 1, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. McDonald and Colby. Whole number of ballots, 12; yeas 6, no 6, and the nomination was rejected.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move to reconsider that last vote. My reason for so doing is this: A man has been nominated by the Chief Executive to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor. Now, I have not talked with anybody who has any influence in making the appointment or with the Board that made the appointment; but I have endeavored to satisfy myself on some few points that the alderman from the North End was unable to give me any information about last week. As nearly as I can find out, Mr. Lee is a man of standing and integrity. His only fault seems to be that he has some money and lives in Wd. 11, and I have heard that stated against him. Perhaps that may be a valid objection, but some of us wish we might have a part of that objection at least made against us. It seems that he is a young man, who has sufficient money to enable him to devote himself to studying problems of this sort, and he gives his time to it.

Now, if there is anybody who has sufficient time and sufficient money to devote himself to work of that kind and to render efficient service—and I am told by those who have served on the board with him that he is efficient and capable—it seems a little strange that he should be refused confirmation without any reason being given for it. I understand there is no question that he is a good Democrat. I don't know that that appeals to the Republican members of the board particularly, but I understand that he is a good Democrat; and as to the qualifications necessary for the office, I understand that the territorial objection is not very strenuous, from the fact that he takes the place of a person now on the board who is a member from Wd. 11. Now, if it comes simply to this, that the objection is based on the ground that the appointee lives in

the wrong section of the city, that is a little unfortunate; but I do think we owe it to any citizen who allows his name to be sent in by the Mayor for an office of this sort to let him know why he is refused confirmation—because it is not a pleasant position to put a man in to treat him otherwise. If it were a political office, a person ought to be willing to stand his chances and accept the fortunate or unfortunate issues of a political game. But when it comes to a question of this sort, that is entirely apart from politics, it seems to me, it is not a dignified position for us to take to simply reject a reputable citizen of Boston, without giving a reason for it. I will vote against Mr. Lee if anybody will give me a reason to vote against him, because I have no opinion that is not subject to change upon the presentation of proper evidence. But I have taken some little time to make the proper inquiries, in answer to questions that I could not get answers to last week, and I am satisfied that the man is all right and should be confirmed. As I say, if any member of the board can give me any reason why he should not be confirmed, I am willing to consider it. I move that the matter be laid over for a week, so that every member will be given an opportunity to find out the facts about Mr. Lee and, if he is against him, to be able to give reasons why he should not be confirmed.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I voted last week to lay Mr. Lee's name over, because I never heard of him before. But since then I have made inquiries, as the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) has. I felt particularly interested in the matter because I have served myself on the Board. From all the information I could obtain, Mr. Lee is a very estimable gentleman, well qualified for the position, and I believe the city of Boston is fortunate in getting such a man to serve on that Board. I hope the motion of the Alderman from Wd. 12 will prevail.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I am glad to agree with the alderman from Wd. 12, at least on this occasion. I have looked into this matter somewhat since last Monday, and, so far as I can learn, Mr. Lee differs in the matter of the methods and principles to be observed in carrying on institutions from some other people. I think that is hardly a just reason to urge against a man's confirmation—that he may differ in a matter of principle or theory with certain other people as to a plan or system which should be carried out, when he is a man who is willing to give his time and thought to the subject which he will have to consider as a member of the Board. The fact is that he has given a great deal of time and thought to questions involved in work of this kind, and that is certainly no reason why he should be refused confirmation by this Board, all other things being equal. Mr. Lee is entirely fitted for this position, and, whatever his views may be on any particular question, I think in the main, as far as I am able to learn, he is an able, upright gentleman, fitted for the position. I shall vote for his confirmation here today.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Ald. Colby doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I voted against the appointment of Mr. Lee because last Monday there seemed to be a consensus of opinion around this Board that nobody knew him. I am free to admit that I voted against him today. But, after the information given to us by the alderman from Wd. 12 and my colleague from East Boston, I certainly think the proper thing to do, without any discourtesy to the gentleman who had his name assigned last week, is to have a reconsideration. If reconsideration prevails, the proper thing to do then will be to send this to the Committee on Pub-

lic Improvements. I will vote with that understanding.

Reconsideration prevailed, yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. Barry and Dixon voting nay.

No. 30 was referred, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CLOSING OF STREETS.

The Board proceeded to take up special assignments, viz.:

31. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company to close the roadway on Shawmut Ave. to all public travel, other than the cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, from the north side of the Boston & Albany bridge to a point one hundred feet east and west from Shawmut Ave., during the time necessary for changing the grade of said avenue.

32. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company to close the roadways on Harrison Ave., between Lovering Pl. and Broadway; Motte St. for one hundred and fifty feet west of Harrison Ave., and Way St. for one hundred feet east of Harrison Ave., during the time necessary for placing Harrison Ave. to the proper grade lines.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that Nos. 31 and 32 be taken up together and assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the alderman give some reason for desiring these matters assigned for one week. He has had plenty of time to look into them, it seems to me.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to reply to the alderman from Dorchester. It is for this reason: We have given the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and companies interested with them in widening their tracks down to the new Union Station, a great many privileges during the present and past years. A great many complaints have come to me—and I have no doubt that a great many complaints have also been brought to the attention of other members of the Board—to the fact that they have obstructed the highways on which they have had occasion to do some of their work. They have not only gone to work upon their own land but have blocked up the streets and interfered with business and traffic in many ways. Now, what I want to get at is just this: I want an idea from some responsible source as to how long these people propose to keep the streets blocked in the event of this Board granting the power they ask for here today? These orders read "during the time necessary for changing the grade," That is rather an indefinite proposition, and, from my observations of the doings of that corporation, it means to them whenever they get ready. I do not propose to give them the benefit of my work in this Board to allow them to obstruct the streets and interfere with people doing business unnecessarily. I want them to stipulate the time when the work will be done. It is a question of time entirely. Of course, this work must be done. We cannot interfere with railroad companies doing something that actually must be done. But we want them to push their work along in a proper manner.

I don't believe any member of the Board wants them to go along at their own sweet pleasure, interfering with people doing business on the streets, most of them poor people. In that case the result will probably be that many of those people will be driven out of business and will have no redress from the Railroad company, because we will be the ones responsible for granting the right to the road if we see fit to grant it. That is the only interest I have in the matter. I will, as a

substitute for the motion I made, move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and then perhaps the Superintendent of Streets will be able to give us an idea of the probable length of time that this work will take, which will satisfy me and other members of the Board. I now take great pleasure in giving way to the statesman from Dorchester.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the alderman has forestalled me in the suggestion which I had to make. It is my misfortune, perhaps, to drive or ride occasionally over that part of the city, and I realize as fully and as keenly as he does how those streets are at present blocked. My only idea was to prevent any further delay, if possible. I thought if we could limit the time perhaps we should do so, but I did not want the matter delayed for a week. I think the suggestion that the Superintendent of Streets be asked to appear before the Committee on Public Improvements to state the necessary time is a good one. I believe that is what should be done.

The orders were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### TRANSPORTATION OF MILITIA.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 33, special assignment, viz:—

33. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to provide the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed at Boston, during the present season, at an expense not exceeding five thousand (\$5000) dollars; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Referred to the Committee on Armorles, on motion of Ald. Berwin, with instructions to report back at the next meeting.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 82 newsboys, 23 boot-blacks and 2 flower vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today), for leave to run passenger barges—recommending that leave be granted, viz:

John Lane, five barges, between the corner of Chestnut Hill Ave. and Beacon St. and the Brookline line, on Memorial Day.

John W. Bryan barges, between Chestnut Hill Reservoir and Brookline line via Beacon St. and Chestnut Hill Ave.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear in public—recommending that permits be granted, viz:

J. H. Emery, for Doris Bramson, at Castle Square Theatre during production of "A Temperance Town."

A. L. Griffin, for Gussie Hunt, at Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week beginning May 15, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:

J. E. Kinney, M. D. (referred last year), for damage to carriage caused by accumulation of snow and ice on Blue Hill Ave. (as the city is not liable).

Dennis A. O'Neill (referred Feb. 27), for compensation for injuries to his wife

caused by snow and ice on sidewalk on Dalton St. (as the city is not liable).

Charles F. Moulton, M. D. (referred last year), for a hearing on his claim for compensation for services rendered the city at the Marcella Street Home (as suit has been entered against the city).

Accepted. Sent down.  
(2) Report on the petition of John C. Coleman (referred April 12), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thos. B. Phillips the sum of \$148.39, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 58.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Margaret M. McLaughlin, et al. (referred March 27), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of \$85.20, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bay St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 625.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Amy C. B. Wells (referred Feb. 6), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Amy C. B. Wells the sum of \$213.42, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charter St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 347.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Frank F. Proctor (referred May 8), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Nathaniel L. Foster the sum of \$55.40, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bellevue Ave. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 86.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of Margaret M. McLaughlin (referred March 27), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of \$371.00, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Birch St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 137.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Report on the petition of John C. Coleman (referred April 12), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of \$13.96, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St. (lot 107) for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed re-

corded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 60.  
Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, May 22, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M., on petitions of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), as follows:—

For leave to erect poles in Carruth St.  
For leave to erect poles in La Grange St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to attach its wires to trees on Alleghany and Dennison Sts. and Walnut Ave.—Recommending that leave be granted.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Ald. Doyle, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(3) Report on the petition of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. (referred May 8)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to attach, the wires of said telegraph-cable company to the poles of said telephone company on Blue Hill Ave., between Canterbury and Cottage Sts., and on East Cottage St., between Dudley St. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (recommitted May 8th), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 4 poles, 35 ft. by 10 inches; sidewalk seven feet wide; Parker St., Roxbury, 2 poles, 35 ft. by 10 inches; sidewalk, 8 ft. wide; Washington St., Roxbury, 2 poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches; sidewalk, 9 ft. wide; Washington St., city proper, 2 poles, 40 ft. by 12 inches; sidewalk, 13 ft. wide; Malden St., 2 poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches. Date of plan, May 1, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Mt. Pleasant Ave., 4 poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 ft. wide; plan dated May 8, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (recommitted last year), for leave to erect poles in Washington St., Dorchester—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated Sept. 30, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., Wds. 20 and 24, 63 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of May, 1899, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (referred May 8), recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

H. Jay Smith, to project a sign at 975 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Abner M. Hill, to project a sign at 449 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

James C. Johnson, to project two barber poles at 25 Cunard St., Wd. 18.

B. W. Mustasky, to project a clock sign at 1093 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Sam Kee, to project a sign at 24 East Dedham St., Wd. 9.

Quong Lee, to project a sign at 725 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Pacific Restaurant Company, to project an illuminated sign at 1139 Washington St., Wd. 9.

H. A. Le Bow & Company, to project four V-shaped signs at 9 and 11 Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Gipson & Knight (recommitted April 24) for leave to project two bay windows from building corner Clayton and Dickens Sts., one over each street, Wd. 24,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Frank Di Marchi (referred May 8), for leave to project a flag and a barber pole at 158 Canal St., Wd. 8—that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; petitioner given leave to withdraw.

#### STREET LIGHTS.

Ald. McDONALD offered the following:—

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Montclair Ave., Wd. 23; also to replace the electric light removed from corner of McLellan St. and Blue Hill Ave.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to proceed as soon as possible with the order for gas lamps on Willis St., Wd. 20, as the street is at present without any lights.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place electric lights on Edward Everett Sq. and Dorchesterway to Dorchester Ave.

Severally passed.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, COLUMBIA ROAD.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested to have a drinking fountain erected on Columbia Road, near Hancock St., to replace the fountain at present located there, and that the Water Commissioner be requested to grant a hearing as to the most suitable position for said fountain to Mrs. John A. Fowle of 356 Boston St., and the President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Upham's Corner, Dorchester.

Passed. Sent down.

#### WATER DEPARTMENT MEN'S PICNIC.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Water Commissioner to allow the employees of the Water Department a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on August 3, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed. Sent down.

#### RESURFACING STREETS IN WD. 20.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Supt. of Streets be requested to resurface Sumner St., also Pleasant St., Wd. 20, from Freeport St. to Savin Hill Ave.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. ADAMS presented a petition signed by C. F. Baxter for the removal of a tree on Centre St., and in connection therewith offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove the tree now standing on the sidewalk on Centre St., Wd. 20, at the entrance to Gorham St., which is now being opened as an approach to the Shawmut Branch station; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to remove four trees on Allston St., Wd. 20, between Centre St. and Moultrie Ave., said trees being two feet above grade of a new sidewalk about to be constructed; the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees from Amory St., corner of School St., Wd. 22, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

#### PAVING OF DOVER STREET.

The Chairman offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation for paving Dover St. from Tremont St. to Washington St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN THETFORD AVE. SCHOOL.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements on the yard

and walks of the Theftord Avenue School in Dorchester.

Passed. Sent down.

#### TUNNEL AT TRAVERS ST.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of Wd. 6 in relation to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers St.

Passed. Sent down.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4.19 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.15 o'clock, P.M.

#### WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of E. Dodge (referred May 1), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to E. Dodge to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Dupont St., near Decatur St., Wd. 3, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said building to be occupied as a stable.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the order (referred today), naming a square at the West End "Keany Sq.,"—recommending the passage of the order in the following new draft:

Ordered—That the open space at the junction of Charlestown, Causeway and Endcott Sts., be named and be hereafter known as Keany Sq.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment not to grant the request made by the Bath Commission for an appropriation of \$15,000 for equipping and furnishing the chapel of the Congregational Society on Harrison Ave.,—that the same be referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in concurrence.

Report accepted, said order referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in concurrence.

(3) Report on the report of the Committee on Memorial Day recommending certain appropriations for G. A. R. Posts and Veteran organizations,—that the Board of Aldermen adhere to its former action.

The report was accepted, and the board adhered to its former action. Sent down.

(4) Report on the orders (referred today), that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. a permit to close certain portions of Shawmut and Harrison Aves., and other streets temporarily,—that the same ought to pass.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say just a few words at the present time in connection with those orders. In the Committee on Public Improvements the other members of the Board and myself have been assured that the work contemplated under these two orders will probably occupy not more than from seven to ten days. Under the circumstances, I am in

favor, as far as my vote is concerned, of supporting the recommendations of the Committee.

The reports were accepted and the orders passed.

(5) Reports recommending the passage of orders (on petitions referred today), that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Ross & Fowler, to stretch, maintain and use one guy rope over and across B St., and two guy ropes over and across Congress St., at B St., Wd. 13.

Daniel Casey, to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Calumet St., opposite 55, Wd. 19.

Reports accepted, orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Reports (on petitions referred May 8), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 ft. wide, with granite edgestones, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Henry J. Bowen, 99 Old Harbor St., Wd. 15, brick.

Francis James, 2 and 4 Story St., Wd. 15, brick.

Henry J. Bowen, 6 and 8 Story St., Wd. 15, brick.

Margaret C. Keenan, 457 Quincy St., corner Clarkson St., Wd. 20, gravel.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(7) Reports recommending the passage of orders (on petitions referred May 8) that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Allan J. MacKinnon, 32-34 Hartwell St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Florence Lyman and others, 4 to 13, 32 to 46 and 162 to 166 Canal St., Wd. 8, artificial stone.

Timothy L. Connolly, 33-41 Hunneman St., Wd. 17, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Alfred T. Haskell, Columbia Road, northwest corner of Quincy St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Reuben Chapman, 14 Harbor View St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(8) Report on the appointment of Joseph Lee to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor (referred today)—that the same be referred to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation, Committee, Ald. Presho and Dixon. Whole number of ballots, 11; yes, 3; no, 8; and the appointment was rejected.

(9) Report on order (referred today) requesting the Mayor to restore salaries in financial departments—That no action is necessary, in view of Mayor's circular.

Report accepted, order rejected in non-concurrence. Notice sent down.

#### EDGESTONE ASSESSMENT CORRECTED.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen of September 23, 1897, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$74.87 against the estate of Henry E. Casey, on Pomeroy St., at the corner of Gordon St., Wd. 25, be and the same is hereby rescinded. The same estate and the said amount is hereby assessed against Mary E. Crosby, to correct error in ownership.

Passed.

#### TELEPHONE POLE—RELOCATION.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company be requested to relocate their pole opposite 722 East Second St. to a point six feet nearer L St.

Passed.

#### BOSTON ELEVATED STOPPING PLACE

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Co. be requested to establish a stopping place for their cars at the corner of Western Ave. and Mackin St., Wd. 25.

Passed.

#### STREET CLEANING EMPLOYEES' PICTNIC.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow employees of the street-cleaning and sanitary divisions whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services on July 18, 1899, the day of the annual picnic of Ben Franklin Assembly, Knights of Labor.

Passed. Sent down.

#### LAND TAKEN BY B. & A. R.R.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, on the petition of Henry G. Nichols and others, trustees of the estate of Eben D. Jordan, in connection with an assessment of damages for the taking of land by the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, I offer an order for the Board, acting as County Commissioners. It is a nominal award, that I understand all the parties interested are satisfied with. The matter will be tried, anyway.

Ald. COLBY offered the following:—

Whereas, The Boston & Albany Railroad Company, acting under an order of this Board, passed October 17, 1898, has taken certain land of Henry G. Nichols et als., trustees under the will of E. D. Jordan, on Irvington St., for the purposes of making and securing its road and for depot and station purposes; and

Whereas, The said Trustees and said Railroad Company are unable to agree upon the amount of damages due said Trustees on account of said taking, and said Trustees have applied to this Board, acting as County Commissioners, to estimate the amount of such damages;

Now therefore, upon consideration of said petition, and due hearing having been granted to all interested therein, this Board, acting as County Commissioners, as aforesaid, does adjudge and estimate the damages occasioned to the said Trustees, the owners of the land taken as aforesaid, at the sum of one dollar.

The order was passed by the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

Ald. O'Toole moved to reconsider; lost.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved a general reconsideration upon all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Washington St., from a point near Massachusetts Ave., to Northampton St., with all

necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with existing tracks of said company on Northampton St., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 8, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(2) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Lexington St., beginning at and connecting with existing tracks on Meridian St. to a point near Prescott St., with necessary switches, curves, cross-overs and connections, said tracks being shown by red lines on plans made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Feb. 16, and Feb. 24, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the city of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Causeway St., from a point near Portland St. to a point near Charlestown St., with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Portland, Canal and Beverly Sts., and the northerly entrance to the subway; also a cross connection on Beverly St., between Warren Bridge and Causeway St., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 4, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of

Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (referred last year), for leave to lay tracks in Columbia Road, with all necessary connections; also for the right to use the overhead electric system on the same—That no action is necessary.

Accepted.

(5) Report on the petition of the American Sugar Refining Co. (recommitted March 6), for a track location on First and Granite Sts., South Boston—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to The American Sugar Refining Co. to lay down, maintain and use, with cars and engines for the transportation of freight, tracks beginning at a point on West First St. 250 feet west of the westerly line of Granite St., hence in an easterly direction over and upon said West First St. to the land of the New England Railroad Corporation, 270 feet easterly east of the easterly line of A St.; also commencing at a point on Granite St. opposite the southerly line of Mt. Washington Ave., and extending over and upon said Granite St. to West First St., and connecting with the track located by this order on West First St.; said tracks being shown on a plan made by George T. Sampson, dated August 1, 1892, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Street, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said American Sugar Refining Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The report was accepted and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I had no notice that the Railroad Committee would report today. On general principles I would be pleased to agree with them—I don't know but what I will anyway,—but I had wanted to make a statement as to why I introduced this order for an inquiry into the right of the American Sugar Refinery to maintain tracks on those streets. I found that they were operating there without right, and it seemed to be a question in their minds as to whether we had any rights in the matter at all. Even their petition shows that they regard our action as almost an interference with them, that they have more or less a vested right in the tracks on First and Granite Sts. I think I have accomplished what I started out to do, and I don't know that I have any particular objection at this time—perhaps some other member has—to granting leave. But I will state clearly that my object in bringing this up was to show that parties having rights or franchises granted by the Board of Aldermen to them cannot transfer them by a common law assignment, that when the transfer of property is made to new parties, the new parties must obtain rights from the Leg-

islature or come to this Board and obtain new rights. I think that fact is clearly exemplified by the standing of the gas franchises in Boston today. I have looked into the matter somewhat, and I have grave doubts as to the right of certain gas companies to whom transfers have been made by other companies in this city, to maintain their rights in the streets of Boston.

The gas companies control a vast property, twenty-five or thirty years ago considered one of the safest investments in the United States, today we see shares of their stock taken off the list in the Stock Exchange. They are looked upon as a very doubtful quantity, and what ought to be a great property—as it would be with a strong franchise behind it—is of

questionable value today, commercially. I wanted to have this proposition brought out squarely, that when we grant rights to a corporation in the city of Boston it must itself exercise those rights; it cannot transfer them without obtaining our consent in some legal way; and a company cannot, simply because it enjoys certain rights itself, turn those rights over to other parties.

The order was read a second time and passed under suspension of the rule, on motion of Ald. Berwin. Ald. Berwin moved to reconsider; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Codman, at 5:35 P.M., to meet on Monday, May 22, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, May 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

## GYMNASIUM, WARD 9.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on May 16th appropriating \$2500 for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Plympton St., recently acquired as a gymnasium for Wd. 9.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
May 16, 1899.

Ordered: That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Plympton St. acquired as a gymnasium for Wd. 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Laurence Minot,  
John P. Dore,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

## CLOCK, SOUTH FERRY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting on May 16th appropriating, for a clock on the South Ferry Head-house, \$500 of the \$3000 formerly appropriated for a "dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
May 16, 1899.

Ordered, That of the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3000) formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the city treasury, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated for a clock on the South Ferry head-house, Boston side.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed, yeas 43, nays 0.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan,

Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Doherty, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Hicorrigan, Johnson, Kiley, Klemm, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—49.

Nays—0.

Absent or not Voting—Bennett, Bordman, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Howard, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Leftovith, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Mansfield, Moore, Rice, Roemer, Sullivan—26.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of rejection of ordinance of May 11, relative to public baths and gymnasia.

Placed on file.

2. Notice of rejection of order of May 11, requesting the Mayor to restore the former salaries to the employees of the financial departments of the city of Boston, it appearing that no action was necessary.

Placed on file.

The council voted on motion of Mr. Hickey to consider Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive together, viz.:

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition, referred September 19, 1898, of Charles F. Moulton, M. D., for a hearing on his claim for compensation for services rendered the city at the Marcella-St. Home,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

4. Report of same committee, on petition, referred February 27, of Dennis A. O'Neil for compensation for injuries to his wife caused by snow and ice on sidewalk of Dalton St.—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

5. Report of the same committee, on petition, referred Dec. 19, 1898, of J. E. Kinney, M. D., to be paid for damage to carriage, caused by accumulation of snow and ice on Blue Hill Ave.—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

The council voted, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain, to consider Nos. 6 to 12 inclusive, together, viz.:

6. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of E. Dodge, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Dodge to build a wooden building on Dupont St., near Deatur St., Wd. 3, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a stable.

7. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of John C. Coleman, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thos. F. Phillips the sum of one hundred forty-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$148.39), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St. (lot 106), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 58.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of John C. Coleman, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of one hundred forty-nine dollars ninety-six cents (\$149.96), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Devon St. (lot 107), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 60.

9. Report of same committee, on petition

of Margaret M. McLaughlin, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of three hundred seventy-one dollars (\$371), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Birch St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2533, fol. 137.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret M. McLaughlin and another, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward E. Richards the sum of eighty-five dollars and twenty cents (\$85.20), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bay St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 625.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Amy C. B. Wells, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Amy C. B. Wells the sum of two hundred and thirteen dollars and forty-two cents (\$213.42), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charter St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 347.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Frank F. Proctor, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Nathaniel L. Foster the sum of fifty-five dollars and forty cents (\$55.40), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bellevue Ave. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 86.

Reports severally accepted, orders severally passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements on the yard and walks of the Thetford-avenue School in Dorchester.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 moved to amend the order by adding the following "also improve the sanitary condition."

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended passed. Sent up.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to give a public hearing to the citizens of Wd. 6 in relation to the proposed tunnel under the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on Travers St.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow employees of the Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services on July 13, 1899, the day of the annual picnic of Ben Franklin Assembly, Knights of Labor.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I move to non-concur with the Board of Aldermen, because arrangements have already been made to give a holiday for a picnic to the laborers on that day.

The PRESIDENT—The motion of the gentleman from Wd. 9 is out of order at this time. The Chair will state that the action of the Common Council may be to reject the action of the Board of Aldermen; but the question does not come on concurrence or non-concurrence at this time, the question being on giving the order a second reading. It is within the province of the Common Council to reject or to pass the order, at it sees fit. The question

comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this order will not be given a second reading, for the following reasons. Some months ago the City Council and His Honor the Mayor allowed the date of July 13 to the Street Cleaning Division, Sanitary Employees, members of the American Federation of Labor, and the Ben Franklin Assembly, Knights of Labor, comes in here now for the same day. I hardly think it is fair to allow that sort of thing, to grant the privilege of a holiday for two picnics on the same day. As this will conflict with the other, I hope the order will be voted down. The Ben Franklin Assembly is an organization mostly of the bosses in the Street Cleaning Division. A few of the laborers do belong to it, but I don't think the whole membership aggregates sixty. Every boss in the Street Cleaning Division, every foreman and sub-foreman is a member thereof. The other organization, the Federation of Labor, by its constitution and by-laws does not allow bosses to belong. Consequently they have a large and flourishing organization of four hundred and some odd members. But when it comes to the question of selling tickets against their bosses for a picnic on the same day, the result must be a hardship on the laboring men, as they will feel obliged to buy tickets that they do not need and cannot use. I know from my own experience, having been employed as a sub-foreman by the city, that I was once asked to belong to this organization, and was told that the bosses controlled it. That being so, the bosses can sell tickets for this picnic on the same day to the men, and they will be compelled to purchase two tickets. I therefore hope we will not give the order a second reading.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that we will nonconcur in this question. We had the same difficulty here last year, I believe, if I remember correctly, and the American Federation of Labor sometime ago succeeded in having an order passed through this body and also the Board of Aldermen in regard to this holiday. I think that when the American Federation of Labor, composed of the laboring class of men, asks for a day of this kind, the request should be granted, and I see no reason why any other organization should conflict with it. I trust that this order will be voted down and that the American Federation of Labor will be given the privilege of this day.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, when that order was introduced by Alderman Doyle, I believe he introduced it in good faith, and probably he did not think at the time that that day was assigned to another labor organization to hold their annual picnic; so I move you, if it would be in order, that the matter be referred back to the Board of Aldermen, out of courtesy to the alderman.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to add a few words to what I have said relative to the order that was introduced in the Board of Aldermen for this vacation. Probably the dearest friend I have got among the regular end of the politicians of Boston is Alderman Doyle, and I am satisfied that this order was handed to him and that he introduced it as a matter of favor. I presume he does not know the circumstances. I am well satisfied that Alderman Doyle will agree to our action in voting this down.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned. This is the same difficulty we had last year, as has been already explained. I think that the motion made by the man who last spoke, to refer this matter back to the Board of Aldermen, is the proper action to take. Last year this order was

introduced by the same method. The alderman coming from my ward was handed this order, I should judge about the same way and under the same conditions as Alderman Doyle was handed this order, and last year we had that order referred back to the Board of Aldermen. I think if we took that method this year it would be the best thing we could do.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that such a motion as to refer this order back to the Board of Aldermen would be entirely improper and unwarranted. The question is on assignment.

Mr. MULCAHY or Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned. It seems to me that several of the members are fully aware of the facts in this case, and why this Ben Franklin Assembly should come in here and ask for the same day for their picnic is something that I cannot undersand. We had the same trouble with them last year. I know that most of the members of the council are familiar with this case, and if they were not so before, they have been made so by the remarks which have been made. I trust that no assignment will prevail, but that we will non-concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I trust that no motion to assign will prevail. As I understand it the American Federation of Labor have hired their grounds, have got their tickets ready for their picnic and are all ready to go ahead and do the best they can to sell those tickets; but they do not want to go ahead and do anything that will cost money until this thing is settled, and if it is assigned, it will be another week before they can go ahead with their business. I hope that the matter will be settled tonight.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, in view of the fact that the Federation of Labor is waiting for the date, and wish to get their tickets out, and in view of the fact that if this is assigned for another week it will delay them just one week more in starting upon their work, and for the reason that I believe the Federation of Labor should have their day alone and not be interfered with by any other city organization, especially that of the street division, I sincerely trust that we will not assign this matter, but that the order will be defeated tonight.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned tonight, in view of the fact that the American Federation of Labor applied for this day some three months ago. The K. of L. have waited until the last minute, and then they come in under cover, through Alderman Doyle, without his knowing the circumstances at all, and get this order passed by the board. It is a matter of a few men against a large number. I hope that the motion to assign will not prevail.

The motion to assign was lost, and the order was refused a second reading. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

16. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Water Commissioner to allow the employees of the Water Department a holiday, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, on August 3, 1899, the day of their annual picnic.

Passed in concurrence.

17. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested to have a drinking fountain erected on Columbia road, near Hancock St., to replace the fountain at present located there, and that the Water Commissioner be requested to grant a hearing as to the most suitable position for said fountain to Mrs. John A. Fowle of 356 Eoston St., and the President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Upham's Corner, Dorchester.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope that order will be assigned for one week. This order relates to a section of Dorchester that I am interested in, and I know considerable about the locality. Columbia Road was widened to 120 feet down to this neck, where I think it is reduced to 60 feet, or possibly 80 feet, and it again opens up to 120 feet. There are three lines of cars going through this narrow neck, and all the travel has to go through it. Now, they come in and ask to have a fountain replaced, and I know there has been a good deal of talk about having the one there removed, on account of the congestion. I hope that the order will be assigned.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I hardly see why this order should be assigned. I think the gentleman in the 4th division, from Wd. 20, has not looked into the order carefully. It merely asks that the Water Commissioners grant a hearing. I do not see why we should refuse to grant these people a hearing. I do not think the matter should be assigned.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I do not object to this especially, only that I wanted time. This hearing would probably be given next week, if we pass this order, and I want to make some inquiries in that section to see just how much opposition there is to having this fountain placed there. If it is assigned for a week, then we can vote to give them a hearing, and I will have had time then to look into the matter.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned. As the gentleman from Wd. 24 states, it only requests a hearing. If there is anything to object to about the location of the fountain, they can appear at the hearing and object.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, the gentleman in the Fourth Division evidently understands the order as it reads, and I am willing that it should be assigned, out of courtesy to him.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

18. The order concerning appropriations for memorial purposes (City Doc. 84) comes down with an entry thereon that the Board of Aldermen adhered to its former action.

Q. on receding and concurring.

The question came on receding from former action and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope that the Council will not recede, but will stand by its former action. I therefore move you, sir, that the Council adhere to its former action.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I can hardly see where we are going to be fair with the posts who are interested in this order, and who are to be benefited by it, if we continue to adhere to former action. Last Thursday night, my friend from Wd. 11 told us that the Kearsarge Association was a very rich post, and could afford to have their appropriation reduced this year. Personally, I know nothing about it. I do not doubt the truth of the gentleman's statement, but it seems as though there might be other posts who are quite as well off, and who could quite as well afford a reduction as the Kearsarge Association. As I said myself Thursday night, I know of a post that I would very much like to secure a larger appropriation for myself. It seems hardly fair to change the programme at this time. The committee must have taken into consideration the needs of the different posts and their financial condition, when they voted to divide the money up as they did, and if we continue to non-concur with the Board of Aldermen, it will doubtless come back to us again, and the result will be only

to prevent the posts from spending the money at all. I think it would be wise to recede from former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of the order, as made up by the committee, and next year, if my friend wants to get a larger appropriation, put in his work before the report comes from the committee. This money must be spent before Memorial Day, and it is only a short time until then now, and as a matter of fact, if it comes back next Thursday night to us, these commands could not make the arrangements that they desire. I think in the interest of the other posts who are provided for in this report, we should recede from our former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen in the passage of this order, as originally reported to us by the committee. I am sorry to differ with my friend from Wd. 11, but, as I say, his work should have been done before the committee reported. Now the time is so short that I think it would be foolish on our part, in the interest of the posts concerned, to disagree with the Board of Aldermen. I therefore hope that we will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, as a member of that committee I expressed my views on that last Thursday night, and I hope the council will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen. It is getting pretty late now and time that these men should know what they are to have to expend. I think it is proper for us to concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope the council will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen. I know last week I was in doubt as to the taking of this money from the Kearsarge Veterans, but since the last meeting I have met a few members of that organization. I know personally probably three or four of the members. I know that they are very poor men, working for the ordinary day's wages. I feel that if there is any money to be given to the post referred to by my friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) the money should be taken proportionally from the different posts and not taken entirely from the Kearsarge Veterans. I hope, Mr. President, that the council will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Br. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that the Council will not adhere to its former action. I speak upon personal authority from the Kearsarge Veterans, and I want to state in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead), when he said the members of that organization were fixed financially well enough to make up the balance themselves, that I know several members of that organization who are not so wealthy as he would lead us to believe. I think, in order to be fair with each and all the organizations, if there is any cut to be made it should be taken from all alike.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I am satisfied that since the last meeting of the council members of the Kearsarge Association have been working very diligently upon the members of this branch. Now I desire to say with all due respect to that organization and to the members of this council, that I do not believe the Memorial Day committee have done just the right thing, notwithstanding what the chairman of that committee may say to the contrary.

In the first place, I desire to inform the gentlemen of this council of the fact, which the committee has failed to bring to our attention, that we have voted \$100 to the Vicksburg Command, an association that does not exist. \$100 has been voted to that command for Memorial Day. Now, the trivial sum that I asked for at

the last meeting of the Council will not hurt anybody. If the committee so desires, it can take that \$100 that this council voted to the Vicksburg Command, an association which does not exist, and take nothing whatever from the Kearsarge Association. So far as I am concerned, I will not open my mouth in regard to that. Now, I realize the fact that these gentlemen ought to have a reasonable length of time in order to make their arrangements for Memorial Day and I don't believe, if the council stands by its former action that it will make a particle of difference, so far as this appropriation goes, because we know that the men will get their money. While some members of the council may bring up the fact that unless we pass this order at once they will not get their money, that is only to drive us up to this thing. I believe that if the council stands by its former action here tonight, when the matter is brought before the board of aldermen those gentlemen will pass it in concurrence with us, without a murmur. I hope, Mr. President, that the council will stand by its former action and non-concur.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, it seems to me that the appointing of this Memorial Day committee is about the same as the appointing of a Fourth of July committee. They have simply as a matter of courtesy, been requested to submit a programme. Now, as I understand it, the Mayor has full authority in these matters, and I understand from the best authority that unless we act wisely in this matter and recede from our former action and pass this in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor will take the matter from our hands and distribute the money as he sees fit.

I think the best thing to do, as I stated previously this evening, is to allow this matter to go through as recommended by the Committee. The Committee had no favorites in the matter, and was fair with each and every command on the list. Personally, I had a friend of mine who wanted to have a larger appropriation, but I wanted to be fair with the other commands and did not insist upon it. I hope my friend from Wd. 11 will withdraw his objections and will allow the matter to go through tonight, as it is only a matter of \$60 anyway, for his command, and that next year he will be successful in securing sufficient money.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to ask of some member of the Memorial Day Committee whether or not it is a fact that the Vicksburg Command is not today an organization, and is liable to receive \$100 illegally?

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I believe every command that is here made a request for money. If it did not, the money would not be appropriated. However, I will say that if there is no Vicksburg Command, I hardly think anybody representing the Vicksburg Command would take the chance of receiving that money illegally.

Mr. SIMPSON—Mr. President, before the last meeting of the Council there was a gentleman who called on me and stated that this Vicksburg Command had gone out of existence, and he wanted to get the money for the Meagher Command. Now, I will say, as far as the Committee is concerned, that that has not been proven to us yet. But if there is \$100 left there, we will divide it up with our friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead).

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, it seems to me as if the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) ought to know the needs of the posts referred to as well as any man in this body. At the last meeting of this Council he stated that he was on time at the meeting of the Memorial Day Committee, but when he got there, the meeting had been adjourned. I have not heard that statement denied yet, and I think, as a simple mat-

ter of courtesy to him, we should non-concur, sending this back to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be sent back to the Board of Aldermen. The gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) says there is \$100 there, appropriated for the Vicksburg Command, which can be spared. He says there is no such organization in existence. If this be so, I don't know why he did not make a fight for that \$100 and let the rest of the appropriations stand as they are. Of course, each and every individual member of the body knows somebody in some of the different commands. I could speak myself personally for the Gettysburg Command. I trust that we will concur.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, in view of the fact that one member of the Memorial Day Committee has informed us that the Vicksburg Command has gone out of existence and that a Vicksburg Command man who came to him wanted the money appropriated for that organization transferred to some other organization, I think it is high time that we should act on that information. If it is in order I would move we strike out the \$100 appropriated for the Vicksburg Command. If that is not done, I want to say something on the merits of the order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state for the information of the Council, and particularly the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) that the Council has already concurred in the report of the Committee with the exception of that particular part that has been amended. The question now comes on adhering to former action on those parts which have been amended.

Mr. WATSON—Then, Mr. President, I desire to stand where I stood at the last meeting. I think that the Peter Salem—

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will allow the Chair, the Chair will suggest that the proper proceeding to accomplish the result desired will be to rescind so much of the order as passed by the Council as referred to that particular command. The question is on adhering to former action.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, as I understand the Chair, if we rescind our previous action on the order we can then amend by striking out. I sincerely trust that we will adhere to our former action. I voted with Brother Armistead at the last meeting. I believe he has already stated that many members, in fact all of the members of the Peter Salem Garrison and of Robert G. Shaw Command are hard working men, some of whom work at cleaning windows, working at anything that they can get to do. They are worthy men, and I am satisfied that the Kearsarge Naval Veterans is one of the richest and most influential organizations connected with the G.A.R. in the United States. It is made up of police captains and people in high life; and I sincerely trust that that will adhere to the gentleman in Wd. 11 we will adhere to our former action.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I would have the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) understand that I am not opposed to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead), and I would be one of the first men to favor him and vote with him on almost any measure. But I believe if this gentleman cannot get his additional \$60 he should not prevent the other posts from receiving their proportion of the money. As I said before, I believe unless we recede from our former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor will take this matter out of our hands and distribute the money as he sees fit. I think the gentleman from Wd. 11 should be fair in this matter, as he would expect us to be with him. Personally I have no interest in the Kearsarge Veterans. I don't know one of them. I don't know a member in

the Peter Salem Garrison, and am not interested in them or any of the other organizations personally, except on general principles. I believe that the gentleman from Wd. 11 wants to be as fair with other organizations interested in the order as he wishes us to be with the ones in which he is interested, that he will agree with me and vote to recede from our former action and concur with the Board of Aldermen tonight.

The motion to adhere to former action was declared lost. Mr. Fenton of Wd. 15 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The council stood divided, and the motion to non-concur and to adhere to former action was carried, 32 members voting in the affirmative, 16 in the negative.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, in view of the fact that I do not believe some of the members understood what they were voting upon, I most respectfully doubt the vote and ask that the roll be called.

A rising vote was taken to determine whether the roll call would be ordered, after which the President said:—

Less than one fifth of the members present voting in favor of the roll call, the yeas and nays are refused. The Council adheres to former action.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I will move to reconsider, hoping that the motion will not prevail.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I believe there is still a way out of this matter, and I hope reconsideration will prevail. It seems to me my friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) has seen some way by which we can bring about the right effect, and I hope reconsideration will prevail and that the matter will be assigned until later in the meeting, so that it may be arranged satisfactorily to everybody interested. I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I hope reconsideration will prevail. It is my intention, if it is in order, to make a motion to rescind the vote whereby we adhered to former action, in order that the order may be amended so that the amount appropriated for the Vicksburg Command, \$100, may be transferred to the Robert G. Shaw and Peter Salem organizations. Then, if there is no such command in existence as the Vicksburg Command, we will very soon find it out. If there is, they will come forward and ask for their \$100.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, while I am one of those who has been converted to a certain extent on this matter, I sincerely trust that reconsideration will prevail. I am credibly informed that there is a way out of this, by which the whole question will be solved, in a legal way and without taking money out of anybody. If that is so, I am satisfied to vote for reconsideration. We can then endeavor to fix the matter up. I hope reconsideration will be assigned to quarter of nine.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I dislike very much to enter into any debate on this subject at this time, but I voted with our friend from Wd. 11 (Mr. Armistead) at the last meeting, and will be pleased to vote with him at this meeting, if possible. If the statement made by him, in which he is seemingly backed up and sustained by the several members of the Memorial Day Committee, is true—to the effect that there is no such command as the Vicksburg Command, I trust that reconsideration will prevail, in order that the amendment suggested by the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Harvey) may be made, and that money, taken from the Vicksburg Command, can be given to the Robert G. Shaw Veteran Association and the Peter Salem Garrison. I sincerely trust that reconsideration will prevail.

Reconsideration prevailed, and the question came on adhering to former action.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I hope that the matter will be assigned to 5:45 o'clock.

The motion to assign to 8:45 P.M. was carried.

Later in the session Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 said:—

Mr. President, I desire to call up No. 13 on the calendar, which was assigned to a quarter of nine. If it is in order, I would move that we rescind the vote whereby the amendment offered by the gentleman in the first division, giving an additional amount to the Robert Gould Shaw Association and the Peter Sa'em Garrison at the last meeting. I ask to have that vote rescinded, and I have an amendment which I wish to offer.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the motion out of order, the question being on adhering to former action.

The motion to adhere to former action was declared lost. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to adhere to former action was carried—Yeas 28, nays 27.

Yeas.—Armistead, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Broderick, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Curley, Emery, Gibbons, Harvey, Hibbard, Klemm, Lorey, MacDonald, MILDAM, Miller Nangle, Peck, Rolland, Sanderson, Stevens, Stockton, Walker, Warson, Winsloe, Wood,—28.

Nays.—Atwood, Brennan, Collins, Donahoe, Fenton, Flynn, Giblin, Hickey, Horigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Newhall, Rice, Simpson, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Well—27.

Absent or not Voting.—Bennett, Borman, Bradley, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Howard, Jordan, Leftovith, Leonard, Madden, Mansfield, Moore, O'Brien, Roemer, Sullivan—20.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration, hoping that the same will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the motion out of order, as reconsideration has already been voted upon.

#### FARRAGUT DAY.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 13, unfinished business, viz.:—

13. (Coun. Martin.) Ordered, That a committee to consist of seven members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense of the same not to exceed one thousand (1000) dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire at this time to offer an amendment in connection with this order—striking out "City Council, Incidental Expenses," and inserting in place thereof "Reserved fund."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that that amendment is illegal, and upon that ground will rule the amendment out of order. Under the present Board of Apportionment law the Council has no right to originate a transfer from the reserved fund.

The order was read a second time, and passed. Mr. Martin of Wd. 10 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### ASSIGNMENTS.

The council proceeded to take up assignments, viz.:—

20. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Bath Commission submitting information as to the expenditure of the Bath Department during the current financial year. (City Doc., No. 95.)  
Placed on file.

21. Communications from the Secretary of the Navy and others relative to the employment of alien labor on the Boston Dry Dock. (City Doc. No. 96.)

Placed on file.

22. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Secretary of the Bath Commission concerning veterans of the Civil War suspended or discharged from the Bath Department. (City Doc. No. 97.)

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that that communication be sent back to the Secretary of the Bath Commission, as it is to my mind an untruthful statement. Since the last meeting, I have received certain information which leads me to believe that this statement is untrue, and, therefore, I move you that this communication be referred to where it originated.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the communication will be so referred.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I cannot see, if the Chair will permit debate upon this amendment, why that should be referred back in that manner—

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman object to the reference?

Mr. HICKEY—I do.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, it seems to me that the gentleman from Wd. 8, if he has any good reason for wishing that to be referred back, should be prepared to give his reasons. He simply states that untruthful statements appear therein. I do not know whether it makes any difference to the Bath Commission if this is referred back to them or not. I am simply talking in regard to this as a matter of principle. I believe that if good cause can be shown why this should be referred back, that course should be taken, but otherwise not. I believe that the untruthful statements should be pointed out to this body, and if that is done, this body can, perhaps, more severely reprimand the secretary of the Bath Commission, than simply to refer this communication back to him.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, it would be far from my usual course to get up here and say that a communication was an untruthful statement if I did not have the information in my possession to back up what I said. Mr. President, I do not get up here and talk at random, like the gentleman from Wd. 2. I generally know what I am talking about. He got up here recently and referred to a number on the calendar as providing for the payment of money to the family of a deceased officer, and said that that money came from the police relief fund—but it doesn't, it comes out of the city treasury. He did not take time to look it up. I wanted to have that matter assigned to the next meeting, in order that I might have a chance to investigate it, but he would not agree to it. He gets up here now and talks on this question. He does not know what he is talking about. I know what I am talking about and I have got the evidence. There are four men. The secretary of the bath commission claims there are no veterans. I say there are. There are four. There are two or three of them loafing today. Therefore I say that this statement is untrue, Mr. President.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, in reply to the somewhat personal attack made by the light-headed gentleman in the fourth division (laughter)—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the Council to be in order.

Mr. HICKEY—(Continuing.) I simply wish to say that he has not yet given the proof, the evidence, which he spoke of having, and which he referred to in his original remarks. I believe that this

Council should demand of him that if he has information contrary to what is stated in the communication sent to this body, he should state it to this body. His excuse, that I talk at random, cannot be sustained by him. I hope that his motion will not prevail.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, if this communication about the Bath Commission comes back to us the same as it is now, I shall certainly give my evidence here to the members of this body, but I do not think it is necessary at this time, inasmuch as I tell the members of this body that I have that evidence. I do not want to reveal the names, because it might hurt the chances of some of these men of getting employment again. I have got the names in my pocket, and I have got the evidence, and I tell the Council that the statement that the secretary of the bath commission gives us is not true—and it is not true.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I just wish to call the attention of the Council to this one fact—although I have no doubt as to how the final vote will be—that the order which was introduced in this body on April 27th asked for a complete list of the veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the organization of the department. The reply seems to me to be a courteous one, and is clearly to the point. He says, "After considerable inquiry we find that no veterans have ever been certified to the Bath Commission from the civil service." That is a plain and direct statement, and if the gentleman from Wd. 8 can contradict it, he should do so in a fair and open manner. The secretary of the Bath Commission goes on to say that no hearing has been asked for by the employees, and that he has no "list of the names of veterans of the Civil War employed in the Bath Department who have been suspended or discharged without a hearing since the date of the organization of the said department," and that he knows of no veterans in the department. That seems to me to be a perfectly plain and courteous reply to the order of this Council, and I feel, as a matter of principle, that the communication should not be referred back in this way without a specific reason.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, if the members of this body desire to hear the names of the veterans, I will give them; but I think, Mr. President, that the members of this body have got confidence enough in me, when I make a statement that there are veterans there, to take my word for it. I do not think there is a gentleman outside of the gentleman from Wd. 2 that doubts my statement.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I believe that the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 8 is correct. I know of veterans myself, and the secretary of the Bath Commission states that he knows of no veterans. Now, he knows better than that, because he does know that there are veterans there, and so do I. One of my constituents is a veteran, and was suspended, and has been suspended for eight months.

It was voted that the communication be referred back to the Bath Department.

23. Message of the Mayor relative to the provision of ordinance requiring male employees of the city to be citizens and legal voters of Boston. (City Doc. No. 98.)

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in saying a few words upon this message, I would like to say that, being a great believer in consistency, this is the only time that I know of where the Mayor of Boston has been consistent. Being a carpet-bagger himself it is only natural that he should favor non-residents. Therefore I move you, sir, the reference of the whole matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to refer was carried.

24. Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery bc, and hereby is, rescinded.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I would ask that No. 24 on the calendar be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, this matter was assigned from last meeting to this, and unless the gentleman from Wd. 25 can give some good reason, I should ask that the order be put upon its passage tonight.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, inasmuch as this cemetery is in the locality represented by the gentleman from Wd. 25, and inasmuch as he has asked for a chance to look into the matter, I think it is no more than courtesy to him to allow it to go over to the next meeting.

Mr. GIBBONS—Mr. President, this communication which has been received was in reply to an order which I introduced some weeks ago asking for specifications and figures and contracts which the cemetery trustees has obtained under this appropriation for a stone wall at the Evergreen Cemetery. I have obtained the necessary information, and in course of obtaining that information we found out that the appropriation was for a stone wall and that a stone wall would not suit the purpose of the trustees, and that the appropriation was not sufficient for it. They desired to build a fence. An appropriation for a stone wall cannot be used to build a fence. Therefore, they want this appropriation rescinded in order that new appropriation may be made to build an iron fence.

Mr. SANDERSON—Mr. President, I had hoped that this matter would be assigned, in order that I might have time to look it up. I have not had the time to look it up and get the information which I desired as thoroughly as I wanted to. I have obtained some information which leads me to think that there is a cat in the meal somewhere. The trustees were asked to give the Council certain information. They gave the member from Wd. 5 the information personally, but did not send any communication to the Council giving the information that the order asked for. Now, I have seen one of the most reliable contractors in our ward—a man of sterling integrity—and he tells me that the 800 feet of stone wall four feet high can be built for this amount of money, and that he will build it for that amount. I hope the order will be assigned to the next meeting of the Council in order that I may look further into the matter and convince myself that this order as it appears on the calendar is right and proper.

Mr. GIBBONS—Mr. President, I just wish to say that I am perfectly satisfied to have the matter assigned to the next meeting, if the gentleman wishes it.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

25. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Fire Commissioner to so organize the department that the members shall be divided into two shifts of twelve hours each, so that the members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours of duty in every twenty-four.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered the following as a substitute:—

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum of money so that the Fire

Department may be organized in such a way that the members shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours' duty in twenty-four.

The substitute order was passed. Sent up.

26. Report of Committee on Police, that the following order, referred to said committee, ought to pass:—

Ordered, That the Board of Police be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed to allow and pay to Sarah E. Leavitt, widow of late Patrolman William D. Leavitt, deceased, October 23, 1898, an annuity of three hundred (300) dollars per annum, commencing on the 29th of October, 1898, as provided by section 2 of chapter 175 of the Acts of 1887.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence. Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### A STATEMENT BY MR. WATSON.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, if it is in order, I would like to ask unanimous consent to make a statement, through the courtesy of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman if he desires to rise to a question of personal privilege?

Mr. WATSON—It is merely a question of personal privilege so far as I am a member of the city government this year only—not to me directly.

The PRESIDENT—Is there any objection to allowing Mr. Watson to make a statement? If there is no objection, the gentleman will proceed.

Mr. WATSON—I desire to say a word here in reference to an item which appeared in the New York Journal of the day before yesterday. The item, in substance, is as follows:—

"Boston, Mass., May 16, 1899. The Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, today granted an increase of 2½ per cent. to all city employees."

My reason for rising at this time is to bring it to the attention, if possible, of the gentleman representing the New York Journal in Boston that the city employees of Boston receiving more than a certain sum of money were cut in proportion, 5 and 7½ per cent. For three months this cut lasted. As a matter of fact, a few days ago, the Mayor instructed those departments over which he had control to restore salaries. In some way, Mayor Quincy, through his press bureau—and he has many—must have got word to the New York Journal first before anybody else did. I desire now to get word to the New York Journal, through this body, that salaries have not been increased.

#### SQUARE, BUNKER HILL, VINE AND MOULTON STS.

Mr. HARRIGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the square bounded by Vine, Moulton and Bunker Hill Sts., Wd. 3, in proper condition, also to place a sufficient number of settees around the outside of said square.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT ON MYSTIC ST.

Mr. HARRIGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the edgestones, sidewalks and gutters on Mystic St. and on Elm St., from Bunker Hill St. to High St., Wd. 3.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, GUILD ROW.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light at the junction of Guild Row and Dudley St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PURCHASE OF MAPS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, for the Committee on Printing, submitted a report on the order (referred May 11) relative to the purchase of five hundred copies of a map of Boston, recommending the passage of the order in the following new draft:—

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to purchase five hundred copies of the new map of Boston published by G. H. Walker & Co., each member of the City Council to be furnished with three copies of the same and the remainder to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

#### LIGHTS, WARD 24.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate and maintain a sufficient number of lights on Harwood St., Johnson Terrace and Ballou Ave. to properly light the same.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR NEPONSET ROWING CLUB.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Committee on the Fourth of July be requested to include in the programme for the celebration an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for the Neponset Rowing Club.

Referred to the Committee on Fourth of July.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. SWEENEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make such an arrangement as to allow each member of the Fire Department twelve hours leave of absence between his regular days off.

Mr. SWEENEY of Wd. 7—Mr. President, in regard to that order, I desire to state that I have introduced it actuated by a desire to see the members of the Boston Fire Department granted the privilege which the work that they do rightly deserves. I have no doubt but what every member of this Council will place upon it the stamp of their approval, and it is my earnest hope that His Honor, Mayor Quincy, will use his utmost influence with the Fire Commissioner in striving to have him grant this privilege to the members of the Boston Fire Department. At the present time, they are allowed one day off in eight. In other words, they are compelled to put in about 180 hours of continuous service before they receive the privilege of one day off. Now, a comparison of that length of time with the amount of time demanded of the ordinary working man or of the business man clearly demonstrates that they are obliged to put in three times as much work. Now, I think this condition of affairs ought not to exist in a city like Boston, which is held up as an ideal, and in view of the fact that the passage of this order will incur no extra expense for the Fire Department, and of the fact that it will in no way conflict with the regular routine work of that Department, I sincerely and earnestly hope that it will receive some attention, and I respectfully ask a suspension of the rules, in order that it may go upon its passage tonight.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this order will pass this evening. This is not the first time that this matter has been brought before this body. Last year, on different occasions, I presented orders that were intended to bring about the same result

which the gentleman in this division hopes to obtain. About two months ago I appeared before the committee on metropolitan affairs and argued for the bill presented by the Senator from Charlestown providing for two sets of men, to work 12 hours each as firemen. At that time, one of the members of the committee asked me why we came up to the State House for legislation for the firemen. He said it was unnecessary to go to the State House for legislation for the firemen, and that we had the power to attend to that matter right here, without going up there. Now, there is no reason why we should not do it. As an ex-fireman, as a person who knows what they have to contend with, I cannot see any reason why the firemen should not have more time off. The members of the other protective branch of our government, the policemen, have three shifts every day. Now, it seems to me that if the police officers can have three shifts, the firemen should at least be given a little consideration, and should have at least 12 hours leave extra over what they are having at the present time. The only argument that can be brought against this 12-hour matter will be the extra expense. I see no extra expense. If they could do it before and give the firemen extra time, there is no reason why they cannot do it at the present time. I hope that the order will go through tonight.

Mr. MULLCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I heartily endorse the sentiments of the preceding speakers in reference to this department. I don't think there is a body of men who deserve any more credit and who should receive any more attention than they do. I don't think it is necessary for me to go into details in this matter, as this body is always in favor of proper treatment of a department of that nature.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, this is something that I must get into. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. WATSON—In view of the fact, Mr. President, that a persecuted body of men are not getting what belongs to them. While I am satisfied that nothing will come of the order at this time, in view of the fact that the city has not got anything, at the same time the order shows the good spirit of the gentleman who offered it. I am satisfied today, however, that the firemen of Boston are confident that they will get nothing from the administration, regardless of the money that may be on hand. The only place where the firemen can get relief—and I doubt if they will get it there—is from the Legislature. As a matter of fact, what Councilman Martin says about the gentleman who told him that they needn't go to the State House is true. I think the appropriation for the Fire Department at this time is not large enough for this purpose, if, as is claimed, it is not sufficient to give to the men the 7½ p.c. cut that was made in their salaries for two weeks. If such is the case, it is true that the \$50,000 or \$100,000 that would be necessary under this order cannot be provided from the appropriation. It stands to reason. But I am satisfied that the gentleman who offered the order is absolutely honest. I have some interest in the firemen, as well as he, and I sincerely trust the order will go through, even though it may amount to nothing.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### ALLEWAYS, WD. 12.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, cause the alleyways of Wd. 12 to be kept free from accumulation of paper and other debris,

and also to require, if necessary, owners of estates abutting on said alleyways to keep the same free from obstruction by ash barrels.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12—Mr. President, Colonel Guild, in speaking of the state of affairs at Santiago, made the remark that when the American soldiers instituted a street cleaning department and began the policing of that town, after removing about six inches of debris they discovered that there was a stone pavement, and that no one within the memory of the inhabitants of Santiago had ever before seen that stone pavement. I think the same condition of affairs is apt to exist in our ward, if the present condition of affairs continues. This is not a snap judgment on my part; I have twice made an investigation in a large portion of the ward, and have discovered that there seems to be no attention paid to the picking up of the papers which seem to have accumulated in the various alleyways. I trust that action will be taken in this matter, and that we will at least have the benefit of cleanliness in our particular ward.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### BAND CONCERTS, WD. 12.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide two free band concerts in the square in Massachusetts Ave., between Tremont St. and Shawmut Ave., and Franklin Sq., Wd. 12.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXCESSIVE STREET WATERING.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to prevent the excessive watering of the asphalt roadway on that portion of Massachusetts Ave., located between Tremont St. and Shawmut Ave.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I am prompted to introduce this resolution because of the positively dangerous condition of that thoroughfare when deluged by watering carts. I had occasion to notice this last Sunday—ten riders precipitated on that street within a period of fifteen minutes. This was within my personal observation. It seems that a certain portion of the highway is fringed with trees, and when the watering cart comes along it deluges that portion as much as the part which is in bright sunshine, and when the part in the sun has dried up this portion still remains in a slimy condition. Wheelmen coming along opposite the fountain experience what is known as the "side slip," being immediately precipitated, and it is astonishing that there have not already been serious accidents by reason of wheelmen being thrown in front of carriages. I hope the street department will immediately give the matter its attention.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Donahoe, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Kicmm, Lnehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Roemer, Rolland, Sander-son, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Swcency, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson Wells, Winsloe, Wood—56.

Absent—Bennett, Bordman, Bradley, Carroll, Casey, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Flynn, Howard, Jordan, Leftovitch, Leonard, Madden, Mansfield, O'Brien, Rice, Sullivan—19.

#### POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council, the General Court of Massachusetts should take favorable action upon the bill entitled House Bill Number 1189. An act to Enable the City Council of the City of Boston to Obtain Information in Certain Cases.

Ordered, That each branch of the General Court be furnished with a copy of this resolve by the Clerk of the Common Council.

Passed.

#### CLOCK, MARINE PARK.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have the clock on the head-house at Marine Park put in a proper condition.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor

#### WIDENING OF RUGGLES ST.

Mr. NANGLE, for Mr. Doyle of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the widening of Ruggles St., Wd. 19, between Halleck and Parker Sts., to a uniform width of forty feet.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 19.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Prentiss and Parker Sts., Wd. 19; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LAYING OUT OF ALEXANDER ST.

Mr. STEVENS, for Mr. Wells of Wd. 16, offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out of Alexander St., Wd. 16, from its present terminus to Bird St., under Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and amendments thereto.

Passed. Sent up.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF BURGESS STREET

Mr. STEVENS, for Mr. Wells of Wd. 16, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Burgess St., Wd. 16, the same to be charged to the appro-

priation for Street Improvements, Wd. 16. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Mr. ROLLAND of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove two dead trees on Lincoln St., opposite Ashford St., Wd. 25.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENTSE OF SHELTON ST.

Mr. MILDRAM of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as will prevent the accumulation of stagnant water upon the surface of Shelton St., Wd. 24; and to take such immediate action as will remedy the existing evil, the same being a menace to the public health.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PARK, WARD 6.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to have plans prepared to put the territory embraced between Causeway, Haverhill and Canal Sts. and Haymarket Sq., not used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company in proper condition for park and playground purposes, which is now in an unsightly condition and a disgrace to the city of Boston.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in regard to this territory. It is in a very conspicuous part of the city, and is in an unfit condition for anyone to look at. It is right opposite the Union Station, where thousands of people are coming and going at all times, and I am sure it is not an honor to the city of Boston to have such a conspicuous place in that condition. For that reason I hope that the Mayor will take some action.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, NORTH BENNET STREET.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, place an electric light opposite the playground on North Bennet St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I raise the point of order, that a quorum is not present.

By direction of the president, those present rose in their places.

The PRESIDENT—It appears that but 33 members are present. The point of order is well taken, and the Council stands adjourned to next Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 22, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments, subject to approval and confirmation by the Board:

- (1) Gordon Abbott, a Statistics Trustee for the term ending April 30th, 1904.
  - (2) Michael F. Codire, an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30th, 1900.
- Severally laid over, under the law.

ENGINE HOUSE, WARREN AVE.

The following was received:  
May 22, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum received for the taking of the engine house on Dartmouth St., amounting to \$55,000, for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a new engine house in substitution thereof, the site designated in the order being the parcel of land on Warren Ave. adjoining the English High and Latin school building on the northeast side, and containing about 7,500 square feet.

The selection of this location is the result of careful and long-continued consideration by the members of the Board of Apportionment of the difficult question of securing a site at any moderate price. The following parcels of land were suggested by the Fire Commissioner and considered by the members of the Board:

Location.	Size, Sq. ft.	Estimated cost.
Church, corner of Dartmouth and Harwich Sts.....	4465	\$75,000
Estate, corner of Buckingham and Dartmouth Sts.....	3225	55,000
Estates, 1 and 3 Yarmouth St.	3649	23,900
Two adjoining estates, north side of Dartmouth St., about midway between the railroad and Columbus Ave.....	3600	50,000
Two adjoining estates, south side of Dartmouth St. about midway between the railroad and Columbus Ave...	4200	56,000
Two adjoining estates, further along on same side of Dartmouth St.....	4200	59,000

From this list it appears that the parcel of land designated in the order is much cheaper in price and much larger in area than any other considered, with the exception of the estate on Yarmouth St., which a majority of the Board did not consider a suitable site. The Board has secured for the city an option, running for forty days, to purchase the lot designated in the order for the sum of \$37,000, making a price of a little less than five dollars a foot. While it was recognized that a site nearer the present one would have been desirable, it seemed impossible to secure one within the limits of price which the Board felt should be fixed. As an engine house costs about \$25,000 to build, it will probably require an additional appropriation of about \$7000, even with this site, to provide for the building of a new engine house. The lot selected

is certainly very desirable in respect to size, and on account of having a twelve foot private way in the rear.

As the engine company formerly occupying the Dartmouth St. engine house is now without any quarters in the district which it formerly covered, being temporarily provided for in the fire department headquarters on Bristol St., the importance of settling the question of the new site and providing for the erection of a new engine house at the earliest possible moment need not be dwelt upon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
May 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the Fire Commissioner be authorized to expend for the purchase of the land on Warren Ave. adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the northeast side, containing about seven thousand five hundred (7500) feet, and the erection of an engine house thereon, the amount of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) received by the city for the engine house on Dartmouth St., formerly used by Engine 22, which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Adams.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

May 22, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires enclosing a letter addressed to him by the Superintendent of the Postal-Telegraph Cable Company, and in connection therewith I recommend the passage of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Wire Department,  
Office of the Commissioner of Wires,  
Old Court House,  
Boston, May 22nd, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I inclose you herewith a copy of a letter sent me by the Postal Telegraph Company, the contents of which I fully concur with. I also inclose you two orders which will carry out the intent of the request. Will you kindly transmit the same to the Board of Aldermen?

Respectfully yours,

Thos. W. Flood, Commissioner of Wires.  
Postal Telegraph Cable Co., Boston, Mass.,  
March 9th, 1899.

Thomas W. Flood, Esq., Commissioner of Wires.

Dear Sir:—Please see Order granting pole locations to this Company, dated Oct. 12th, 1891. The third paragraph of that order provides that the New England Printing Telegraph Company of Mass. shall have right of way during the continuance of the grant to place cross arms upon said poles. I would like to have this permit to the Printing Company revoked for the reason that they have not paid any proportion of the expense for maintaining the line during the last three years. They are not operating any wires in the City of Boston and to the best of my knowledge have gone out of existence. If this can be arranged we want to cut off our poles between the Congress St. bridge and Edward Everett Sq., so they will be about forty feet in length, and to place thereon two aerial cables going away with all separate wires. This will very much improve the appearance of the street along the route. But we do not care to go to the expense

of putting up cables unless the poles can be cut down as stated above.

Along Dorchester Ave. from the Old Colony Railroad crossing to Swett St. there are two lines of poles along the same side of the street. The American Telephone & Telegraph Company own one line and this company the other. The telephone company want to cut down their poles and offer us permanent right of way on their line, for cables only, if we will remove our poles between the points named. I do not care to do this, however, excepting on an order from the Board of Aldermen. If such an order can be passed the poles will be removed at once. Will you take such steps as you may think proper?

Yours truly,

H. J. Pettingill, Supt.

Ordered, That the conditions embodied in the order of the Board of Aldermen, under date of October 12, 1891, giving to the New England Printing Telegraph Company of Massachusetts the right during the continuance of said grant, to use three cross arms upon all poles located and placed by the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, under this grant, be and is hereby revoked.

Ordered, That permission is hereby granted the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to remove all poles belonging to said company, located on Dorchester Ave., between Swett and B Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### REMOVAL OF POLE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 19, 1899.

To The Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature an order directing the Boston Electric Light Company to remove a pole belonging to said Company, located at the corner of Dudley St. and Washington St., for the reason that it would be impossible for the Company to remove this pole without erecting another one in the immediate vicinity to take its place, which this order does not order the Company to do, and for the additional reason that the Commissioner of Wires reports that in his opinion the pole now occupies the best possible position, and that the public will be best served by allowing it to remain where it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petition for leave to project bay-windows, viz.:—

1. James H. Libby, one at 10 Tremont St., Wd. 3.

2. B. A. Dyer, one over Magnolia St. and one over the corner of Quincy and Magnolia Sts., from building on the corner of said streets, Wd. 20.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:—

3. For leave to erect poles in Carruth St., Wd. 24, and Eaton Sq., Wd. 20.

4. For leave to erect poles in La Grange St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Presho.

On petition of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:—

6. For location for double tracks in Beach St., Wd. 7.

7. For location for curves at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

8. On petition of the Waltham, Newton

& Forest Hills Street Railway Company for a location for tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, in Baker, Weld, Maple, Centre, South, New South, Brandon and Washington Sts.

J. R. Bullard, for the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, objected, on the ground that the territory would naturally be supplied by the road he represented, which is now operating in the district and giving good service.

Lemuel W. Peters, representing the Citizens' Association of West Roxbury, protested against the granting of the location asked for. There is no desire on the part of people living along the streets where the location is desired to have such a road.

G. A. Walker, representing citizens on Maple St., objected to the tracks being laid on that street.

J. Henry Smith, President of the Roslindale Citizens' Association, appeared in behalf of the citizens of the locality and objected to this road going through the streets. He said the citizens of that district feel assured, from the manner in which they have been served by the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railroad, that that road can answer all the requirements of the district, keeping the fare at the present rate of five cents.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

George M. Hatch, a cloth for stereopticon views, at 3 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Edmund J. Twomey, a transparency, at 11 City Sq., Wd. 5.

George M. Tufts, a V-shaped sign, at 29 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

Albert C. Haley, an illuminated sign, at 321 Tremont st., Wd. 10.

Park Way Cycle Co., to project a V-shaped sign at 268 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Claims.

Clara Flad, for payment to William A. Plaistead of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Cornell St.

Robert Hodson, Jr. (four petitions), for compensation for damage to estates 366 Princeton St., 363 Princeton St., corner of East Eagle and Princeton Sts., and 341 East Eagle St., caused by alleged defective construction of a sewer.

P. P. Currier, for compensation for damage to his wagon caused by a collision with one of the wagons owned by the city.

L. E. Fletcher Company, to be refunded the amount of a tax paid by it, alleged to have been illegally assessed by the city.

William H. Colley, for compensation for damage to estate 54 Revere St., caused by the bursting of a water main.

Frank O. Drayton, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by an alleged defect in the highway at the corner of Charles and Pinckney Sts.

John Cassidy, for damage to estate 13 Gray St., caused by the bursting of a hydrant on April 17, 1898.

Margaret M. Green, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in New Heath St.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for extension of time to June 30, 1899, in which to locate poles on Lincoln, Franklin and No. Harvard Sts.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect poles in Water St., and for leave to lay a conduit across Warren Ave. and in Water St., Wd. 5.

## Supt. of Public Grounds.

I. L. Wasserboehr, for the removal of a dead tree on Everett Ave., Dorchester.  
Joseph Engel, for the removal of a tree at 131 Washington St., Wd. 20.

## Licenses.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre, during the present week.

Bothnia Club, for a license for dancing, musical, literary and dramatic entertainments, at the hall of said club, 10 Polk St., for the season ending August 1, 1899.

A. McNealy, for leave to run two barges and a carriage between Reservoir station and the Brookline line, on May 27 and 30, 1899.

Shannon Bros., for leave to run two barges between Maverick Sq. and Chelsea, via Meridian St., during the present season.

Thomas A. Hennessy, for leave to run barges between Highland, W. Roxbury, and Spring St. stations and Mt. Benedict and St. Joseph Cemeteries and Caledonia Grove, during the present season.

## Police (Ald.)

Edith F. Conness, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

## Public Improvements.

J. Franklin Fuller, trustee, for leave to construct an area under sidewalk at 84 Kingston St., Wd. 7.

Frances A. Bundy, for leave to construct a coal hole opening in sidewalk at 144 West Canton St., Wd. 12.

Charles W. Alden, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening and a coal hole opening at 179 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

M. J. Doran, for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across sidewalk at 25 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Norcross Brothers, for leave to erect a guy post in Dewey Sq.

Yarmouth Steamship Co., for leave to stretch a banner across Atlantic Ave., bet. Nos. 4 and 3.

T. J. Billings, for leave to move a wooden building from corner Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. to lot on opposite side of Walk Hill St.

C. D. Wainwright, for leave to construct an area at 277-279 Washington St., Wd. 6.

## Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

Wm. Murphy, Bremen St., cor. 199 Putnam St., Wd. 1.

Joseph Green, 78 Beverly St., Wd. 9.

Walter H. Pope, 64 Glendale St., Wd. 16.

John Mahan, 49 & 55 Dewey St., Wd. 16.

A. J. MacKinnon, 102-108 Norway St., Wd. 10.

Jacob G. Ely, 20 Wyman St., Wd. 22.

Anton Koerner, 78-80 Wyman St., Wd. 22.

John Sheehan, Washington St., cor. Keyes St., Wd. 23.

Ellen Spillane, 1522 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

## PETITION GRANTED.

On the petition of A. B. Seele & Co., for leave to project a sign at 50 School St., Wd. 7, the Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to suspend all rules and grant leave on the usual conditions.

## PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

9. Notice of the rejection of the order passed by this Board May 15, relative to a holiday for employees of the Street Cleaning and Sanitary Divisions of the Street Department, on July 18.

Placed on file.

10. Message of the Mayor, transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Ordered, That of the amount of three thousand (3,000) dollars, formerly appropriated for "Dam from Maverick St. to Prescott St., East Boston," and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars be appro-

riated for a clock on the South Ferry Head House, Boston side.

The measure was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 11 to 17., inclusive, together, viz:—

11. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out of Alexander St., Wd. 16, from its present terminus to Bird St., under chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and amendments thereto.

12. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make such an arrangement as to allow each member of the Fire Department twelve hours leave of absence between his regular days off.

13. Ordered, That a committee, to consist of seven members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of June 28, Farragut Day; the expense of the same not to exceed one thousand (1000) dollars and to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sufficient sum of money so that the Fire Department may be organized in such a way that the members shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours duty in twenty-four.

15. The following order comes up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan bill a sum sufficient for the widening of Ruggles St., Wd. 19, between Halleck and Parker Sts., to a uniform width of forty feet.

16. Report of the Committee on Printing, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to purchase five hundred copies of the new map of Boston, published by G. H. Walker & Co., each member of the City Council to be furnished with three copies of the same, and the remainder to be distributed under the direction of the Committee on Printing; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

17. The following passed by the Board of Aldermen, May 15, viz:—

"Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make the necessary improvements on the yard and walks of the Thetford Ave. School in Dorchester," comes up concurred in Common Council, May 18, with this amendment: Add the following words "Also improve sanitary condition."

Severally concurred.

18. The order passed by this Board, May 1, making appropriation for various veteran organizations for Memorial Day, which was amended in Common Council, May 11, and on which amendment this Board nonconcurred May 15, and adhered to its former action,—comes up endorsed "In Common Council, May 18, adhered to former action."

Referred to His Honor the Mayor, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

## CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been done to the amount of \$1,703.08.

Approved by the Board.

## ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Co. accepting its 10th location and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

## CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:

Richard F. Andrews; Clarence H. Benedict; Solomon Brids; William W. Campbell; Daniel B. Carmody; Thomas J. Donnellon; Thomas Fee; John J. Franey; James F. McCarthy; John B. McDonough; James A. O'Donnell; James H. Waugh.

Approved by the Board.

## CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred last year),—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Walter S. Sampson, compensation for damage to estate No. 101 Prince St. caused by alleged negligence of Water Department.

Referred in 1896:

Michael Hannon, compensation for personal injuries received caused by alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave.

Annie E. Guild, compensation for damage to estate 101 Prince St. caused by alleged negligence of Water Department.

Rachel Meshulam, for compensation for damage to her wagon by a city team.

Accepted. Sent down.

## LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 58 newsboys, 13 bootblacks and 1 pedler.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to run barges between different points—that leave be granted, viz.:

Thomas A. Hennessey, between Highland, W. Roxbury and Spring Street stations and Mt. Benedict and St. Joseph Cemeterics and Caledonia Grove, during the present season.

Shannon Bros., two barges between Maverick Sq. and Chelsea via Meridian St. during the present season.

A. McNealy, two barges and a carriage between Reservoir station and the Brookline line on May 27th and 30th, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Bothnia Club (referred today), for a license for dancing, musical, literary and dramatic entertainments at the hall of said club 10 Polk St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899.—That a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of A. L. Griffin (referred today), for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre during the week commencing May 22, 1899—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

## DORCHESTER LAND FOR BURIAL.

Ald. McDONALD, for the Committee on Cemetery Department. (Ald.) submitted a report on the order (referred April 24), granting permission to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use certain lands on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts., Dorches-

ter, for burial purposes,—that the order ought not to pass.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, after that report is accepted—or if it is in order now—I will move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board. It seems to me very proper that members of the Board not on the committee should have a chance to look into the subject. The Committee has given it a good deal of time and has had difficulty in coming to the conclusion before you; and I believe the other members of the Board should have an opportunity to look into the matter if they see fit to do so. I would like to have this assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I will certainly agree to the proposition offered by the gentleman from Dorchester, that this lie over for one week.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting.

## CLOSING SUTHERLAND ROAD.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Sutherland Road, between Commonwealth Ave. and Seikirk Road, to public travel, during necessary sewer construction on said street.

Passed.

## VACATION FOR REGISTRY CLERKS.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Register of Deeds be authorized to allow the clerks in his office two weeks vacation during the current year, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

Passed.

## REMOVAL OF TREE, ADAMS STREET.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 19½ Adams St., Wd. 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## SWEEPING OF DUDLEY STREET.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to instruct the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Division to continue the sweeping of Dudley St. to Upham's Corner; also that part of Dorchester Ave., comprising Wds. 16, 20 and 24.

Passed.

## REPAYMENT OF SEWER TAX.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative matters, on the part of this Board, be requested to petition the Legislature at its present session for the repayment of the sewer rental tax, levied under the unconstitutional act of 1897, so that full provision shall be made for the repayment of the entire assessment.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, as the Act in regard to sewer rentals has been declared unconstitutional, and as there are a great many people who do not understand the question fully, some of them not having protested against the tax, and as many property owners in Dorchester have waited on me to ascertain if the sewer rentals will be returned to them, they having failed to protest at the time, I trust that the Committee on Legislative matters will go to the Legislature and see if the bill cannot be amended in some way so that all will be treated alike. I do not believe myself that the city desires to take advantage of people who failed to protest in season.

The order was passed.

## REMOVAL OF TREE, ELM ST.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree at No. 95 Elm St., Wd. 3, the expense of the same to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## TREES ON COLUMBIA ROAD.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in front of house 61 Columbia Road, and also to trim a tree standing at the corner of Columbia Road and Seaver Sts.; expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## TRIMMING TREES, CEDAR ST.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of estate 102 Cedar St., and on Highland St., at the corner of Cedar St.; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## RECESS.

The Board voted, at 3:31 P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:03 P.M.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, on the following petitions:—

Norcross Brothers (referred today) to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Dewey Sq., at or near the entrance to the Terminal Station, for use during the erection of an electric light column.

M. J. Doran (referred today), for leave to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 25 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

James H. Beal (referred May 15), to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the westerly side of Charlestown St., near Causeway St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the street department.

S. Breth (referred May 8), to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening two feet six square, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 17 Norman St., Wd. 8.

Bridget Foster (referred May 15), to construct, maintain and use three openings, with covers of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 213 Endicott St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the street department.

E. E. Richards, Trustee (referred May 15), to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 56 Dorchester St., Wd. 14.

C. D. Wainwright (referred today), to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal hole opening, with sidewalk lights and iron cover of rough upper surface,

under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 277-279 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Reports (on petitions referred May 15), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Louis A. Ginsburg, 310-312 Bremen St., Wd. 1, brick.

J. Homer Pierce, trustee, Glendale St., at both corners of Columbia Road, Wd. 20, gravel.

C. H. Wolf, 49 Round Hill St., Wd. 22, brick.

William T. Eaton, southerly side of First St., from O St. to the playground, Wd. 14, brick.

Ann Trainor, 75 Mercer St., Wd. 15, brick.

R. O. Dunn, 10 and 12 Newport St., Wd. 20, brick.

William Dromey, 132-148 Quincy St., Wd. 16, gravel.

Elizabeth J. Daly, 81-83 Mercer St., Wd. 15, gravel.

Jacob Pfeiffer, 54 Round Hill St., Wd. 22, brick.

Mrs. Josephine Janse, 56 Round Hill St., Wd. 22, brick.

John Moran, 82 Hamilton St., Wd. 20, gravel.

Aloysius Jaeger, 726 E. Second St., Wd. 14, brick (without edgestone).

Stephen Jaeger, 722 E. Second St., Wd. 14, brick (without edgestone).

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders (on petitions referred May 15) that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width and to be built of artificial stone, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

James Calder, 60 McLellan St., Wd. 20, granite edgestone.

John J. Cashen, 58 McLellan St., Wd. 20, granite edgestone.

David McIntosh, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 51 Cranston St., Wd. 22.

David McIntosh, 53, 56, 60, 68, 69, 76 Sheridan St., Wd. 22.

David McIntosh, 43-61 Forbes St., Wd. 22.

George O. Wood, 104, 106, 108 Centre St., Wd. 20, granite edgestone.

Bigelow, Kennard & Co., 8, 10, 12 West St., Wd. 7.

D. Bernhard, 10 Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22, granite edgestone.

Julie A. Belyea, 26 Nightingale St., Wd. 10, granite edgestone.

Martin D. Kneeland, 29 Wyoming St., Wd. 21, granite edgestone.

Levi Herman, Wabeno St., at the corner of Wyoming St., Wd. 21, granite edgestone.

Francis C. Creber, 28 Abbot St., Wd. 20, granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the order (referred May 15), transferring Rogers Park, Wd. 25, to the custody of the Park Commissioners,—that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am opposed to the passage of this order at this time. I desire to say that I know of no good and sufficient reason why this order should pass. I have heard no request or petition from the people of Brighton asking that any such action should be taken, and I believe that the Superintendent of Public Grounds, Mr. Chairman, is perfectly competent to care for this park. If there are to be improvements made of this piece of ground I think that the Superintendent of Public

Grounds is the right party to make them. It seems to me that this matter is being railroaded through here without any reason being given on the part of the members of this Board for its transfer to the Park Department. I have heard of only one party advocating the matter outside of the Board, and I do not think that the reasons which he gave were sufficient for the transfer. I want to say that I took the pains last week to go out and see Mr. Doogue at his headquarters and talked this matter over with him. While he did not care to make any open opposition against the transfer of this land, yet he felt that it was a great injustice to take away any part of his land without giving some reason for it; and if this land needs to be improved the money should be asked for and put through here. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that the Park Commissioners, at the present time, have about all the property that they can intelligently take care of under their control; and I hope that when the vote is taken that it will be taken by yeas and nays.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 9, nays 3, the vote standing as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—9.  
Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Presho—3.

(5) Report on the Executive appointment of James M. Prendergast to be Park Commissioner, (referred May 15),—that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I asked last Monday to have that matter laid over for the purpose of looking into the question of the rights of the Park Commissioners to grant locations in the parks. What I had in mind was the statute creating the Park Commission—Chapter 185, section 13 of the Acts and Resolves of 1895—which section says, speaking of the powers and duties of the Park Commissioners: "No street or way, and no steam or horse railroad shall be laid out over any portion of any park located under this act, except at such places and in such manner as said Board shall approve."

My reasons for asking to have the matter assigned were entirely on account of the nature of the appointment. I have been informed, and know from what acquaintance. I have had with Mr. Prendergast, that he is a man who is personally entirely qualified to fill the position, and all my inclinations are to vote for him. I do think, however, that if he is so entirely broad that he would not be biased by any considerations that might arise concerning interests adverse to the interests of the Elevated Railroad, of which he is a director—that if those things were not to be taken into consideration—he would be an ideal man. But it did seem to me, and it still strikes me, that a man who is so intimately interested in the Elevated Road, and so liable to come into contact with interests that might be adverse to the interests he represents, is not quite the man that should be appointed. However, that is the entire ground of my opposition, and I think it is one that the Mayor should have considered when he appointed this man.

I want to call the attention of the Board to that section, because at some future time it may be that we might want a road put across a park. The interests of the community might demand it—and yet it would be within the scope of that Board. If they had a majority of two, to prevent the public from getting what it desired. For instance, I understand there is a railroad that desires to come over the new bridge at Longwood Ave. Now Mr. Prendergast may be a man—and it is reported to me that he is a man—of such strong character that he should set aside

his private views and private interests and act only as a public official. I still want to point out, however, the dangers that might arise from giving to the Board of Park Commissioners control of interests that might be used for their own special advantage. However, the Committee on Public Improvements has decided by almost unanimous vote in favor of Mr. Prendergast's confirmation, and from the representations I have had of Mr. Prendergast's personal character I feel as though I myself should vote for confirmation. But I desire to place myself right on the matter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I wish to say, in regard to the confirmation of Mr. Prendergast's appointment, that in a conversation with me last week he stated to me that he was opposed to the placing of tracks upon the parks. I shall vote for Mr. Prendergast's confirmation, having known him for almost thirty years, knowing him to be a capable man in every way, a man entirely fitted for the position. It is about time that some man was placed on the Park Commission to put some life into them. For myself, I wish to say that I am opposed to unpaid commissions. But, realizing that we have unpaid commissions on our hands, I believe His Honor the Mayor has made a good selection for this place. The labor people, who have sent communications no doubt to all the members of the Board in relation to this matter, need have no fear but that they will receive better treatment at the hands of Mr. Prendergast than they have ever received from the Park Commissioners before. I certainly hope the appointment will be confirmed.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I have received a communication from the bricklayers and masons in the National Union, of America, in relation to this matter, with instructions to present it to this Board. It contains some matters of very vital importance to that union, and I believe they are in a line that will be followed out exactly by Mr. Prendergast, if he is confirmed here this afternoon. While this petition will have no effect upon my vote here this afternoon, I nevertheless desire to present it.

Ald. DOYLE presented the following:  
To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston:

We, the undersigned, represent to your honorable body that on the 19th day of May, 1899, at a meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union, No. 9, we were appointed a committee by said union to represent to you certain facts and suggestions in behalf of it.

First, that the mason work done in the Park Department of the city of Boston during the past two years has been performed by contract labor under contractors who employed men without any regard to whether the employees were citizens or union men or not.

Second, that those contractors do not pay the same rate of wages or constitute the same number of hours a day's work as the master builders of Boston do.

Third, that those contractors figure in a way that the master builders of Boston cannot compete with them.

Fourth, that those contractors hire inferior labor and give inferior work.

Fifth, that those contractors are without experience in the line of masonry work, but are experienced only in sewer and excavating work.

Sixth, that there are fifty men working in the Park Department at masonry, and not three of them are citizens.

Whereas, a new park commissioner is to be appointed, the Union respectfully suggest to your honorable body that no candidate should be confirmed unless he is in favor of the hours and wages paid by the master builders of Boston, and the em-

ployment in said department of union men and citizens of Boston.

John Burke,  
John Boland,  
Roger Hester,  
John Goodwin,

John Scully, president of committee, 1125 Harrison Ave., committee.

Placed on file.

Committee, Ald. McDonald and Colby. Whole number of ballots, 12; yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Aid.), submitted reports on the following petitions, recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., as follows:—

John E. Jacobson (referred May 15), metal sign, at 257 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Michael Shinnors (referred May 15), 2 signs, 157 Emerson St., Wd. 14.

M. L. James (referred May 15), a sign, at 61 Harvard St., Wd. 7.

M. Burke (referred May 15) an illuminated sign, at 49 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Pasquale Pollie (referred May 15), 2 barber poles, 1 Dover St., Wd. 9.

John J. Dalley (referred May 15), 3 barber poles, at 1423 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Kiltson Hydro-Carbon Heating & Incandescent Lighting Co. (referred May 8), an incandescent light, at 1603 Washington St.

George M. Tufts (referred today), V-shaped sign, at 29 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

Parkway Cycle Co. (referred today), a V-shaped sign, at 268 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today), for leave to lay double tracks on Beach St., Wd. 7,—recommending the passage of accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curves at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. The right to lay down the tracks by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the pass-

age of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void. The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, (recommitted today), for leave to lay curves at the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Beach St., from a point on said street, near South St., to and connecting with the company's existing locations for double tracks on Atlantic Ave., with necessary curves, cross overs, switches and connections, connecting with existing tracks on South St., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated April 28, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also, upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

#### NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Ald. BERWIN, it was voted that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Thursday, May 25, at 3 P.M.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration of all votes taken today, trusting that it would not prevail; lost.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Water St. and for leave to lay a conduit across Warren Ave. and in Water St., Wd. 5,—recommending the passage of the order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, May 23, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 4:20 P.M., to meet on Thursday, May 25, 1899, at 3 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen  
and Common Council.

Thursday, May 25, 1899.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Brick.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## WOODEN BUILDING—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, May 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

Upon the recommendation of the Building Commissioner, and for the reasons set forth in his communication transmitted herewith, I return without my approval the order granting authority to the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to Henrietta Goldsmith to erect a wooden building at 1281-3 Tremont St., in excess of range allowed, and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, perhaps some member of the Board may be interested in this matter and I move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## SCHOOLHOUSE SITE, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, May 25, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith an order passed today by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purchase of a site for a grammar schoolhouse in the Tileston District, Dorchester, and for a site for a primary schoolhouse in the Sherwin District, Roxbury. Appropriations for the erection of the said schoolhouses have already been made.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
May 25, 1899.

Ordered: That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:—

New grammar school house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for.....	\$10,000
New primary school house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for.....	15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

Passed, and we certify that neither of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy.

John P. Dore.

Laurence Minot.

Daniel J. Kiley.

David F. Barry.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Approved and sent down.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. Ald.,

Pain Fireworks Co. for leave to project a sign at 110 State St., Wd. 6.

Harry Crocker for leave to project a sign at 4 Dwight St., Wd. 9.

Claims.

Harris M. Stephenson for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Centre St.

Brookline Gas Light Co. for leave to erect a pole at southwest corner Brookline Ave., Beacon St. and Commonwealth Ave. Electric Wires.

James Ottery for compensation for amount paid for license of Tri-Mountain Club, 75 Harrison Ave.

Lamps.

Clemens F. Fein for a public light at corner Hendersen Ave. and Sixth St.

J. M. Laubenstein for gas lamps on Adams Pl., South Boston.

Licenses.

John J. Martin for leave to run barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery for the season beginning May 23, 1899.

James J. Denehy for a license to run two barges between Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the Country Club.

A. L. Griffin for a permit for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years to appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for the week beginning May 29.

Public Grounds Department.

John Chambers, to be given permanent employment as compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Public Grounds Department.

Public Improvements.

Nathaniel P. Hamlen, Trustee, for leave to erect a post clock in the sidewalk at 169 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

William Minot and others, trustees, for leave to build a door on building 7 Water St.

Nathaniel B. Doggett, for leave to construct an ash lift in area at 34 Hoilis St., Wd. 7.

John B. L. Bartlett, for a sidewalk in front of estate from River St. to Bartlett Ct., on Oakland St., Wd. 24.

John E. Cullivan, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk at 33 Zeigler St., Wd. 13.

Trustees Municipal Real Estate Trust, for leave to lay an iron pipe from 73 to 34 Portland St., Wd. 6.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, to parade on certain streets on June 12.

## ROOMS IN CHAPMAN SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, In School Committee.

May 23, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, May 15, a communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting information with regard to the number of schoolrooms used at present in the Chapman District, and also how many rooms will be available in the school buildings in the district after the completion of the proposed Chapman Schoolhouse, report that at the present time twenty-five rooms are occupied for school purposes, of which twenty-three are in buildings owned by the city. On the completion of the new grammar building, there will be twenty-two regular school rooms, not taking into account any disposition that may be made of the two-room wooden building now situated on the Chapman lot. The new building is to contain fourteen rooms, or one more room than the present structure, but the plans are being drawn with a view to a future

addition of two rooms should the necessary funds for the purpose be provided at a later date. For the Committee,  
S. E. Courtney, for Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered sent to the Board of Aldermen.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, it doesn't seem to me that the School Committee are the proper people to have charge of the construction of the schools here in the City of Boston. In the Chapman School District there are two rooms in the yard and thirteen rooms in the whole building, making fifteen rooms in all. Five years ago the Committee said that the Chapman School was not in fit condition, that it was unsafe, and after five years they have gone to work and contracted to build a new building. They asked the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for money to build a fourteen room building. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment gave them all the money they asked for. Now, that fourteen-room building takes the place of the thirteen-room building there and the two rooms in the yard. That is to say, they propose to replace fifteen rooms with fourteen rooms. They make no allowance for the growth of the district, make no allowance for the fact that today the School Committee hires two stores without any ventilation, in which they put the children of that district. One of those stores is so dark that on the brightest day in June they are obliged to keep twenty-four electric lights burning all day long, and it is not much wonder that the children go out of there with aching eyes and heads. The ventilation is something abominable, and yet the School Committee have made no provision to do away with the present condition of affairs. They pay \$600 for the rent of those two stores and \$200 a year for lighting, and they propose to give us one room less in the Chapman School than we now have. I don't know that this Board can do anything about it or take any action, but I simply wanted to call attention today to what the School Committee is doing in regard to the Chapman School in our district.

The communication was placed on file.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway accepting its 167th, 168th and 169th locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Severally placed on file.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minor licenses be granted to 15 newsboys, 7 bootblacks and 1 flower vender.

Approved by the Board.

#### ELECTRIC WIRE REPORT.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of Thomas M. Roddy (referred March 27) for the relocation of a pole now standing in front of 58 Market St., Brighton. No action necessary.

Accepted.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That permission be granted to N. F. McCarthy to remove at his own expense, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, a dead tree standing in front of premises 777 Broadway, South Boston.

Passed.

#### SALE OF CHRISTOPHER GIBSON LAND.

Ald. ADAMS, for the Committee on Public Lands (Ald.), having inspected the Christopher Gibson School Fund land in Dorchester—submit the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands (Ald.) be authorized to employ such assistance as they, in their judgment, deem necessary to sub-divide into suitable building lots all unoccupied lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by this Board, and that said lands shall be advertised for sale in the Boston Herald, Globe, Journal, Advertiser and the Dorchester Beacon twice each week for thirty days prior to sale.

That 42,000 sq. ft. now occupied by the Sewer Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$400.

That 32,000 sq. ft. now occupied by the Water Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$300.

That all moneys received in consideration of sales and rentals shall be paid to the City Treasurer to be turned over to the Christopher Gibson School Fund in accordance with the will of Christopher Gibson, who bequeathed this land to the good of the schools of Dorchester.

That all expense attending said sale shall be paid from the aforesaid fund.

The report was accepted and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, this matter is of considerable importance to Dorchester in particular, an order which the three Dorchester aldermen desire to have passed, and as there are several members of the Board here who are perhaps not familiar with it I would like to say a few words in explanation of the matter. This land, known as the Christopher Gibson School Fund land, has been held in trust for over two hundred years. The old selectmen of the town of Dorchester held this land in trust since 1870, and it was left by will for the good of the schools of the town of Dorchester by Christopher Gibson. There were originally in this patch some 27 acres of land. From time to time the Selectmen and the city of Boston have sold parcels of this land, until at present there remain only about five acres. Two years ago the city took about five acres for the Christopher Gibson Playground, paying for the same the amount of \$37,500. The Mayor advocated the matter at the time, and in his message upon it said that the taking of this playground would enhance the value of the remainder of this land, which is on the opposite side of Dorchester Ave. I live in the close vicinity of this property, and am perfectly familiar with the land, and all the circumstances connected with it can be looked up as a matter of record.

I believe now is an opportune time to dispose of the greater part of this property, as the real estate boom is at its height in Dorchester; and, under the authority which I understand this Board has, according to the ruling of the Corporation Counsel to the effect that the Board of Aldermen are the trustees at the present time of the remainder of this property, I believe we have the authority to go ahead and sell this land, lease it, let it or do anything with it that we in our judgment see fit to do, providing we live up to the will of the man who left it and that all revenue derived from it is turned into the Christopher Gibson School fund. I certainly hope this order may be passed here today. I have no objection to referring it to the Committee on Public Improvements, if there are any members here who would like to look into it a little further, but if that is done I shall insist that it be reported back here today, in order that this may not be held up for two or three weeks longer.

The order was read by the Clerk, at request of Ald. Berwin.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I am hardly prepared, upon the offhand statement of the Alderman from Dorchester, to vote this afternoon for the sale of that property. It may, perhaps, be a good thing; but I am not at this time ready to vote for it, and I would recommend that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board. In the meantime I have no doubt other members of the Board, if they so desire, will have an opportunity to look into the matter more carefully.

The order was ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Later in the session, Ald. Adams said:—

Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order reported by the Committee on Public Grounds was assigned to the next meeting, and I will ask that it be sent into the Committee on Public Improvements this afternoon. Upon that I wish to say, for the benefit of Ald. Berwin, that I think any information he may desire in regard to the matter can be easily obtained by him at this time, and I am opposed to having the matter held up for two or three weeks longer, as it takes some time to have the necessary plans of this land made. It we are going to sell it this year, we should sell it while land is in demand.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I certainly hope the motion to reconsider will prevail, as the alderman from Dorchester who has had the matter in charge understands it fully. When the matter comes before the Committee on Public Improvements, I am sure it will be thoroughly explained to the members of the Board, so that it can be acted upon this afternoon.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I dislike to appear discourteous to both the aldermen from Dorchester—let me qualify that statement by saying that I dislike to be discourteous to the three aldermen from Dorchester. At the same time, this is a most important matter; at least, it strikes me as being so. The Committee on Public Lands no doubt have had it under consideration for some time, and it has taken them some time to report it to the Board, and I cannot see any great harm that is going to result from its going over to the next meeting. I am engaged in the real estate business myself, and I know at the present time of no very great demand for land. I think nobody will suffer if this matter is allowed to wait a little longer, giving me an opportunity to look at it in my own practical way. I am sure I can convince myself better by personal investigation than from any information given to me by any other member of the Board—and I do not say that discourteously, either, Mr. Chairman. I hope the motion of the alderman will not prevail.

The motion to reconsider the assignment was carried, and the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows on the following petitions:—

G. J. White, (referred May 1), two, 11 Norway St., Wd. 10.

John C. Haynes, (referred May 8), three, Columbus Ave., near Terry St., Wd. 18.

John Lepore, (referred May 8), two, 31-33 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Francis Raynes, (referred May 15), two bay windows and a cornice, 30-32 Washington St., Wd. 5.

Henry H. Green, (referred May 8), one, 944 Washington st., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Jordan, Marsh & Co., (referred May 8), for leave to project a permanent awning over the sidewalk at entrance to store on Avon St., Wd. 7—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (severally referred May 22), viz:—

Edmund J. Twomey, for leave to project a transparency at 11 City Sq., Wd. 5.

Albert C. Haley, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 321 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

George M. Hatch, for leave to place a cloth for stereopticon views on building 3 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept., submitting the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred May 1), for leave to build a wooden addition at Oak Sq., near Washington St., Wd. 25—No action necessary.

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of John McDonald (referred May 15)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to John McDonald to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Western Ave., near Market St., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for store and office purposes; main building occupied for store and dwelling purposes.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of The J. O. Whitten Co. (referred May 8)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to The J. O. Whitten Co. to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building rear 68 Western Ave., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### GRADE CROSSINGS, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—

To the Honorable, the Justices of the Superior Court, sitting in Equity for the County of Suffolk:—

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston respectfully petition for such alterations of the crossings of public ways and the railroads of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company and the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in that part of Boston called East Boston, as will avoid crossings at grade.

We pray further that said Court, or any Justice thereof, shall appoint a commission of three disinterested persons to determine whether said grade crossings, or any of them, should be abolished, or the use thereof changed or regulated as provided in "An Act Relative to the Crossings of Railroads and Public Ways in East Boston," enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives the present year and known as House Bill No. 1037.

Passed.

#### REVOCATION OF PERMIT.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That so

much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed December 5, 1898, as authorized the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles on K St., Wds. 14-15, be and the same is hereby rescinded; and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby requested to revoke any permit for placing poles on K St., until further authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF POLICE DEPT.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Aldermanic Committee on Police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary, in its opinion, to improve the administration of the Police Department of the city, and what amendments, if any, should be made to such laws as come within the special cognizance of the Board of Police; and that said committee be authorized to give public hearings, if necessary, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### JUNE 17TH CELEBRATION.

Ald. PRESHO submitted the following:—The joint special committee appointed to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of the coming Seventeenth of June, having considered the subject, respectfully submit, as a partial report, the following programme, based upon the appropriation of \$4500 and the income of the Foss and Babcock funds.

##### Programme.

Seventeenth of June Carnival Association..	\$1,700
Branch 34, National Letter-Carriers' Association .....	300
Charlestown Veteran Firemen.....	250
Division 5, A. O. H.....	175
Division 37, A. O. H.....	175
St. Francis De Sales Cadets.....	125
Conclave 114, Knights of Sherwood Forest..	125
Knights of Pythias.....	125
Knights of the Golden Eagle.....	100
Co. A, Fifth Regiment.....	100
Co. H, Fifth Regiment.....	100
Co. D, Ninth Regiment.....	100
Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans..	50
High School Cadets.....	50
Chief Marshal.....	25
Music .....	680
Decorations .....	300
Fireworks .....	200
Observation Stand.....	100
Incidentals .....	45
Total .....	\$4,825

The committee also recommend the passage of the accompanying order to provide for the expenditure of the appropriation.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint an agent to make all the necessary arrangements for the celebration in Charlestown of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on the Seventeenth of June next, according to the programme prepared by the special committee appointed for the purpose, and the said agent is hereby authorized to expend on that account the income of the Foss and Babcock funds and the sum of \$4,500 appropriated for the purpose; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, June Seventeenth.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, the 12th day of June, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

#### THE LIZZIE G. THOITS HEARING.

On motion of Ald. Colby, consideration by the Board, acting as County Commissioners, of the petition of Lizzie G. Thoits for the assessment of damages for the taking of certain land on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railroad was assigned to the first meeting in October.

#### LICENSE REPORTS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that licenses and permits be granted on the following petitions, severally referred today, viz:

John J. Martin, for leave to run barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery for the season beginning May 28, 1899.

James J. Denehy, for a license to run two barges between Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the Country Club.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre for the week beginning May 23.

Reports severally accepted; permission granted on the usual conditions.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. McDonald, at 3.29 P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4 P.M.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Grounds Dept., Ald., submitted a report on the order (referred last year) for the removal of a dead tree in front of 105 Charles St.—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Trustees of the Municipal Real Estate Trust (referred today), for leave to lay an iron pipe from 78 to 94 Portland St.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, June 12, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Buffalo Bill Wild West Show (referred today) to parade in certain streets on June 12—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the report of the Committee on Public Lands and order (Ald.) (referred today), in relation to disposal of Gibson School Fund land—that the order ought to pass.

Ald. Berwin moved the assignment of the matter to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, that is practically the same motion that the alderman made earlier in the day. It was then carried, and the Board reconsidered it and sent the order to the Committee on Public Improvements, where it was fully discussed. Unless the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) can offer some good, valid reason why this matter should be hung up, I hope the members will allow the Committee to proceed with this work. I feel that there is no good reason why the matter should be assigned at this time.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, the great anxiety displayed by the alderman from Dorchester—entirely aside from my other

reasons, stated a short time ago—is perhaps as strong an argument as I can offer to this Board why this order should not pass this afternoon. In addition to what I said before, there are legal questions involved in the matter. Although the gentleman from Dorchester says the Corporation Counsel has passed upon those questions, I am not aware of any opinion he gave, and certainly nothing showing the legal status of the matter is before us this afternoon; and, even if there were, I should not be willing to follow the Corporation Counsel's judgment without some consideration. This is a very serious matter, although one of the aldermen from Dorchester smiles at my attitude on the question. I claim that there is more involved than probably appears on the surface, and I want to look into the subject. There is no need of great haste, because if nothing is done for the next two or three weeks nobody is going to suffer by reason of the delay. As I said before, I know enough about the general condition prevalent in the real estate market in the City of Boston at this time to say, as a man engaged in the real estate business, that nothing is to be gained by disposal of the land now, or by an attempt to dispose of it, because things are in such a condition that there is little demand for property.

I know what I am talking about. I don't know about the value of the land out there; I don't know what the committee proposes to do in regard to the cutting up of the land. I don't know that it is advisable to dispose of the land at the present time. If the city of Boston can have the use of the land for any good purpose, why not allow such use of it for nominal consideration, until conditions improve out there, and there is a demand for the land, so that it can be disposed of to advantage? This whole idea appears to be entirely original with the alderman from Dorchester. I never before heard anybody come in and propose to take any such action. The committee has had this matter in its hands for three or four weeks, and now comes in here and endeavors to push it through. That is not fair. I contend that if the gentleman who is the principal champion of this order this afternoon is serious in the position he takes, he will see that nobody will suffer by assignment of the order to the next meeting. He can certainly wait, as I am willing to wait, for two or three weeks. I have no axe to grind. I am perfectly honest and sincere in the matter, and am willing to give the board the benefit of my judgment, and if I find I am wrong, I am willing to acknowledge it and to yield. But give me a chance, as I am willing to give any other member a chance. There is no necessity for rushing this through. I hope the motion I have made will prevail.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee, I dislike very much to be discourteous, as the alderman from Wd. 6, (Ald. Berwin), tersely puts it, not giving him an opportunity to look into this matter. But he is perfectly aware that the suburban districts, the outlying districts, have inadequate school facilities. This is a step in the right direction. As the Chairman of the Committee says, the land has stood there two hundred years without being sold. As far as the legal aspects of the case are concerned, two years ago, if I remember rightly, the city of Boston bought five acres for a playground. That goes to show that there is no legal tie-up in the matter. This is an order moving in the right direction—for the benefit of the schools of Dorchester. The alderman is aware, and I am acquainted with the fact, that Dorchester needs all the school houses possible, needs additional school facilities.

I know that family after family have had to send their children a considerable distance to school. It is just as well to

use this property for a good purpose, instead of keeping it tied up all summer. The people out there really need it. As far as the city of Boston is concerned, the gentleman has read the order and has found out that 42,000 square feet are used by the Sewer Department of Boston, at an annual rental of \$400, and 32,600 feet by the Water Department, at an annual rental of \$300—leaving ample land for the purposes of the Sewer and Water Departments. They really don't need any more. I think this is the proper time to send this order along, and I hope we will pass it today.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I don't believe in giving to the city the use of any more land in Dorchester, for the last time the City Council voted to give the use of land there they erected a garbage plant upon it, which was, of course, a nuisance to the citizens of Dorchester. Now, if this land were to be sold and the city of Boston were to derive a revenue therefrom, the matter might be laid over; but, as the income received from the sale of the land is to go towards schoolhouses, I think this is a subject we ought to consider carefully, passing the order this afternoon, in order that we may dispose of the land as soon as possible.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask some member of the Committee who may perhaps be more familiar with the subject than I am, whether there has been any request from the School Committee that this land be disposed of? The argument is made that the land is to be used for school purposes; but has the School Committee at any time asked that the land be disposed of and the money appropriated for school purposes in Dorchester?

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am not aware that the school committee has made any formal request that this be done, but I am aware, from personal conversation, with the members of the School Board who represent the Dorchester District that they would like to see this land disposed of in some way, so that their committee might get a revenue from it. At the present time there is probably \$100,000 worth of land lying there in its original state, unimproved, an eyesore to the district of Dorchester—lying, as it does, almost in the heart of Dorchester geographically, and having upon it five or six of these old garbage plant buildings, which are in a tumble-down condition, the windows all gone and boarded up; and, further more, I want to say that those buildings are a menace to the whole neighborhood, by reason of the danger from fire. The insurance people have condemned the property around there and insurance rates have been raised on account of these old buildings standing there at the present time. They are considered to be a menace to the property of that entire district. As the corporation that erected them is defunct and has filed its report at the State House at that effect, I believe the buildings can be torn down now without the city rendering itself liable in any way. In regard to the apprehensions of the Alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin), I want to assure him that this order I am advocating today receives the hearty approval of everybody I know in Dorchester. The people in Dorchester will be more than pleased to see the matter disposed of in this way, thus relieving those who own property in that immediate vicinity from the apprehension that at some time a hospital, garbage plant or something of the kind will be again located within our borders. Inasmuch as every dollar received from the sale of this property is to go to the schools, I believe this is a matter that cannot be settled too speedily.

The motion to assign the order to the next meeting was lost.

The order was declared passed. Ald.

Berwin doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The roll was called, and the order was passed, yeas 3; nays 2.—  
Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—3.  
Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin—2.

Ald. McDonald moved to reconsider, hoping it would not prevail; lost.

#### REMOVAL OF OLD BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to remove the old buildings formerly used as a garbage plant on the Gibson Field, Dorchester.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I wish to state in relation to those buildings that they have been unoccupied for some time and are a nuisance to the neighborhood; that all the windows have been broken by little boys around there and have been boarded in, and that the buildings are practically not used for any purpose whatsoever. For that reason, I think it is about time that the buildings are destroyed.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, again I rise to ask if there may not be some possible legal complication involved in the passage of that order? We want to go a little slow on many of these propositions. That may be private property, and if it is I question the right of the Street Department to go in there and control it. Perhaps if the order were amended and referred to the Law Department, and we obtained the opinion of that department, everything would be satisfactory. I don't want to appear as objecting to every proposition that is suggested, but I do want to go slow and right.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I believe this is merely a request to the Street Department. They can look carefully into the matter, and if it is proper to destroy the buildings they will do so, otherwise not. However, it will do no harm to allow the order to go to the Street Department and have them take action upon it.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the order will be passed today. As I said earlier in the meeting, the buildings are a menace to the entire neighborhood. Boys are playing around there all the time, the buildings are of wood, regular under boxes and fire traps, and the sooner they are removed the better it will be for all Dorchester.

The order was passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. DAY moved a general reconsideration on all matters acted upon today not already reconsidered, trusting that it would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. McDonald, at 4:13 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 12, at 3 P.M.

### IN COMMON COUNCIL.

Thursday, May 25, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

#### FLAGSTAFF—HAYES SQ.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 25, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds, in reply to the order requesting him to provide a flagstaff and flag for Hayes Sq., Wd. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Grounds Department,  
City Greenhouses, E. Cottage Street,  
Dorchester, May 18, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Dear Sir:—In regard to the enclosed order "that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a flagstaff and flag for Hayes Sq., Wd. 3, and to cause said flag to be unfurled on Memorial Day, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds," I beg to say that flags and flagstaves come under the jurisdiction of the City Messenger, and this department never had any charge either of their care or erection.

I remain, Your obedient servant,  
Wm. Doogue, Sup't.

Referred to the Committee on City Messenger Department.

#### CONDITION OF ALLEYS, WARD 12.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 25, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to your order requesting him to "cause the alleyways of Wd. 12 to be kept free from accumulation of paper and other debris," etc.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, May 23, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that only alleys that have been laid out and accepted as public alleys by the Street Commissioners come within the jurisdiction or care of this department. One advantage of the acceptance of these alleys is that it is possible for the police to enforce the city ordinances as regards the obstruction of the ways and throwing of waste and litter into the roadway. All public alleys in the city are now being given attention by this department.

Yours very respectfully,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.  
Placed on file.

#### FIRE ESCAPES, FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, May 24, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reference to your order requesting them to furnish suitable fire escapes for the Franklin schoolhouse, Wd. 9.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston. In School Committee.  
May 23, 1899.

The Committee on Schoolhouses, to whom was referred (Apr. 25) a communication from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from the Common Council, asking that suitable fire escapes be furnished the Franklin Schoolhouse, report that fire-escapes are already provided from the second story of the building, and that a double staircase from the upper stories runs down to that point. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that no additional fire escapes are needed for this building at present. For the Committee,  
Thos. F. Strange, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio, Sec.  
Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

COMMITTEE CHANGES.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to announce at this time the resignation of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 from the Committee on Library Department and the appointment of Mr. Bordman of Wd. 10 to fill the vacancy; also the appointment of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 on the Committee on Cometeries, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 therefrom.

The Chair also desires to announce the appointment of Mr. Jordan of Wd. 22 to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Lamps created by the resignation of Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 11.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, to consider Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, together, viz:—

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition, referred December 5, 1898, of Rachel Meshulam for compensation for damage to her wagon by a city team,—leave to withdraw.

2. Report of same committee, on petition, referred June 7, 1898, of Annie E. Guild for compensation for damage to estate, 101 Prince St., caused by alleged negligence of Water Department,—leave to withdraw.

3. Report of same committee, on petition, referred May 18, 1896, of Michael Hannon for compensation for personal injuries received, caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts Ave.—leave to withdraw.

4. Report of same committee, on petition, referred June 14, 1898, of Walter S. Sampson for compensation for damage to estate, 101 Prince St., caused by alleged negligence of Water Department,—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of the Committee on Building Department on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, referred May 1, for leave to build a wooden addition at Oak Sq., near Washington St., Wd. 25—No action necessary.

Accepted in concurrence.

6. Report of the same committee recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to John McDonald to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Western Ave., near Market St., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for store and office purposes; main building occupied for store and dwelling purposes.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

7. Report of the same committee recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to The J. O. Whitten Co. to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on rear 68 Western Ave., Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for manufacturing purposes, main building occupied for same purposes.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I move that that order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, unless the gentleman can give us some reason for the motion, I hope it will not prevail.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would respectfully ask that the order be read once more.

The order was read, and the question came on assignment.

Mr. MARTIN—Mr. President, my reasons for moving assignment are simply these, that week after week there are orders brought in here, or committee reports in which the committee recommends that so and so should be allowed the privilege of building outside the building limits or outside the laws. Now, it seems to me if we have ordinances and have a Building Committee, there is no reason why men should be given permission to build outside the laws and other men should not be given such permission. I have received information within the last week that certain men in the Building Department are acting as agents, soliciting work for certain contractors—that paid agents of the city are doing that. Now, if that is a fact, I would like to know it. I see no reason why this order cannot go over for one week, until I can look into this matter.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. Martin doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered by a rising vote, and the motion to assign was carried, yeas 33, nays 11.

Yeas—Atwood, Bagley, Bennett, Bordman, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Howard, Jordan, Klemm, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, Mildram, Newhall, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Sweeney, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—33.

Nays—Battis, Brauer, Hibbard, Hickey, Kiley, Miller, Moore, Stone, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—11.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Badaracco, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Flynn, Harvey, Horgan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Leftovich, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Madden, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, O'Brien, Rice, Stevens, Sullivan—31.

Later in the session, on motion of Mr. Sanderson of Wd. 25, the assignment was reconsidered and the order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

8. Report of the Committee on Seventeenth of June, submitting the following programme for the celebration, and recommending the passage of the accompanying order, viz:

PROGRAMME.

Seventeenth of June Carnival Association.	\$1,700
Branch 34, National Letter-Carriers' Association.....	300
Charlestown Veteran Firemen.....	250
Division 5, A. O. H.....	175
Division 37, A. O. H.....	175
St. Francis De Sales Cadets.....	125
Conclave 114, Knights of Sherwood Forest..	125
Knights of Pythias.....	125
Knights of the Golden Eagle.....	100
Co. A, Fifth Regiment.....	100
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Co. D, Ninth Regiment.....	100
Abraham Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans..	50
High School Cadets.....	50
Chief Marshal.....	25
Music.....	600
Decorations ..	300
Fireworks.....	200
Observation Stand.....	100
Incidentals.....	45
Total.....	\$4,825

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint an agent to make all the necessary arrangements for the celebration in Charlestown of the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on the Seventeenth of June next, according to the programme prepared by the special committee appointed for the purpose, and the said agent is hereby authorized to expend on that account the income of the Foss and Babcock funds and the sum of \$4,500 ap-

propriated for the purpose; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor. Public Celebrations, June Seventeenth.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence. Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4, moved to reconsider; lost.

9. Ordered: That the School Committee be authorized to expend, in providing school-house sites, the following amounts, and the said amounts are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

New grammar school-house, Tileston District, Dorchester, site for.....\$10,000  
New primary school-house, Sherwin District, Roxbury, site for..... 15,000

and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, as the representative of the Council on the Board of Apportionment, that this \$25,000 is the balance of the \$500,000 promised by the Board of Apportionment earlier in the year to the School Committee. The Board of Apportionment and the City Council have already voted \$475,000. The School Committee asks for this \$25,000 for two schoolhouse sites in two different school districts, appropriations for building schoolhouses in these districts having been included in the \$475,000 previously voted.

The Council concurred with the Board of Aldermen in passing the order in concurrence with the Board of Apportionment. Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### RESCISSION OF APPROPRIATION.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10 assignment, viz.:

10. Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of fifteen hundred (1,500) dollars for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery be, and hereby is, rescinded.

Passed. Sent down.

#### GYMNASIUM, WD. 9.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 11 assignment, viz.:

11. Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2,500) dollars for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Plympton St., acquired as a gymnasium for Wd. 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, it may seem uncalled for in me to oppose the passage of this order which involves the expenditure of so small an amount of money. But a principle is involved of such vital importance at this crisis in the finances of the City of Boston that unmarked I cannot allow this order to pass without a protest.

Expenditures for such luxuries at a time when 800 employees of the city are out of work, as a result of the suicidal financial policy of the Mayor, are in violation of common sense and might be stigmatized more harshly still.

Had the half million dollars spent for such purposes as this, during the reign of our present autocrat, when they could not be afforded, been expended as formerly on streets, sewers and the like, the prostration of the Sewer Dept. could have been avoided.

For a year past the Common Council of the City of Boston has protested in vain against the policy of Mayor Quincy and

at last the citizens of Boston recognize the truth of its position although I notice with regret that the editorial rooms of the Boston Press are slow to tell the truth they know.

In closing that there may be no mistake as to my position in this matter allow me to say that could our income meet the charge of this and similar luxuriant expenditures, I should be the last to protest.

For we all being a part of the people have the best interests of the community at heart but act, it seems to me more wisely than our present Mayor whose policy has been to buy an opera hat for Boston when the city had not even a shirt to defend it from the elements.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would ask for the assignment of that order to the next meeting, so that we can all look into the matter. If there have been preparations made, and this needs only a small amount of money to complete it, I would hate very much to see the work delayed or kept from completion. For that reason, I would ask for assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I hope this order will not be assigned. This expenditure of \$2500, to my mind, is a very proper one at this time. Despite the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain), who at this time is so anxious about the laboring man and the money that should be expended for his welfare, I say the \$2500 at this time will be well spent to remodel this building for a gymnasium in Wd. 9. Even if Wd. 9 has a bathhouse at this time, of which we hear so much talk by members of this Council, it is used by the people of five different wards, and at the present time Wd. 9 has no playground of any sort whatever. It is a very thickly congested district, and there is no doubt in my mind that we should have a gymnasium there. The people want it, the younger men of the ward especially, and I trust that the matter will not be assigned.

The motion to assign further consideration to the next meeting was carried.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I do not think, as one member of this Council, that the sewer crisis should enter into a discussion of this kind in any way whatever. The gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) talks about the sewer crisis which involves \$400,000 or \$500,000, and compares it to a petty item of \$2500. I want to tell the gentleman from Wd. 12 that there is \$2500 that I can point to lying unappropriated today in the City Treasury of Boston that is not being used for the laboring men or the Sewer employees. There was \$3000 appropriated for a sewer in East Boston that can never be built, and only \$500 of it has been authorized to be spent this year. The only thing that impresses me in this argument, Mr. President, is the fact that everything said by the gentleman from Wd. 12 concerning the sewer men, as entering into connection with this bathhouse in Wd. 9 is absurd and nonsensical. I am willing, as one member of this Council, to take the word of the gentleman from Wd. 9 (Mr. Tobin), a gentleman who knows the needs of his district; and I am willing tonight to vote in favor of the appropriation of \$2500 for the gymnasium in Wd. 9.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 3—Mr. President, if it would be in order, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 2 a question, through the Chair. He states that \$2500 lies in the city treasurer's office, to be used for the benefit of the sewer employees. I would like to ask him, if that is so, why they did not get their wages last week?

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned tonight, simply on the ground that Wd. 9, like many other wards of Boston, desires a gymnasium, and when, as in this instance, a gymnasium can be

afforded for the small sum of \$2500, I see no reason why my friend from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) should oppose this matter. Some of the members of this body tell me that this Plympton St. property lies very close to his ward, and that it could be used by his people, also. Now, Mr. President, where there is a thickly settled district like Wd. 9, when it asks for a small amount of money like this, I see no reason why each and every member here should not vote for it, for, at some other time, we may be seeking a gymnasium in our ward. I trust that it will be passed this evening.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to ask a question for information. I would like to know if any of the gentlemen from Wd. 9, or from any of the other wards interested in the passage of this order, can give us any information as to the state that the property that is to be used as a gymnasium is in? How much money has been spent on it, and in what condition is it? If there has been nothing spent and nothing done, I think it may be well to defeat this order. Unless there is some information given I shall not vote for it tonight.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 11, I would say that this property was formerly a church, and that it can be bought at a moderate price and transformed at a small expense into a gymnasium at this time. The money can be well spent now, and if we wait longer it will cost twice as much for the same property in this special locality in the future.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair what the vote in the Board of Apportionment was on this matter?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the Clerk to read the names signed to the order.

The CLERK (Reading)—Josiah Quincy, David F. Barry, Laurence Minot and John P. Dore.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I trust that assignment will not prevail. I think that it matters little whether it prevails or not. We may not meet for many weeks, and we may adjourn without getting a quorum. It is only \$2500—a small amount of money, needed to furnish this place. I do not want to do a wrong intentionally, and I wish to say that I want to correct a statement I made here some weeks ago, at the time when I offered the order asking them not to spend \$15,000 for buying that place. I found that they had already bought, and they are now asking \$2500 to furnish it. I want to say that I went down to the assessor's office and I found there that this property was assessed for \$2000 more than they gave for it. I intend to be fair, and I therefore wish to make that statement, that they bought it for \$2000 less than its tax valuation. I made a statement then that I wish to correct, and I wish to say that in what I said then I was misinformed. I got the information from a truthful person, but at the same time, he erred. I trust that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I would like to ask the President of this body as our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to give us what information he can in regard to this matter and to explain his attitude in regard to it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he voted against the order now before the Council, and he is willing, in view of the question asked, to explain his attitude upon this particular order. When the question of appropriating \$15,000 for a gymnasium in Wd. 9 came before the Board of Apportionment Wd. 9's repre-

sentative upon the Board assured the Board of Apportionment that a building could be purchased and fitted up as a gymnasium for \$15,000.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, acting in good faith, and upon the assurance of the gentleman representing Wd. 9, upon his request appropriated \$15,000 for that purpose in the annual loan order. The \$15,000, in toto, was used for the purchase of a church, and then a further request came in for \$2500 for furnishing and fitting it up. Your representative on the Board of Apportionment felt that was breaking faith with the Board of Apportionment by the people who had the handling of the money, and therefore, upon principle, voted against the entire matter. The Chair holds that view, and presents this explanation to the Council of his attitude on this matter.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope this matter will be assigned for the reason that I do not believe and I do not think the people who are advocating it believe that \$2500 will begin to fit that place up for a gymnasium, or for any other purpose. That place, as we all know, is in a condition that will require a great deal more money to be spent there than that amount. It probably will be managed and manipulated by the different departments of the city of Boston—and if that is the case, in view of the present way that some of the estimates have been made for electric work and plumbing work, \$2500 will go but a very small way. I believe this is only a beginning, to start the ball rolling, to get more money for that purpose. It will probably take \$10,000 to fit that place up in a respectable manner, and in the present condition of the finances of the city of Boston, I think that it would be good judgment on our part to assign this, so that we can have the privilege of looking into it before we vote upon it. I shall vote for assignment tonight.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I hope this will be assigned. I think that before we appropriate any money for fitting up new bathhouses and gymnasia, we should provide for finishing some of those already started. I know that in the ward which I represent in part we had an order before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and they did not see fit to give us any money, although the bathhouse had been started. The foundations of the bathhouse had been laid, but we cannot get any money from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I think they ought to consider some of the people in the other wards outside of a favored few. I hope the matter will be assigned.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, DORCHESTER.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 12 assignment, viz.:

12. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested to have a drinking fountain erected on Columbia road, near Hancock St., to replace the fountain at present located there, and that the Water Commissioner be requested to grant a hearing as to the most suitable position for said fountain to Mrs. John A. Fowle, of 356 Boston St., and the President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Upham's Corner, Dorchester.

Passed in concurrence.

#### TREMONT ST. TRACKS.

13. Resolve and order, offered by Mr. Watson on April 6, relative to the restoration of the railway tracks on Tremont St.

Q. On adoption of substitute for above, offered by Mr. Stevens on same date.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, in view of the fact that No. 13 on the calendar is practically useless, I move its indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the first motion should be to take the matter from the table.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to take the matter from the table, and the motion was carried.

The matter was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24.

#### PUBLIC GROUNDS REPORTS.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13, for the Committee on Public Grounds Department, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the ordinance (referred last year) relative to the driving of teams across the reservations in streets—Recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Report accepted, said reference ordered. Sent up.

(2) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred last year) transmitting a memorial relative to the need of a fence around Worcester Sq.—Recommending reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Report accepted, said reference ordered. Sent up.

(3) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred last year) transmitting a communication from the Mass. Horticultural Society relative to the erection of a building on the Public Garden—Recommending that the communication be placed on file.

Report accepted, communication placed on file.

(4) Report on the communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds (referred March 9) relative to asphalted walks in the Public Garden—Recommending that the communication be placed on file.

Report accepted, communication placed on file.

(5) Report that no action is necessary on the following matters:—

Order (referred last year), relative to the transfer of the care of Rogers Park to the Park Department.

Order (referred last year) relative to the custody of Pierce Sq., Wd. 24.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred last year) against the erection of a horticultural building on the Common or Public Garden.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French (referred last year) against the use of Boston Common or any part thereof for bicycle purposes.

Report accepted.

(6) Report on the order (referred March 30) relative to the hiring of a lot of land on Everett St., Brighton, for playground purposes—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

(7) Report on the petition of Howard Payson Arnold (referred last year) for leave to erect a memorial structure on the Public Garden—No action necessary.

Report accepted.

(8) Report on the order (referred April 6) concerning land for playground purposes in Wd. 10—Recommending reference to the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

#### STREET SPRINKLING.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered the following:—

City of Boston.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine,

An Ordinance

To amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding the following section at the end thereof:—

"Sect. 22. Said Superintendent shall cause to be sprinkled by means of a sprinkling cart, or other apparatus, all streets,

avenues, thoroughfares or public ways of the city of Boston; but on all streets, avenues, thoroughfares or public ways that are thirty feet or more in width between curbs, he shall cause a dry strip six feet in width to be left in the centre thereof, except in the case of streets, avenues, thoroughfares or public ways on which surface cars are run, and in such instances he shall cause not more than one-half of such street, avenue, highway, or public way to be sprinkled at any one time, and shall allow a sufficient period of time to elapse before the other half of such street, avenue, thoroughfare or public way is sprinkled to permit the partial drying out of the side already sprinkled."

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12—Mr. President, after eliminating the legal phrases there, the facts represented in the ordinance are simply these: It will provide for a continuous dry strip of roadway in the various thoroughfares of Boston. In the case of a broad thoroughfare, or boulevard, which is occupied by the street cars, it will enable one portion of the street to be dry continuously. For a number of years I have been more or less identified with cycling, and have held numerous official positions in which I have been the recipient of numberless complaints from the wheelmen, and I feel that I am qualified to speak on this subject.

I know that numerous requests have been sent to City Hall for legislation in this matter, and that they have been apparently carefully considered, but actually just as carefully overlooked. There seems to exist now no ordinance governing street watering. You will recollect that at the last meeting of the Council I offered a resolution asking that the Superintendent of Streets be instructed to restrict the deluging of Massachusetts Ave. I noted that there was a chapter of accidents, and that chapter of accidents has still continued; and I may say that there is one gentleman present who has given a very excellent illustration of the disappointments resulting from riding on Massachusetts Ave. after a watering cart has been over it. I believe that such an ordinance as this is an actual necessity, and I may say that it is drafted in part from a similar one in existence in Cincinnati, which was instigated by the wheelmen, owing to a similar condition of affairs to that which exists here. I trust that this will result in some actual benefit to the wheelmen.

The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

#### HOLIDAY, MEMORIAL DAY.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That in part compensation for their services to the City of Boston, His Honor the Mayor be requested to authorize the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday on Memorial Day, without loss of pay, to all employees of the Ferry Division who are members of posts of the Grand Army of the Republic or other veteran organizations.

Passed. Sent up.

#### SHELTER, DUDLEY STREET TRANSFER STATION.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Boston Elevated Railway Company to erect a permanent awning or suitable shelter for persons waiting for cars at the Dudley St. transfer station, on the left hand side of Dudley St., going towards Washington St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CROSSWALK, ELMORE STREET.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets,

through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to put in a crosswalk at the end of Kensington St., on Elmore St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF WELDON ST.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to raise the cesspools located on Weldon St., as travel by vehicles is greatly endangered.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RECEPTION OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$500 for a celebration in honor of Admiral Dewey on his visit to Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### RIFLE PRACTICE.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Common Council why the City of Boston is not complying with the statute requiring it to furnish opportunity for rifle practice to the organizations of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed within its limits.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I wish to say just a word to explain that order. The City of Boston is required by the Statute of Massachusetts to furnish opportunities for rifle practice to the military organizations which are stationed within its limits. The city has been in the habit of doing that for the past few years by hiring targets at Walnut Hill of the Massachusetts Rifle Association. The opportunity has always begun on the first of April. Up to the present time this year no opportunity has been given to the militia to shoot, and as the qualification work must be completed by the 31st of October each year, it is proving a serious impediment to the work of the militia. Being a member of the militia myself, I have a personal feeling in the matter, knowing full well the extra work that it will entail in order to get the organizations into a proper state of efficiency at that date. I feel that this is a matter which should be given publicity and which His Honor the Mayor should have an opportunity to explain.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a drinking fountain at Wood Island Park.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### VISIT OF THE SPANISH CRUISER.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take the necessary steps to have the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes visit Boston in the near future.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I have learned that a number of cities have taken steps to have that cruiser visit their respective municipalities, and I sincerely hope the Mayor will use his best influence to have it come to Boston.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF NEWARK ST.

Mr. DOYLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets place Newark St., Wd. 19, in proper condition for travel.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, WINTHROP SQ.

Mr. STONE of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a drinking fountain in Winthrop Sq., Wd. 7, in such location therein as said commissioner may deem expedient.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAYMENT BY PNEUMATIC COMPANY.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Common Council whether the Boston Pneumatic Transit Company has paid any money into the treasury of the City of Boston as provided for in the contract entered into between said company and the city of Boston under the order approved by the Mayor December 1, 1896.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, June 15, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF BOYLSTON ST.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remacadamize Boylston St., between Boylston Ave. and Lamartine St., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLANTING OF TREE.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to plant a young tree in front of premises 257 Lamartine St., Wd. 22, to replace tree blown down in recent storm.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### VACATION LIST OF FIRE DEPT.

Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Council with a list of those employees in the fire department who have not been put on the vacation list; said list to be given to the Council at its next meeting.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAVING OF WEST BROADWAY.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repave West Broadway from A St. to the bridge over tracks of New England R.R. Co.; expense of same to be charged to Street Department.

#### RUBBER TIRES FOR PATROL WAGONS.

Mr. LYDON offered an order—That the Police Commissioners be requested to consider the advisability of equipping patrol wagons with rubber tires so that said patrol wagons can be used as auxiliary ambulances.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

#### REPAIR OF RAILROAD BRIDGE.

Mr. LYDON offered an order—That the Law Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be and is hereby ordered to take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the New England R. R. Co. to repair bridge owned by said railroad company between A and B Sts., on Silver St., South Boston.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I would like to say a word in regard to that order be-

fore it is referred. I wish to say that that bridge has been closed since February 17th. It was closed on account of being unsafe for travel, and it seems to me that the railroad company has now had sufficient time to repair the bridge. An order was sent up to the Board of Aldermen requesting the Superintendent of Streets to see that that bridge was put in proper condition, but for some unknown reason the bridge has not been repaired, and in consequence the people who live on that street do not have the privilege of using the street. Teams are not allowed to drive over the bridge, and the result is that the people who pay taxes do not have the privilege of using the street at all. Another difficulty is that when teams drive down the street to the bridge, they have to turn around and go back, and in doing so they break down the fences of the property along there, and it makes it bad all around. Another thing, a person who lives next to the bridge and wants to get ice has either got to go to the icehouse himself or pay expressage upon it. I hope that the Law Department will take action upon that matter.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, it surprises me that my colleague from Wd. 13 should waste his time in protesting against the encroachments of corporations upon the rights of the people. We have been suffering in Wd. 13 for quite a long time, and suffering from that same source—the Terminal Company—and the man who is responsible for it is the man to remedy it. Streets are closed up, and no excuse is given why they close them up. Broadway Extension today is closed up—and I stated three or four months ago in

the Council that it was going to be closed up. Now, the people of South Boston, if they want to reach the city have to go off either to the south or the west, whereas their destination lies direct to the north. I stand here to offer my protest along with that of my colleague, against the way the people of Wd. 13 are being used.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll, to ascertain the members present, with the following result:—

Present—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Broderick, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Gible, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—58.

Absent—Armistead, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Flynn, Horrigan, Kasanof, Leonard, Logan, Nangle, Rice, Sullivan—17.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Howard of Wd. 20, at 8:56 P.M., to meet on Thursday, June 15th, at 7:45 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday May 31, 1899.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and a quorum present, for the purpose of drawing jurors.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Court, Criminal Session, viz.:-

Thomas F. Phillips, Wd. 15; George L. Beil, Wd. 12; Michael P. Keller, Wd. 17; Frank B. McQuesten, Wd. 11; John T. Murphy, Wd. 7; Henry O. Smith, Wd. 21;

David Allen, Wd. 15; Frank B. Whitney, Wd. 15; Dennis A. Kennelly, Wd. 15; Albert Schell, Wd. 14; George H. Linton, Wd. 19; Edville E. Sanford, Wd. 18; Charles F. Bush, Wd. 20; Benjamin F. Murray, Wd. 12; John T. McCarthy, Wd. 6; William H. Emery, Wd. 8; Michael Jennings, Wd. 16; Simon K. Cohen, Wd. 23; Marcellus H. McElroy, Wd. 19; Michael E. Dever, Wd. 1; P. William Firth, Wd. 1; William A. Lane, Wd. 5; Robert A. Gordon, Wd. 2; Charles H. Fay, Wd. 25; Thomas J. Dowd, Wd. 8; George B. Moore, Wd. 10; Albert E. Ferguson, Wd. 3; Herbert L. Taylor, Wd. 15; John J. Geary, Wd. 14; Arthur W. Stevens, Wd. 11; John F. Tague, Wd. 3; Edward Hill, Wd. 3; Samuel E. Davis, Wd. 2; Austin H. Kenerson, Wd. 22.

Adjourned at 1:10 P.M.





# City of Boston.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

## Board of Aldermen

AND THE

## COMMON COUNCIL,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7th, 1899,

ON THE DEATH OF

# Ex-Mayor FRED'K O. PRINCE,

JUNE 6, 1899.



# Death of Ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

### Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council.

Wednesday, June 7, 1899.

A meeting of both branches of the City Council was held at 12 o'clock, M., in their respective chambers, City Hall, pursuant to the following call:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 6, 1899.

To the Members of the City Council:—

You are requested to meet in your respective chambers in City Hall, on Wednesday, June 7th, 1899, at 12 M., for the purpose of taking appropriate action upon the death of ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince, which occurred this forenoon, and of expressing the sorrow felt by the citizens of Boston at the loss sustained through his death and their respect for his memory.

Yours respectfully,  
David F. Barry, Acting Mayor.

## IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board was called to order by Chairman Barry, a quorum being present. The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as printed above, and it was sent down.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 7, 1899.

To the City Council:—

It becomes my duty to announce to you the death, at the ripe age of 81, of Honorable Frederick O. Prince, who served four terms as Mayor of this city, and 11 years as a trustee of the Public Library, and as President of the Board of Trustees, having only resigned that office about a month ago.

The public career of Mr. Prince, his identification with our civic affairs, and his keen interest as a citizen in everything that affected the welfare and development of the city of his birth, is well known to all. His services to the Public Library, with which the later years of his life were so closely identified, will long be gratefully remembered. By his death Boston has lost one of its most distinguished and public-spirited citizens, and I am sure that the City Council will desire to pay every mark of respect to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Chairman BARRY said:—

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen, we have assembled here today to pay our last tribute of respect to the memory

of Frederick O. Prince, who for four years was Mayor of this city, for many years a Trustee of the Public Library, and one who during his entire life was a devoted son of his native city of Boston.

I had the honor of being personally acquainted with Mr. Prince for a lengthy period and was brought into intimate association with him while he was Mayor on account of my membership in the Common Council at that time. I always considered Mr. Prince as a foremost leader of the Democratic party, and I was not alone in this matter. On the contrary, I know that every prominent Democrat in this country recognized his high standing in our organization and that whenever any effort was made to advance our interests or carry out our ideas, Mr. Prince was among the first to be consulted. He believed in his party, not from any sinister or unworthy motive, not for any selfish purpose, but because he felt that Democratic principles were best calculated to nurture a spirit of patriotism and a true loyalty to all that appertained to the welfare of our great and glorious country.

While Mr. Prince was Mayor of Boston he displayed great ability in the administration of the city's affairs. No problem of municipal government presented itself to him which he was unable to solve; no matter of public interest was lost sight of by him; and he was always sure to bring to the attention of the City Government such subjects as he believed should receive its consideration.

His services as Mayor are spread upon our public records and are printed in our city documents, and when in the future a continuation of our municipal history is written many items will be herein found calculated to prove that Mayor Prince was one of the ablest magistrates in the long list of eminent men who have administered the affairs of our great and noble city.

Mr. Prince's connection with the Public Library of Boston is of so recent a date that his generous and painstaking services in behalf of that worthy institution are well known to the public. Suffice it to say that I believe the high standing which our public library enjoys among the most noted public libraries in the world is due in no small measure to Mr. Prince's oversight and personal work in its behalf.

Whatever public occasion demanded the presence of Mr. Prince, the same was enhanced by his attendance. He was a noted lawyer, eminent in his profession, while his powers as an orator were equal to every demand made upon him. But perhaps, after all, Mr. Prince's memory will best be cherished by those who knew him or were brought in contact with him, on

account of his culture and refinement, his affability, his courtly manners and above all by his kindness. He treated all alike, rich and poor, high and low, learned and ignorant—all who approached him were received the same. He was an ideal gentleman, and all who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance or claimed his friendship will long hold in kindly remembrance the name of Frederick O. Prince.

Ald. COLBY presented the following:—  
Resolved, that the City Council has learned with regret of the death, at an advanced age, of Hon. Frederick O. Prince, an ex-mayor of this city, and one of its most distinguished and public-spirited citizens. No citizen of Boston has taken a deeper interest in everything that made for the welfare of the city, and his personal traits won for him the affection, as well as the respect, of all who were associated with him. The City Council desires to place upon record its high respect for the character and services of Mr. Prince, and its sense of the loss which the city has sustained by his death.

The question came on the adoption of the resolutions.

Ald. COLBY said:—

Mr. Chairman, I have had no opportunity to prepare any remarks befitting the occasion, but my acquaintance with Mr. Prince was of such long standing and so pleasant in its nature that I cannot forbear saying a few words, which are none the less sincere because they are not accurately and carefully prepared. Of course, we all feel a sense of sadness at the loss of a good man; and yet Mr. Prince has gone to a well-earned reward, because he has spent a long life among us and has done a work which speaks for him. Mr. Prince was a man whom it was a pleasure to meet in a social or business way. I never had anything to do with him in a political way, so I know nothing about that side of the man; but as a lawyer and as a gentleman I knew him well, and also, of course, as a citizen of Boston. I have known what he has done for the city and I appreciate it, as do others who may speak with reference to it. It is good to see a man who gives his time and energy to the service of the city, as Mr. Prince did, and who enjoyed the reward which the citizens of Boston were glad to give to him, electing him to important offices and sanctioning his appointment to appointive positions after he ceased to hold elective office. I think there was always a feeling that whatever Mr. Prince did was done from a sense of duty, of personal responsibility to the city, and not merely from the standpoint of a person who was a politician or who was trying to enjoy some of the rewards of active politics. His attitude was rather that of a citizen of Boston, desiring to see the city prosper, and doing the best in his power with that end in view. All of us who have met him in the different walks of life can testify to his worth and integrity; and his career must be an encouragement and inspiration to those who follow after, who strive to do, even though in a feeble measure, that which will bring to them in some degree the same respect and love of the citizens of Boston which Mr. Prince enjoyed and so well deserved.

Ald. McDONALD said:—

Mr. Chairman, the death of ex-Mayor Prince has removed from earth one of Boston's noblemen. Born in the town of Boston in 1818, four years before Boston had become incorporated as a city, he lived to serve it as its chief magistrate for four years, his whole soul was wrapped up in the city of his birth, which he loved so well. He graduated in 1836 from that great seat of learning across the Charles—Harvard College—which has given to the

world so many men of science, great scholars, great doctors, lawyers and business men and some of its best and wisest statesmen. Its graduates have adorned every position they have occupied—and Harvard College turned out no better or truer citizen than the Hon. F. O. Prince. What he said was taken at its full face value. Many may not have agreed with him, but they were sure that Mayor Prince held as true every word that he expressed or statement that he made. It was in 1877 that I first met Mayor Prince—when I served in the Common Council; and it gave me an opportunity to meet him frequently. His whole mind was given to what was best for the government of the city, and in a large measure Boston is indebted to him for her beautiful system of parks and also the great system of improved sewerage. His name will also ever be associated with Boston's great library. He lived to see Boston develop from a small town to a great metropolitan city. He was a man of keen intellect, a student of history, and on all public occasions he represented the city faithfully. He was a very popular Mayor, kind and courteous to all—a gentleman of the old school, and his name will ever be cherished by the citizens of Boston. The citizens of this city will ever remember him as one of Boston's great mayors; and when the history of this city is written by some future historian the name of Frederick O. Prince will adorn one of its brightest pages.

Ald. BERWIN said:—

We are gathered together today to give utterance of our tribute to the public loss sustained in the death of Frederick O. Prince. At such bereavement words are but vain expression of a lasting grief—for who can fill his public position—a place created by himself, and so charged with his personality, that, although filled by another, as in the future it must be—we are sensible of a loss never to be replaced. I will not dwell upon his record nor attempt his eulogy. These let his own life attest; but I will say from my associations with him on the Committee on Libraries that we have long known that in his zeal he had overtaxed his failing strength. So let us bury him—his task fulfilled—lamented as an irrevocable loss by his city he has served so well, and under the mass of his many charities may he rest in peace.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That a committee consisting of the Chairman and four other members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the city at the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to join with said committee.

Passed. Sent down.

The Chairman appointed as said committee Ald. McDonald, Colby, Brick and Berwin.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That any expenses incurred in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That an engrossed copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council on the death of ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince be transmitted by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased; and that the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 12:44 o'clock, P.M.

## IN COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council was called to order by President Kiley, a quorum being present. The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as printed above, and it was placed on file.

The following papers were received from the Board of Aldermen:—

1. Message from His Honor the Mayor announcing the death of Hon. Frederick O. Prince, as printed above.

Placed on file.

2. Resolved, that the City Council has learned with regret the death, at an advanced age, of Honorable Frederick O. Prince, an ex-mayor of this city, and one of its most distinguished and public-spirited citizens. No citizen of Boston has taken a deeper interest in everything that made for the welfare of the city, and his personal traits won for him the affection, as well as the respect, of all who were associated with him. The City Council desires to place upon record its high respect for the character and services of Mr. Prince, and its sense of the loss which the city has sustained by his death.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 moved that, when the vote was taken on the passage of the resolution, it be taken by a rising vote. Carried.

The resolution was adopted in concurrence by a unanimous rising vote.

3. Ordered, That a committee consisting of the Chairman and four other members

of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to represent the city at the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to join with said committee.

Passed in concurrence, and the President appointed Messrs. Stevens of Ward 11, Jordan of Ward 23, Emery of Ward 21, Turnbull of Ward 4, Stone of Ward 7, Logan of Ward 14, and Cuddy of Ward 8, as said committee on the part of the Council.

4. Ordered, That an engrossed copy of the resolution adopted by the City Council on the death of ex-Mayor Frederick O. Prince be transmitted by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased; and that the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That any expenses incurred in connection with the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed, in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the City Hall be closed during the time set apart for the funeral of the late Hon. Frederick O. Prince.

Passed in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Winsloe of Wd. 21, the Council, at 12.55 P. M., as a further mark of respect for the memory of ex-Mayor Prince, adjourned.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, June 12, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 o'clock, P.M.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berlin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) S. B. Keene, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2) William J. Walter, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(3) Frederick A. Jones, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over, under the law.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith for your files the official copy of City Document 84, being the report of the Committee on Memorial Day, together with the order providing for the distribution recommended by the Committee of the appropriation of \$5000, which document was referred to me by vote passed May 22nd, 1899. The distribution of the funds for this purpose made by me differed from that made by the Committee in the omission of the Vicksburg Command No. 15, U. V. U., from the list of organizations granted allowances, and the reduction of the amount allowed each of the other organizations in the list by \$5, the amount thus saved being used towards meeting the expense of decorating the graves of soldiers who died from injuries received in the late Spanish-American war. For this purpose, a committee of the Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, were allowed the same amount given to Grand Army posts (\$355), the remainder of this sum over the amount saved by the above modifications being met by a transfer from the Reserve Fund.

The officers of each of the organizations granted allowances, when receipting for the money, signed a statement that the money received would not be expended for other than memorial purposes, and that they would submit to the City Council before July 1st, 1899, a report giving a statement of the expenditures made from the amount received, together with the actual number of members in the organization, and the number and location of graves decorated.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

## REMOVAL OF POLES ON K ST.—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 2, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

In accordance with the recommendations of the Wire Commissioner, and for the reason stated in a communication from him submitted herewith, I return without

my approval an order passed by your Board May 25, rescinding so much of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, December 5, 1898, as authorized the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles on K St., South Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Wire Department.

Office of the Commissioner of Wires,

Old Court House,

Boston, June 2, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the accompanying order "rescinding so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed November 5, 1898, as authorized the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles in K St., Wds. 14-15," and I respectfully submit the following report:—

The number of poles called for in the original order and shown on the plan on file in this office is three, and they are to be used for the support of the circuits furnishing current to the street lights in this and other streets of South Boston. These wires are now attached to the shade trees in the street, a method which this department condemns, particularly in the case of high tension wires of this class, as it is impossible to secure the supports therefor in a safe or permanent manner, owing to the corrosive effect of the sap in the trees on the nails, spikes, or screws used in fastening the necessary insulating supports, and for the further reason that the swaying of trees through the prevalence of strong winds tends to pull these supports from their fastenings, either breaking the wire, or causing it to drop within reach of persons in the streets, or on wires that are in themselves harmless, rendering both extremely dangerous to persons and property.

The exact location of these poles has been selected by representatives of this department and are the least objectionable possible to the abutters.

It is my opinion that this company should be permitted to comply with the requirements of the Wire Department and at the same time reduce the dangers attending the transmission of high tension currents, by setting the number of poles (3) indicated in the original order of December 5, 1898.

Yours very truly,

Thos. W. Flood,

Commissioner of Wires.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman, with instructions to report back today.

## DRINKING FOUNTAIN, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 1, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Water Commissioner in reply to your order of May 6th requesting certain information in regard to drinking fountains in East Boston.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Office of the Water Commissioner,

City Hall, Boston, May 27, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: Answering in the order in which they are presented, the inquiries relative to drinking fountains in East Boston contained in the attached order of the Board of Aldermen, passed May 8th, and referred by Your Honor to me for report, I would say:—

1st. The drinking fountain referred to was originally located in the sidewalk around the enclosure known as Central Sq. Some time in 1893 the sidewalk was abolished and the land taken for highway purposes. This, of course, necessitated the abandonment of the drinking fountain, and in its place a trough for

beasts was established in the middle of the square, and a fountain erected for men on the sidewalk in front of Jackson & Caldwell's store, Central Sq., where it remained until Aug. 1st, 1897, when it was removed by request of the Common Council. We have many times attempted to relocate this fountain in this vicinity, but have been unable to secure a location on account of the refusal of abutters. I shall be very much pleased to restore this fountain if a proper location can be found.

2d. East Boston will have four or five cold water fountains, one of which is already located and will be in service Memorial Day.

3d. The following are the locations of the drinking fountains in East Boston:—

Bennington St., junction Chelsea St.

Central Sq.

Maverick Sq.

Square at Winthrop Junction.

Lewis St. at Marginal St.

Neptune Road at Wood Island Park.

Saratoga St., junction Pope St.

Maverick St., cor. Cottage St.

Prescott St., at Bennington St.

No. 120 Marginal St.

Of these fountains, the first four are for beasts only, with continuous flow summer and winter, and the remainder are for men, in warm weather only. The fountain at No. 120 Marginal St. is a "cold water" one.

Respectfully yours,

John R. Murphy, Water Commissioner.  
Placed on file.

#### RESULTS OF THE REPAIR DIVISION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information the accompanying report, made by a committee appointed upon my invitation by the Merchants' Municipal Committee and the Boston Society of Architects. The finding of the Committee, after its expert and impartial investigation, that a net profit of \$12,616.60 was earned by this Division between the date of its establishment in January, 1898, and April 1, 1899, is certainly a gratifying one, and in my opinion amply justifies the establishment of this Division, and reflects credit upon its management.

I suggest that the report be printed as a public document.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Boston, Mass., May 27, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Sir: The Committee appointed on examination of Repair Division have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:—

A careful examination of the accounts from January 1, 1898, to April, 1899, including verification of pay-rolls and checking of all bills for work and material, has been made, and the same found to be correct. The profit to the city during this period, as shown by enclosed statement, is \$12,616.60, and the work, so far as the Committee can learn, is of superior quality, and has been performed in a satisfactory manner. While it is difficult to form a correct estimate of the cost of repairs made in many departments, we have found by estimates made upon plans and specifications submitted by the City Architectural Department, that the estimates of the Repair Division were lower than those submitted by outside contractors who were invited to bid in competition, and in some cases the work was performed at less than the estimated cost.

In the opinion of the Committee, the establishment of the Repair Division has been a profitable undertaking for the city, and if its operations were large enough to enable it to purchase a larger machinery plant, and also purchase stock and materials in larger quantities, the

Division would be able to do better service for the city.

The system of book-keeping should be changed from single to double entry, as the present method does not show the affairs of the Division in such a complete form as is desirable; and we recommend that this change be made, and the accounts so arranged, that the amounts due to, and by the Division, together with the approximate standing of the Division, can be easily and correctly ascertained.

William O. Blaney,

Representing the Merchants' Municipal Committee.

J. Pickering Putnam,

C. H. Blackall,

Edwin J. Lewis, Jr.,

Representing the Boston Society of Architects.

W. O. Blaney, Esq.,

Chairman Committee on Examination of the Repairs Division:—

Dear Sir:—I have made an examination of the accounts of the Repairs Division of the Public Buildings Department of the city of Boston, and beg to submit the following report:—

My examination has covered the period from January, 1898, the beginning of the Division, to April 1, 1899, and has included: First.—The addition of all pay-rolls as shown on the original pay-roll books, and the verification of their amount by the original paid pay-roll sheets in the City Auditor's office. Second.—The checking of all bills rendered by the Division, for work performed, with the amounts of the bills deposited in the City Collector's office for collection, with the exception of bills for work done in March, 1899, on uncompleted work, and those bills I have examined. Third.—The checking of all bills for purchases of all kinds, made by the Division, with the bills as paid through the Public Buildings Department and City Auditor's office, or with bills remaining unpaid in the Public Buildings Department. The amount of stock on hand April 1, I take from the report of Mr. George H. Manson, and for tools, office furniture and fixtures, machinery and boilers, and horses, wagons, harness, etc., from the vouchers.

Total amount of bills rendered by the Division to April 1, 1899, and deposited in the City Collector's office.....	\$201,038 51
Amount of bills for work in March, 1899, on uncompleted work.....	3,979 49
Total of bills.....	\$205,018 00
Amount of above bills paid through the City Collector's office.....	175,482 71

Balance outstanding due this Division from other divisions April 1, 1899.....	\$29,535 29
Parker & Page, amount overpaid.....	4 50
Isaac Coffin, amount overpaid.....	50 30
Smith & Anthony.....	187 75

Total outstanding accounts due Division April 1, 1899.....	\$29,778 94
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Total amount of bills for purchases of all kinds made by the Division to April 1, 1899.....	\$111,788 86
Amount of bills paid.....	106,598 77

Balance due by the Division April 1, 1899.....	\$5,190 09
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Total amount of pay-rolls to April 1, 1899.....	\$96,727 32
Superintendent of Division.....	3,698 33

Total for pay-rolls to April 1, 1899.....	\$100,425 65
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Amount of bills paid on account of this Division through the Public Buildings Department.....	\$104,154 82
Amount paid on special draft.....	2,443 95
Amount overpaid on bills.....	55 00
Amount of pay-rolls paid through the Public Buildings Department.....	96,574 57

Amount of pay-rolls paid by special draft.....	153 75	
Amount paid Superintendent .....	3,698 33	\$207,079 42
<b>Total payments:</b>		
Amount of collections made on account of this Division from other departments .....	\$175,482 71	
Amount collected for old brass .....	20 13	
<b>Total collections .....</b>	<b>175,502 84</b>	
<b>Excess of payments over collections .....</b>	<b>\$31,576 58</b>	

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

Total amount of bills rendered .....	\$205,018 00
Old brass sold.....	20 13
Smith & Anthony.....	187 75
<b>Total charges for labor and material .....</b>	<b>\$205,225 88</b>
<b>Cost.</b>	
Total amount of bills for purchases .....	\$110,788 86
Total for pay-rolls and Superintendent .....	100,425 65
	\$212,214 51

**Less.**

Merchandise and stock, see inventory .....	\$6,305 38
Tools, etc., see Inventory .....	3,565 88
Machinery, boilers, etc., see inventory .....	7,796 07
Horses, wagons, etc., see inventory .....	1,179 40
Office furniture, see inventory .....	757 50
<b>Total of inventories.....</b>	<b>19,605 23</b>
<b>Net cost of materials and labor.....</b>	<b>192,609 28</b>
<b>Net profit from January, 1898, to April 1, 1899.....</b>	<b>\$12,616 60</b>

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, APRIL 1, 1899.**

**Assets.**

Merchandise and stock on hand.....	\$6,305 38
Tools, chest, pump, etc.....	3,565 88
Machinery, boilers, blowers, etc.....	7,796 07
Horses, wagons, harness, etc.....	1,179 40
Office furniture and fixtures.....	757 50
	\$19,605 23
Amount due this Division.....	29,778 01
<b>Total assets.....</b>	<b>\$49,383 27</b>

**Liabilities.**

Accounts due for purchases.....	\$5,190 09
Excess of bills paid over the amounts collected .....	31,576 58
Profit and loss balance .....	12,616 60
	\$49,383 27

The books of this Division have been kept by a system of single entry, and do not show the affairs of the Division in such a complete form as I believe it is desirable that they should. They show no merchandise, machinery, tools and fixtures, expense or other impersonal accounts, from which the standing of the Division can be easily obtained. I would recommend that the system of bookkeeping be changed to double entry, with the accounts so arranged that the amounts due to, and by, the Division, can be easily and readily seen, that machinery, tools and fixtures, merchandise, expenses or any other accounts, which may be desirable, be opened, so that, with a trial balance, and an estimate of stock on hand, the approximate standing of the Division can be seen each month.

I annex hereto a copy of the Inventory of April 1, 1899. Respectfully submitted,  
Thos. P. Parsons, Accountant.  
Boston, April 24, 1899.

**INVENTORY OF REPAIR DIVISION.**

Merchandise on hand, April 1, 1899.	
Lumber .....	\$2,673 03
Hardware .....	564 54
Glass .....	42 93
Manila rope.....	70 50
Plumbers' steam-fitters', roofers' and masons' stock and supplies .....	1,756 32
Paints and brushes.....	883 06
Canvas covering, 1200 yards.....	125 00
Miscellaneous .....	185 00
	\$6,305 38
Tools as per vouchers.....	\$3,409 88
2 shanties and tool chest.....	90 00
1 Edison pump, hose, couplings and strainer.....	67 00
	3,566 88
Machinery, boilers, blowers, belting, piping, etc., as per vouchers.....	7,796 07
Horses, wagons, harness, blankets, etc., as per vouchers.....	1,179 40
Office furniture and fixtures, as per vouchers .....	757 50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$19,605 23</b>
Ordered printed and sent down, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.	

**CONTRACT FOR GAS LIGHTING.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a contract between the City and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, executed by the Superintendent of Lamps and approved by myself on May 31st.

While this contract is a departure from the general policy, in which I am a strong believer, of having all work for the municipality performed, as far as practicable and reasonably economical, by its own employees, the Superintendent of Lamps and myself were satisfied after enquiry that the city could not in any other manner secure the very important benefits of better street lighting, through the use of the incandescent mantle and the boulevard type of lantern. The fact that the use of this mantle, which is now admitted and demonstrated by patents, and that the policy of the owners of these patents, adhered to wherever the incandescent mantle has been introduced extensively, has been to take charge of the care and maintenance of such lamps themselves, or through local companies, instead of entrusting them to municipal authorities, seemed to render it necessary for the city either to forego the important advantages of securing better lighted streets, at substantially the same cost as at present—thus falling behind other large cities both in this country and abroad, in which the mantle system of lighting has been or is being extensively introduced—or else to make an exception in this case to its general policy of employing its labor directly.

Under this contract the contracting company is to install throughout the city, at its own expense, boulevard lanterns of the latest improved type, and is to maintain such lanterns so that each will furnish a sixty candle-power light, which is nearly four times the light now furnished; any reductions in the price of gas which may be secured from any company furnishing it are to inure to the sole benefit of the city, and it is further understood that the company is to take into its employment all of the lamp-lighters now in the service of the city, at the same rate of pay.

While the Superintendent of Lamps and myself have taken a considerable responsibility in the making of this contract, we are entirely confident that the results will commend themselves to our citizens generally, and that the city will derive a material benefit from the change. I believe that it will be possible in many places to meet the demand for additional electric

lights by the installation of these new lamps, and that the city will thus make a sufficient economy to fully make up for the slightly greater cost per lamp; and if necessary, the Lamp Department can be run without any increased expense whatever under the contract, and give a very greatly increased amount of street lighting. I believe also that the substitution of ornamental boulevard lanterns for the present gas lamps, many of which are in a poor state of repair, will tend to beautify the city and to improve the appearance of the residential sections; and the original cost of installing such lanterns, which is wholly borne by the contractor, must amount to a very considerable sum. I may add that the Superintendent of Lamps and myself will welcome any fair inquiry into all the circumstances surrounding the making of this contract if the City Council believes that our citizens desire any further enlightenment with reference thereto.

I think it proper to add that the making of this contract in no wise indicates any change in the general policy of extending rather than diminishing the direct employment of labor by the city, which I have favored since I have been in office, and that there is no foundation whatever for reports which have been put in circulation that it was my intention to transfer to contractors any other work which the city is now performing through its own employees. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, a corporation duly established under the laws of the State of Maine, having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter called the contractor, of the first part, and the City of Boston, a municipal corporation in said Commonwealth, hereinafter called the city, of the second part, agree as follows:—

Article I. Said contractor shall have the charge of all gas-lanterns hereafter used for lighting the streets and places of said city, except such lanterns as said contractor shall be notified from time to time by the Superintendent of Lamps of said city to discontinue; shall within four months after June 1, 1899, place on every post designated, within one month after the date hereof, by said Superintendent, a boulevard lantern of said contractor like the lantern deposited as a sample in the office of said Superintendent and marked "Welsbach Boulevard No. 1," and shall within five days after being notified by said Superintendent so to do, place on every additional post specified by the said Superintendent, and furnished with a supply pipe from the gas main to the top of the post, a similar lantern; shall, when required by said Superintendent, furnish in place of any lantern, whether owned by the city or said contractor, other than a boulevard lantern, a lantern of the pattern now kept in said office as specified by said Superintendent, or any other lantern, if the contractor and the Superintendent shall so agree; shall place and maintain on every gas-lantern when in use, whether owned by the city or said contractor, a Welsbach burner and mantle, and furnish gas and keep it burning in every such lantern during the hours shown on time cards to be furnished by said Superintendent, so as to give a sixty (60) candle light; shall keep all lanterns when in use in good repair and condition and well painted, and properly replace all broken or displaced glass and signs on said lanterns before the next time of lighting, the signs to be furnished by the city but placed and kept securely fastened by the contractor; shall clean all lanterns when in use as often as once a week, and oftener if required, to keep the light from being obstructed; and shall when it removes a lantern without substituting another therefor, properly

plug the pipe so that the gas will not escape therefrom.

The Superintendent of Lamps and the contractor may agree at any time to install in lieu of gas-lamps as many Welsbach naphtha lights of sixty (60) candle power each with boulevard lanterns of approved pattern as may be necessary to fully carry out this contract, same to be kept and maintained as herein provided under and subject as to cost and other requirements to all the other provisions and obligations of this contract applicable thereto.

Article II. Said contractor shall report in writing at the office of said Superintendent on Thursday of each week, and on the ninth of each month, the number of said lanterns lighted on each night subsequent to the last report, giving in each report the name of each person engaged in lighting the lanterns and the number lighted by each person.

Article III. Said contractor shall have the use of all property now belonging to the city, and used by the Superintendent of Lamps in carrying on the duties of his Department, as the contractor considers necessary to carry out this agreement; shall keep the same in good condition and repair, and replace any thereof that shall be destroyed or injured, and shall return the same to said city in like good order and condition when the lanterns to be placed within four months from the time this contract goes into effect are so placed.

Article IV. Said city shall lay and maintain all gas-pipes to the burners in the care and charge of said contractor and keep the same in good condition and repair; as full payment for everything furnished or done by, or resulting to, the contractor in carrying out this contract, shall for each year of three thousand eight hundred twenty-eight (3828) hours pay for each and every lantern taken care of and lighted by said contractor as aforesaid, at the rate of thirty (30) dollars per year, in proportional monthly payments on the first day of each and every month; provided, however, that if any lantern has not been kept and lighted in accordance with this contract during all the hours required by said time card a proportional deduction as determined by said Superintendent, shall be made; and provided, further, that if at any time by reason of a reduction by any gas company in the price of gas, the contractor shall procure its gas supply at a lower average price per lamp for the whole number of lamps lighted than the average price paid for gas by the contractor when the system provided for herein is fully installed, the said rate paid by the city shall be reduced by the amount of the reduction in the price of gas so secured. (It is understood and agreed that any reduction made prior to the complete installation of the Welsbach system shall be calculated in the deduction from the rate to be made as before provided with like force and effect as if made thereafter, but the contractor shall receive the full rate until such installation is complete). The contractor shall render to the city statements every three months, showing such reductions, if any, and the amounts of same accrued during the prior three months shall be deducted from the next payments due the contractor. The said rate paid by the city shall then be adjusted in accordance with such reductions.

Article V. This contract shall take effect June 1, 1899 (which date may be changed by mutual consent), and shall continue in force subject to the necessary appropriation being made for gas lighting, for the term of seven years from June 1, 1899—but any change of date shall not relieve the contractor from its obligation to have the Welsbach system as provided herein fully installed and in operation within four months from June 1, 1899, and shall continue thereafter until a new agreement is made by the parties, or until the expiration of three months after notice in writing which may be given prior to said date by

either party of its election to terminate the contract at the end of seven years as herein provided, and on such termination the said contractor may remove its lanterns and all other property by it furnished under this agreement, providing the same is not purchased by the said city. If at the expiration of said term the Mayor of said city desires that the city shall purchase the lanterns, burners and mantles of said contractor, and notifies the contractor to that effect, the contractor shall convey the same to the city upon terms to be agreed upon by the parties at that time, and, if they cannot agree, the same shall be fixed by three persons, one to be selected by the mayor of said city, one by the contractor, and the third by the two so selected, and the decision of a majority thereof shall be binding upon the parties; and provided, further, that the contract shall continue for a second period of seven years if the Mayor of said city shall within three months of the expiration of the first period of seven years so notify in writing the contractor.

In witness whereof, the said Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, by its proper officer, and the said city by its Superintendent of Lamps, duly authorized and approved by the Mayor, have hereunto set their hands and seals on this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1899.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company,  
By Wesley A. Gove, President,  
City of Boston,  
By James Donovan,  
Superintendent of Lamps.  
Approved: Josiah Quincy,  
Mayor of Boston.

**BOND.**

Know all men by these presents:—

That the Undersigned are held and bound unto the City of Boston, in the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to said city, or its assigns, to which payment, well and truly to be made, the undersigned jointly and severally bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

The Condition of this obligation is that if the party designated as contractor in the foregoing contract for lighting with gas the public places of said city, shall faithfully furnish and do everything required therein of the contractor, this obligation shall become of no effect, otherwise it shall continue in full force.

Signed, sealed and delivered this thirty-first day of May, 1899.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company,  
By Wesley A. Gove, President,  
American Surety Company of New York,  
By Wallace H. Ham, Resident Vice-President.

Attest: Eliphalet I. Philbrick,  
Resident Asst. Secretary.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I presume that that is a long document. I move that the reading be dispensed with and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope that document will be read.

The CHAIRMAN—Objection being made, the Clerk will read the communication from His Honor the Mayor.

The Clerk read the communication.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer an order in connection with that message from His Honor the Mayor, and to move that both be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. Doyle at this point offered an order, which was sent to the Chair.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to make a motion at this time. The Republican members of the Board are fully aware of the contents of that order, and I move that the reading of it be dispensed with.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I ask for

information, as to how long that communication from the Mayor has been on file and whether it antedated the conference of the Democrats or not?

Ald. Doyle's order was as follows:—

Ordered, That the Committee on Lamps be instructed to inquire into the contract for lamp lighting recently made with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and to report to this Board its conclusions regarding the same.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

**MALDEN BRIDGE LOAN RESCINDED.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Apportionment rescinding the loan order providing \$50,000 for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, for the reason that this work is now otherwise provided for, under the provisions of Chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1899, under which the sum of \$200,000 has already been charged off against the borrowing capacity of the city for the current year, and is available for this purpose.

This order requires to be passed in concurrence by both branches of the City Council before it can take effect, and of course it is desirable that this money, which is now tied up, should be made available for other uses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
June 3, 1899.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board on February 7, 1899, appropriating fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Malden bridge, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the city of Boston, payable in ten years from their date, to said amount for said purpose, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

Josiah Quincy,  
David B. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent down for concurrence.

**MILITIA TARGET GROUNDS—LOAN FOR.**

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

Under the provisions of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1898, this city was forbidden to acquire land "for a ground or place for the parade, drill and target practice of the militia," as had been required by a previous statute, prior to the first day of June in the current year, and it was further provided that the appropriation of \$125,000 made for such purpose by the City Council in the year 1895 should not be "divided or used or applied for any other purpose" prior to said date.

This statute was passed as a step toward carrying out the recommendation which had been made by the State Inspector General of Rifle Practice that the Commonwealth should provide such a parade ground for the use of the militia of the cities and towns of the Metropolitan District, instead of having such a ground provided by the city of Boston for the use of its own militia. The policy thus presented received my hearty approval at the time, and I think that all competent authorities recognize that it is the correct one, particularly in view of the fact that it is exceedingly difficult, if not altogether

er impossible, for the city of Boston to obtain a suitable piece of land for this purpose within its own limits, and of the complications which are met with in attempting to go outside of its limits. In view of the position of the authorities of the State having charge of rifle practice and of this statute, I believe that this city is fully warranted in taking no further steps for the acquirement of a rifle range, in awaiting action of the Commonwealth to provide for the establishment of a metropolitan rifle range, and in devoting to other uses the appropriation made for this purpose, which has remained unused for the last four years; and I am confirmed in this opinion by the apparent futility, judging by past experience, of any efforts to secure the application of this appropriation.

I therefore desire, particularly in view of the urgent need of this money for other purposes, to recommend to the City Council the passage of the accompanying order rescinding this appropriation (which order can be passed by a majority vote of each branch), which will add the sum of \$125,000 to the very limited amount of borrowing capacity for the remainder of this year. If this order should be passed, I should favor the appropriation of this money for the usual street improvements in the different wards of the city.

I think it proper to add for the information of the City Council, that if it should not see fit to pass such a rescinding order, I should transfer this appropriation to the appropriation for the maintenance of the Sewer Division of the Street Department, under the authority of Chapter 450 of the Acts of the year 1899; so that it will not in any case be available for the purposes originally designated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Aldermen.  
June 12, 1899.

Ordered: That so much of the order approved July 9th, 1895, as appropriated \$125,000 for "Grounds for the parade, drill, and target practice of the militia belonging to the city of Boston," be and hereby is rescinded.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move that both the message and order be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rather anticipated that motion, and shall object to the reference of this communication from His Honor the Mayor to the Committee on Public Improvements. I object for these reasons: I have been a member of the Board of Aldermen for some three years, and during those three years I have been a member of the Committee on Armories and Military affairs. I am, therefore, somewhat familiar with the subject referred to by his Honor the Mayor. His Honor the Mayor has attempted this past year, I know, to get control of this \$125,000. About that there is no question. But for once, in its wisdom, the Legislature saw fit to amend the original proposition inspired by him, whereby he sought to obtain control of the \$125,000, and after it did pass the Legislature he discovered that the money was still tied up.

I do not feel physically able to do much talking this afternoon, but, anticipating from reading the newspapers the past few days that the Chief Magistrate intended, if he possibly could, to get control of this \$125,000, I took occasion to look up the legal side of the question. The tone of this communication is of such a threatening nature that I feel that the members of the board, in order to maintain their own dignity in the matter, should refuse to accede to whatever suggestions the Mayor has made. Aside from that feeling of mine as I have listened to his communication, I have conferred with eminent legal authority upon the question and obtained an opinion, which has been reduced to writing, and

which I beg leave to ask the Clerk to read, because I do not feel able to do so. I will essay as my humble opinion the fact that this Board alone has control of that \$125,000, and that it is the duty of the Board to provide and maintain a rifle range for the city of Boston.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will read the opinion of some eminent lawyer, obtained from him by Alderman Berwin, as the alderman is indisposed.

The Clerk read the following:—

"I am of opinion that, under the act passed by the legislature of this year authorizing the mayor to use unexpended loans and appropriations to a certain sum to enable the repayment of the unlawfully collected sewer taxes, the mayor has no power to use the appropriation and loan authorized by the Board of Aldermen for the purpose of providing a rifle range, and can only resort to such appropriations and loans as the city has already made for purposes entirely voluntary in their nature.

"It is to be remembered that there are two kinds of appropriations that a municipal corporation makes, one kind being that which the law authorizes but does not compel, the other being that which the law compels and the city must make under a penalty for default.

"For the purpose of developing the skill of the militia that it may better defend the State and nation in the hour of need, the legislature has required the different cities in the Commonwealth to provide rifle ranges for the militia having headquarters within them at the expense of the different municipalities, and specifically requires the "mayor and aldermen" of Boston to provide such a range. However much the city may dislike the expenditure, it has no choice but to submit. The peculiar welfare of the inhabitants of the city has nothing to do with the case. No delay, other than specifically permitted by the legislature, can or ought to be tolerated. The penalty has already been incurred, and will continue to increase.

"For those purposes peculiar to the city, where the needs of the city alone are and can be consulted, under legal authority, the city makes certain appropriations. They are authorized, but purely voluntary and peculiar to the city alone. These are the loans and appropriations which may be suspended and converted under the Act of 1899, and not those which the legislature, for the benefit of the Commonwealth and the Nation, has already, under penalty, specifically required the "mayor and aldermen" to make.

"All statutes, however unequivocal they may seem in their language, are to be interpreted in the light of surrounding circumstances and the fixed policy of the legislative power.

"A statute, however general in its apparent scope, is never to be read as in conflict with some specific legislation which the latter statute does not expressly repeal or qualify; but both must be read together, and the latter statute must be confined in its operation to those things not inconsistent with the specific legislative policy.

"Under these rules of interpretation it is clear that the legislature by its act of 1899 did not intend to enable the city of Boston to escape for any length of time whatsoever the performance of the mandatory duty put upon it by the rifle range act of 1895, and that the seizure of any part of the appropriation under that act would be unlawful."

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I believe this whole matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, for this reason: I have found in my three years' experience in the City Government that when I have differed from the Mayor in any particular matter, he has always been ready to confer with me and act upon the matter in a just way. I believe this

is a matter upon which we cannot afford to get at loggerheads with the Mayor. He states positively in the communication he sends in this afternoon that unless we rescind the order, as suggested by him, he will transfer the appropriation to the appropriation for the maintenance of the Sewer Division, under the authority of the act passed by the recent Legislature. Now, I believe with a little compromising and conferring with the Mayor on this matter, we shall be able to still be amicable, and I believe the whole matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, in order to give us a chance to interview the Mayor, having him come before us, and seeing if we cannot fix the matter up. I therefore hope the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) will allow the whole matter to go into the Committee on Public Improvements.

The communication from the Mayor, with the legal opinion presented by Ald. Berwin, were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely intended to have that opinion incorporated in my own private remarks, and in my own way, privately, to give credit to the proper party.

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**SALE OF "MARCELLA ST. HOME."**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Trustees for Children calling attention to the very crowded condition of the Parental School, and to the need of authorizing the sale of the Marcella St. Home property, for which these trustees have no further use, in order that means may be provided for making the necessary additions to the Parental School. In a communication to the City Council under date of May 16th, 1898, I again renewed a recommendation which I had already once made that authority be given for the sale of the Marcella St. Home property, but no action has yet been taken upon the matter. I now desire to earnestly renew the recommendation, and to urge the passage of the accompanying order, which turns this property over to the Street Commissioners for sale, following the usual course, instead of authorizing its sale directly by the Trustees for Children. In order to enable the Board of Apportionment to act intelligently upon the application of the Children's Trustees for additional appropriations for the Parental School, it should know whether the Marcella St. Home property is to be sold.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
 Children's Institutions Department,  
 Trustees for Children,  
 June 9th, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: The Trustees for Children desire to call your attention again to the overcrowding of the Parental School at West Roxbury, and earnestly trust that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may see its way clear to grant temporary relief.

We now have 213 boys in this institution, originally intended for 80. These boys are overcrowded, and it is not to the credit of our city to receive them without giving them proper accommodations.

In this connection the Trustees feel that the very valuable property, formerly known as the Marcella St. Home, containing 338,337 feet of land, in the heart of our city, should be sold, as it can no longer be used by us, and in this way the means for taking proper care of the

increasing number of truant boys in our city can be provided.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. Lamb, Chairman,  
 City of Boston,  
 In Board of Aldermen,  
 June 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be authorized to transfer to the Board of Street Commissioners the Marcella St. Home property, the same being no longer used as an institution for children, and that said Board of Street Commissioners be authorized, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to sell the same for such price and upon such terms, as they may deem advantageous.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Fresno.

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**STREET WATERING DISTRICTS.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, June 12, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a map showing a division of the city into street watering districts, as prepared by the Superintendent of Streets, and I hereby recommend the passage of the accompanying order prepared by him, such order being in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 366 of the Acts of the present year.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
 City of Boston,  
 In Board of Aldermen,  
 June 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the territory of the city be divided into four street watering districts, as shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, St. Watering Districts, 1899, Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets," on file in the office of said Superintendent, and that the owners of estates abutting on public ways or parts thereof in said districts shall pay an assessment per linear foot of their estates so abutting, to be used for watering each way or part thereof to the same extent in the same district, as follows:—

In District No. 1, seven cents.

In District No. 2, six cents.

In District No. 3, five cents.

In District No. 4, four cents.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

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**HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.**

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc., viz.:—

1. Sophia M. Hauk, one window at 617 E. Broadway, Wd. 14.

2. Charles W. Alden, one window from building 179 and 181 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3. No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

3. The Massachusetts General Hospital, facades, three over Washington St., and eight over Bedford St., from building 496 to 509 Washington St., corner of Bedford St., Wd. 7.

J. Henry Russell, in behalf of Wm. Minton, Trustee, owner of adjoining estate on Washington St., objected to the granting of the petition, on the ground that it would be interfering with light and air on a narrow street.

No further objection. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.)

4. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect two poles on Water St., Wd. 5, and for leave to lay a conduit across Warren Ave. and in Water St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. On petition of the trustees Municipal Real Estate Trust for leave to lay a pipe to be used for steam heating and power purposes under and along Portland St., Wd. 6, from Nos. 75 to No. 94 on said street.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept.

Boston Elevated Ry. Co., for leave to build a wooden addition on Blue Hill Ave., cor. Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

L. Starr & Co., two small show cases, at 28 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

C. F. Tomey, two barber poles at 25 Cunard St., Wd. 13.

Wong Co., a sign, at 169 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Israel Finkelstein, a sign, at 2305 Washington St., Wd. 22.

J. G. Stone, a sign, at 888 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

F. W. Reeves, an illuminated druggist's mortar, at 1 Green St., Wd. 8.

John J. Joynt, a transparency, at 11 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

Frank E. Wyman & Co., a V-shaped sign, at 9 Otis St., Wd. 7.

Max Shachtanwitz, three barber poles, at 63 North St., Wd. 6.

Frederick C. Martin, a sign, at 39 Warrenton St., Wd. 7.

C. H. Jackson, an illuminated sign, at 93 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Jesse M. Patrick, two barber poles, at 78 Green St., Wd. 8.

M. I. Bornstein, an auctioneer's flag, at 3 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Harry Freidberg, a sign, at 324 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Solomon A. Epstein, to project two mortar signs, at 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

P. Schendel & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 55 Court St.

S. A. Woods Machine Co., for leave to construct cellar bottom of building on Earl St., near Dorr St., Wd. 15, at grade 10.

Claims.

Joseph Comeau et als., for payment to Wm. H. Baker for balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Denny St.

Elizabeth C. Giblin, for compensation for damage to estate 400 Chelsea St., E. B., caused by the obstruction of the sewer at said estate.

Elizabeth C. Giblin et al., for compensation for damage to estates 409 and 412 Braimen St., caused by the obstruction of the sewer in front of said premises.

Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, to be refunded the amount paid by it as an assessment for a sewer tax.

Edith A. Noyes, for compensation for damage to her clothing caused by water from a hose belonging to the Fire Dept., May 9, 1899.

John T. Mullaney, for compensation for damage to his team on account of a collision with Truck No. 7 of the Fire Department.

Bridget Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to her property at 216 Havre St., E. Boston, caused by the bursting of a hydrant.

Electric Wires.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., for leave to erect poles, wires, etc., on Sumner and East Cottage Sts., Dorchester.

Brookline Gas Light Co., for leave to erect poles on Oak Sq. Ave. and Brackett St., Wd. 25.

Brookline Gas Light Co., for leave to erect two poles on Wirt St., Wd. 25.

Mrs. M. E. Cable et als., for removal of poles of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., on Beethoven St.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., for leave to erect two poles in Kingston St.

Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to

erect poles on Savin Hill Ave., Adams St., Dorchester Ave., St. Alphonsus St., Felloes and Mercer Sts.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect poles on Wabon St., Wd. 21; Mansfield St., Wd. 25; and Topliff St., Wd. 20; and to erect and to remove one pole at corner of Washington and Dudley sts., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole each on Market St. and Western Ave., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wait St., Wd. 19.

For leave to remove three poles on Oak St., Wd. 4.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on E. Second St., between M and L sts., Wd. 14.

For leave to erect and to remove poles on Rockland st., Wd. 25.

For an extension of time to June 30, 1899, in which to erect and to remove poles authorized under an order approved Oct. 19, 1898.

For leave to erect five poles in King St., Ward 24.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Eliza V. McCormick, for leave to remove a tree in front of her house, 252 Lamartine St., Wd. 22.

John McNamara, for the removal of a tree in front of 23 Union Park, Wd. 9.

Health Dept.

William Bradley et als., for the establishment of a public crematory.

Lamps.

Mass. General Hospital, for an electric light opposite the yard of No. 21 Warrenton St.

Mass. General Hospital, for an electric light opposite No. 10 Common St., Wd. 7.

Frank A. Mayberry, et als., for naphtha lamps in Ballou Ave., Dor.

Licenses.

E. J. Loring, for a license for a merry-go-round on vacant lot on Brandon St., Roslindale, for two weeks commencing June 23, 1899.

Mrs. Julia Semon, for a permit for Primrose and Martin Semon, under 15 years of age, to appear at Austin & Stone's Museum, for two weeks beginning June 12.

J. H. Emery, for a permit for Ada and Blanche Rose, Gertrude Packard and Anita Sylvia, all under 15 years of age, to appear at the Castle Sq. Theatre, during the week beginning June 12.

C. C. Collins, for leave to run a passenger barge between Spring St., Wd. 23, and the Caledonia Club Grounds, during the present season.

John Duffy, for license to run a passenger barge between Chestnut Hill Reservoir and the Brookline line.

Ordinances.

Freeman O. Emerson et als., that such action may be taken as may be necessary to prevent heavy teaming on Warren Ave., Wd. 10, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to locate double tracks on Providence St. and St. James Ave., etc., and to use the overhead electric system thereon.

West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Ry. Co., to be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham & Boston St. Ry. Co. at the Boston line at Spring St., and to use the cars of the last named company on its line from Spring St. to Forest Hills.

Public Improvements.

Harry E. Weston, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 21 Guild row, Wd. 18.

West End Street Railway Company, that the lines of the sidewalk at the corner

of Harrison Ave. and Dover Sts. be readjusted.

Woodbury & Leighton, for a location for gny posts at 87 and 71 Kingston St.

Anthony Volta, for a renewal of permit to maintain bootblack stands opposite 13 Franklin Ave.

Frank S. Robbins, for leave to erect gny posts and stretch gny ropes therefrom, one on Belvidere St. and one on Bothnia St., Wd. 10.

John Cavanagh and Son B. M. Co., for leave to move a wooden building from 70 Boston St., Wd. 16, to Wesley St., Wd. 16.

Thomas L. Jenks, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 63 Green St., Wd. 8.

Estate of John S. Meserve, for leave to lay a 14 inch pipe under sidewalk at 211 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Petitions for sidewalk, viz.:-  
Mary Smiddy et als., 220-222-224-226 Paris St., Wd. 2.

A. H. Flint, 542 E. Fifth St. and on Jay St., Wd. 14.

A. H. Flint, 81-83 P St., Wd. 14.

J. Homer Pierce et al., trustees, Bellevue St., near Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

Frederick L. Walker (a driveway), at 110 Melville Ave., Wd. 20.

Michael J. O'Brien, 12 Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Marle E. Sundberg, 4 Allston St., Wd. 20.

Alice E. Sowden, 6-8 Allston St., Wd. 20.

John Mahan, Dewey St., cor. Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Charles F. Collins, 215-217 Washington St., Wd. 20.

John J. Cashen, 58 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

James Calder, 60 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Ellen T. Bresnahan, 64 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Chas. H. Goddard, 32-34 Page St. and on McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Catherine Lombard, 103 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

Elliven Savage, 99-101 Munroe St., Wd. 21.

James Mulcahy, 17-21 Homestead St., Wd. 21.

H. A. Lucas, Abbottsford St., Wd. 21.

C. A. Pulsom, 3-9 Edgewood St., Wd. 21.

Saml. S. Riddell, 60 Elm St., Wd. 22.

Wm. W. Sampson, 72 Sheridan St., Wd. 22.

Lomer Lahaise, 39-45 Cranston St., Wd. 22.

Estate of J. D. Braman, 714 Commonwealth Ave.

**TRACKS ON TALBOT AVE.**

The Clerk read the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. for a location for double tracks on Talbot Ave., from Blue Hill Ave. to the tracks of said company on Washington and Norfolk Sts., Dorchester, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

The CHAIRMAN—If there is no objection, the petition will be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I as a rule do not object to the sending of a petition to a committee where it necessarily or usually would go; but it seems to me that, after the discussion of this matter and after the effort that has been made by the citizens of Dorchester for the location of tracks and the building of Talbot Ave., and after the explanation that the Dorchester members of the Board are able to give as to the necessity for this going through, the condition existing there is such as would place the case a little differently before the Board than an ordinary one. I think, under the conditions, that the Board should be willing to suspend the rule.

The CHAIRMAN—It cannot be done under the law.

Ald. CODMAN—I understand that it cannot be done? My idea was simply to rush this matter through as soon as possible, because of the building of the street.

The CHAIRMAN—The statute law provides that there must be fourteen days' notice in various places, notifying the parties interested.

Ald. CODMAN—Well, if there is no other way of hastening it, I suppose we will have to wait.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, in order that we may have an opportunity to look up that law. This petition was sent in a week ago last Thursday, too late for the Board of Aldermen to act upon it, and if it had come in time we would have had a hearing this afternoon and it would have passed. The people of Dorchester are very anxious about Talbot Ave. I don't believe there will be a single objection from any of the people there to the granting of this petition. There certainly should be some way to have this matter reported back this afternoon and passed, for the people of Dorchester are very anxious about the matter. Another reason for action is this, that the Street Department is very anxious to commence work on the avenue, and have been prevented from doing so because the Elevated Railroad has not started. Therefore I hope the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and reported back this afternoon to see if we cannot pass the order in some way for the laying of the tracks in Talbot Ave.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I certainly agree with what Ald. McDonald has said. It seems to me if we cannot do anything different in the matter we can at least send this to the Committee on Public Improvements, having the order of notice issued by that Committee instead of by the Committee on Railroads and having the hearing under the order of notice next week. That will hasten the matter one week. I trust that the Committee on Public Improvements will not take any offence at the suggestion, because I feel that we can there explain the situation as it exists, and that such reference will take less time. I certainly hope the matter will go to the Committee on Public Improvements, for the reason that that reference will hasten action one week.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I agree to that motion.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

**PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.**

6. Message of the Mayor relative to the construction of a fence at Evergreen Cemetery, and recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That so much of the order approved September 21, 1898, as authorized the Cemetery Trustees to expend the sum of fifteen hundred (\$500) dollars for the construction of a wall at Evergreen Cemetery be and hereby is rescinded.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

7. Notice of changes in appointments on Joint Committees, viz.: Library Department, Mr. Bordman in place of Mr. Cuddy, resigned. Cemetery Department, Mr. Cuddy in place of Mr. Mulcahy, resigned. Lamp Department, Mr. Jordan in place of Mr. Mulcahy, resigned.

Placed on file.  
8. Ordered, That in part compensation for their services to the City of Boston, His Honor the Mayor be requested to authorize the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday on Memorial Day, without loss of pay, to all employees of the Ferry Division who are members of posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other veteran organizations.

Passed in concurrence.  
The following comes up for reference in concurrence to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

9. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars for a celebration in honor of Admiral Dewey on his visit to Boston.

Referred in concurrence.

10. Report of Committee on Public Grounds Department on the message of the Mayor transmitting a memorial relative to the need of a fence around Worcester Sq., recommending reference of the same to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Report accepted, said reference ordered in concurrence.

11. Report of the same committee, no further action necessary, on the following matters, viz:—

Order relative to the transfer of the care of Rogers park to the Park Department.

Order relative to the custody of Pierce Sq., Wd. 24.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French against the erection of a horticultural building on the Common or Public Garden.

Remonstrance of Charles E. French against the use of Boston Common or any part thereof for bicycle purposes.

Report accepted in concurrence.

12. Report of the same committee, no action necessary, on a petition of Howard Payson Arnold for leave to erect a memorial structure on the Public Garden.

Ald. COLBY—My remembrance of that is that this was an offer of some months standing from some one who offered to put up a shelter of some sort on the Public Garden and give it to the city. I think at an expense of something like \$500. My impression is that the Committee made some recommendation with reference to referring it to the Art Department or something of the sort. Certainly we did not say that no action was necessary. I would like that sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The report was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

13. Report of the same committee recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances, of an ordinance relative to the driving of teams across the reservations on streets.

Report accepted; said reference ordered in concurrence.

14. Report of the same committee, on a message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society relative to the erection of a building on the Public Garden, recommending that the communication be placed on file.

Report accepted; said communication placed on file.

15. Report of the same committee recommending reference to the Superintendent of Public Grounds of an order concerning land for playground purposes in Wd. 10.

Report accepted; said reference ordered in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin to consider Nos. 16 and 17 together, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor:

16. Gordon Abbott to be a Statist's Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1904.

17. Michael F. Codire to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Berwin and McDonald. Whole number of ballot cast, 11; yes, 11; and the appointments were confirmed.

#### POLE ON OAK ST

The Board proceeded to take up No. 18, special assignment, viz:—

18. Hearing on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Assigned to the next meeting of the Board on motion of Ald. Presho.

#### ENGINE HOUSE, WARREN AVE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 19, special assignment, viz:—

19. Message of the Mayor, transmitting an order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purchase of land on Warren Ave. and the erection of an engine-house thereon. (Doc. No. 105.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF POLICE DEPT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 20, special assignment, viz:—

20. Ordered, That the Aldermanic Committee on Police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary, in its opinion, to improve the administration of the Police Department of the city, and what amendments, if any, should be made to such laws as come within the special cognizance of the Board of Police; and that said committee be authorized to give public hearings, if necessary, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I regret to say that I find it necessary this afternoon to appeal to the courtesy of the Board and to ask that No. 20 be further assigned to the next meeting. I intended to come in here this afternoon prepared to discuss this matter, which is one of importance and one that cannot be passed over very lightly. For that reason, and for the further reason that I have been in a physical condition during the past week or ten days that has rendered me unfit to take up the subject matter, I ask, as a matter of courtesy, that this be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I move as an amendment that it be laid over for two weeks.

The amendment was adopted, and the order was assigned for two weeks.

#### LAND FOR BURIAL PURPOSES.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 21, special assignment, viz:—

21. Report of Committee on Cemetery Department (Ald.), ought not to pass, on an order granting permission to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use certain land on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts., Dorchester, for burial purposes.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the question of the extension of cemetery lands in the city of Boston is a comprehensive one, and a great deal of controversy is constantly arising as to their proper location. Many good people are decidedly opposed to the establishment of cemeteries within the city of Boston. I do not favor that idea, however, because, as a matter of fact, people going to funerals complain now that the cemeteries are too far away and that they are exhausted after returning from them. I have been to Calvary Cemetery twice since this order was introduced, and I can see that sooner or later the lines must be extended. Now, I am not advocating the purchase of the Prendergast land, as it is land just across the street, and the Board of Directors of the cemetery, who no doubt have the best interests of the Cemetery at heart, should look around and see what is the cheapest and best land to purchase for cemetery purposes. The Holbrook lot, from what I understand, is assessed for \$58,000, and it has been reported that the Board of Directors of the Cemetery intend to pay \$145,000 for it. Of course, I understand very well that the Board of Aldermen has absolutely nothing to do with the price paid for this land; but it is land that does not abut on the Calvary Cemetery. It is nearer the Mt. Hope line. J. B. Mulrey stated before the Commit-

tee that he had built \$20,000 worth of houses in the vicinity, and when he ascertained that there was a petition sent in to the Board of Aldermen for the extension of cemetery lines he prevented any more building from going on. Now, there is no doubt that the Holbrook property is very desirable building land, but if the Holbrook property was opposite the Calvary Cemetery the objections of J. B. Mulrey or of J. L. Prendergast would not avail, for I certainly would vote for the petition. And furthermore, I believe that the 50 acres of land now in that vicinity should be taken for cemetery purposes, and if the Catholic Cemetery organization of this city will bring in an order before this Board to that effect I can assure them, as a member of the cemetery committee, that I will be only too glad to vote for it, but I do not believe in taking a piece of that land not directly opposite the cemetery, but opposite the Mt. Hope cemetery, land which is not a proper place for cemetery land.

I have an interest in Calvary Cemetery. My father and mother are buried there, and many dear friends of mine are there, and I am sure that anything I could do to beautify Calvary Cemetery I would certainly favor and give my vote for. But I cannot see, in the interest of the cemetery association itself, that it is proper for them to take land not directly abutting upon Calvary Cemetery. It is only a question of time when all the territory will have to be turned into a burial ground. But this, we must understand, is divided by Back St., or what is now called Harvard St., so that it is distinctly entirely from the present Calvary Cemetery and should be called by another name. I trust that this order will not pass this afternoon. Another matter I wish to speak about is this, that when Wellington Holbrook was asked before the Committee on Cemeteries if the Calvary Cemetery people would be obliged to take this land if the order did not pass, he stated very clearly that they would not be obliged to purchase the land if the order did not pass here this afternoon. I sincerely trust that the petitioners will be given leave to withdraw.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have no particular interest in this matter, but I am somewhat surprised at the position taken by our Dorchester Alderman who has just spoken. It seems to me that usually his position is a sound one, and I cannot account for the position he has taken at this time, except that he may have inside information, being, as he says he is, interested personally in Calvary Cemetery. Mr. Chairman, my interest in this matter is purely a local one. The extension of Calvary or Mt. Hope Cemeteries in the direction in which the alderman has just stated that they will undoubtedly extend in the future, if not at this time, brings them into Wd. 24, and although I try always to consider the best good of the city, nevertheless that is my home ward, and I know something about the wishes of the people there which other members of the Board are not familiar with. The alderman says that the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery should look around and pick out land suitable to their wants. I think every member of the Board of Aldermen will agree with him. I certainly would not attempt to dictate to any Board of Trustees or any cemetery organization as to what land they would take. It is their business to pick out the land; it is their business to select a site that they think proper and to come here and ask our permission to occupy it for the purposes desired. I presume that the trustees have considered all the lands about this Calvary Cemetery, and have found the land that they ask for to be the most available for their purpose.

Possibly they can get more land for the money which they have to spend; possibly the land is better fitted there, in their judgment, for occupancy immediately as a cemetery—and those reasons possibly

the alderman may be acquainted with, owing to his connection with the organization. That I don't know. I think it is fair to assume that they have selected this site because, in their judgment, it is the site that they should have. As far as the extent of the opposition is concerned, it strikes me, when you consider the district, that the opposition to this land was very slight. A number of the house owners who objected live a number of hundred yards away from the cemetery, and, I believe, can hardly see the site of the cemetery from their present houses. With a system of streets cut up on the rest of the land, abutting land owned by the Holbrook people, I think that these houses would be entirely away from the Cemetery. As regards the fact that this land does not abut on Calvary, that might be a good argument ordinarily, but inasmuch as Calvary and Mt. Hope are both adjoining cemeteries, both on Harvard St.—making, as I believe they do, that particular section of West Roxbury and the neighboring lands in Dorchester a cemetery district—I believe the situation is somewhat changed in that account and that this, instead of being a new cemetery, is an extension purely and simply of an old cemetery. For that reason I believe there are a good many who would object to new and entirely isolated cemeteries being formed who did not come here and object to this extension. The alderman admits that it is only a question of time when not only the Holbrook land, but the Prendergast land, as he has brought the matter before the Board, will both be taken for cemetery purposes. Now, if the Calvary Cemetery people have a choice between the two parcels of land and want to extend not directly opposite but diagonally across from their lot, and have a good reason for so doing, I believe they should be granted the privilege of a selection between the two lots, and that that argument should not hold to prevent them from extending their cemetery. I do not believe there is any member of the Board any more deeply interested in this matter than I am, and I say so for the reason that it is in my own section. I have given a good deal of attention to it—not only once, twice, but three times. I was there yesterday, and I have given it a good deal of consideration. I am prepared to say to the members of this board that I don't feel that the people of Dorchester or the people in that immediate section, generally speaking with the exception of possibly one or two, who do not want cemeteries anyway, will object to the granting of this location. I trust that the Committee report—which I did not vote for, although I did not dissent at the time, but reserved the right to dissent from—will not be accepted, but that this petition asking for a location there for cemetery purposes will be granted.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee on Cemeteries, I have given this subject careful consideration and I am ready to take the position here this afternoon that the time has come here in the city of Boston when the rights of the living demand that there shall be no further extension of any cemetery within the city limits. On that ground I propose to vote against it.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, while the argument of Ald. Day might be very good on general principles, there are certain of our people who do not believe in cremation and who also find it impossible to get far away into the country to visit cemeteries. While some of the members may feel that the Prendergast land should be taken, I understand that the appropriation is limited to a certain amount, authorized by the legislature, and those who have looked into the matter have gone all over the land and have formed their conclusions with all the facts in mind. I think myself the land immediately back

of Mr. Prendergast's land would be desirable land to take, but a great many people interested have come to me and told me that this land is the most available, that, considering the money they have in the treasury and what they got to do, they can take this land and can immediately use it to better advantage. I am somewhat interested in Calvary Cemetery, as some of my dear friends are laid away to rest there. There is now very little room in Calvary, and it is necessary to extend the cemetery in some direction. If this piece of land is taken it can be immediately used for cemetery purposes. Lots can be cleared up, and the land is in such condition that it can be used at once. I would therefore vote to grant leave on the application.

The report was declared rejected. Ald. McDonald doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays. The report was rejected, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald, Barry—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the petition be granted.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on giving the order a second reading.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as I have been partially the cause of previous assignments of this matter and have always given a reason for it, and as I know from what I have heard that the Trustees of Cemeteries feel that they have been unnecessarily delayed already, I trust that the alderman will give a good and sufficient reason or else allow the matter to go through today, in order that the Trustees may make their arrangements to use the land, as it is felt necessary that they should do, from what I know of the matter, at the earliest possible moment.

Ald. McDonald's motion to assign to the next meeting was lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely desire to ask for some information from the Chair. Does it not require a suspension of the rule to give the order a second reading?

The CHAIRMAN—No, the order was read once at the last meeting and takes its second reading, and is put on its passage today.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that vote verified. I call for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed—Yeas 8, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—8.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—4.

Ald. Codman moved to reconsider, trusting the same would not prevail; lost.

The Board next proceeded to take up Special Assignment, viz.:

22. Report of same committee, no action necessary on a remonstrance of William H. Hyde et als., against allowing the use of certain land on Harvard St., Dorchester, for burial purposes.

The report was accepted.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:

Joseph M. Harrington and Peter H. Reinstein.

Approved by the Board.

#### SALE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on the petitions of Brown Bros., A. A. White & Co., New England

Reed Co. and I. H. Wiley & Co. for licenses to store and keep for sale or use oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving of the same.

Severally approved by the Board.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting its 170th and 171st locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the American Sugar Refining Co. accepting the order of May 15th and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### CONCURRENCE IN ORDER.

The following was received:

In Board of Police,  
May 20, 1899.

Voted: That the Board of Police concur with the City Council in an order passed by it, approved by the Mayor, May 15, 1899, fixing the salaries of the Matrons of Police Divisions Nos. 11 and 13 at the rate of \$200 each per annum for the period during which they are employed.

Attest: Thomas Ryan, Clerk.  
Sent down.

#### DECISION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The following was received:—

In Board of Railroad Commissioners, June 9, 1899.

In the matter of the petition of the Directors of an Association for the formation of a corporation under the name of the Forest Hillis and Quincy Street Railway Company, asking for the approval by the Board, under section 8 of chapter 413 of the Acts of 1887, of a location of tracks in the City of Boston as granted to said Directors by an order of the Board of Aldermen of said city, under date of December 27, 1898:—

After public notice and full hearing of the petitioners and remonstrants and of all other parties desiring to be heard, the Board finds and determines as follows:—

"The order of location referred to was presented to the Mayor of Boston for his approval on Dec. 28, 1898, but was not approved by him, nor did he return the order before the end of the municipal year, which expired Jan. 2, 1899. The Board inclines to the opinion that the order was not duly passed, and is without legal force and effect; and so rules. If the order is void, it would be idle for the Board to approve the location.

"Whether or not the above view is correct, and apart from any legal aspect of the case, the Board, moreover, is not satisfied upon the facts shown that the location ought, under present conditions to be approved. The evidence tended to show that on an important section of the route the street, as now laid out and constructed, is narrow and hardly adequate for the operation of a street railway and for the due safety and convenience of other public travel. Extensive plans for the widening of the street are now under consideration. The location and construction of the railway may properly await, as it seems to us, the fuller development of these plans and improvements.

It also appears that considerable and essential sections of the location and route of the proposed railway are outside the limits of any public highway or street. No authority under general or special law was shown for the location of any part of this railway on private land. It was conceded

by the petitioners that the Board of Aldermen had no power to grant, and that this Board has no power to approve, a locat on outside a public way. We cannot revise and amend the order of location as passed by the Board of Aldermen. If we approve the location, we must approve it as a whole. It does not seem to us proper affirmatively to approve a location for essential portions of which no warrant or sanction of law has been shown. Eliminating these portions, if this could be done, the location would be of little value to the petitioners or the public."

By order of the Board,  
Wm. A. Crafts, Clerk.

(Signed)  
A true copy.

Attest: Wm. A. Crafts, Clerk.  
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Aid. Codman.

**BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.**

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:-

Thomas F. Maloy, three, Columbus Ave., corner Coventry St., Wd. 18.

A. T. Rogers, three, Huntington Ave., corner Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

L. J. Lyons, two, Huntington Ave., corner Kenwood Road, Wd. 19.

Eugene H. Smith, one, 283 Dartmouth St.

James Harmon, two, 733-5 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Louis Berenson, five, on Washington and Bartlett Sts., Wd. 18.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, June 26, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**LICENSES.**

Aid. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:-

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 75 newsboys, 26 footblacks, 2 flower venders and 1 song vender.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses to run barge:- that licenses be granted, viz.:-

John Duffy, passenger barge between Chestnut Hill reservoir and the Brookline line.

C. C. Collins, barge between Spring St., Wd. 23, and the Caedonia Club Grounds during the present season.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at theatres—that permits be granted, viz.:-

Mrs. Julia Semon, for permit for Primrose and Martin Semon to appear at Austin & Stone's Museum for two weeks beginning June 12th.

J. H. Emery, for permit for Ada and Blanche Rose, Gertrude Packard and Anita Slyvia, to appear at the Castle Sq. theatre during the week beginning June 12th.

Reports accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of E. J. Loring (referred today), for a license for a merry-go-round on vacant lot on Brandon St., Roslindale, for two weeks commencing June 23, 1899—That a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

**CLAIMS.**

Aid. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:-

(1) Reports on petitions—That the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:-

L. E. Fletcher Co. (referred May 22), to be refunded taxes for 1897-8 alleged to have been illegally assessed by the city and paid by said company.

George Gannon (referred Jan. 16), to be paid for damage to sleigh caused by one of the city ash carts.

Cornelius J. Desmond (referred May 15), to be repaid the sum of \$50, paid as an entrance fee to a sewer on Hopkins St. on account of estate 34-6 Corbet St.

John J. Kilbride (referred last year), for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Cabot St. (at his own request.)

Severally accepted; sent down.  
(2) Report on the petition of James Ottery (referred May 25), to be repaid the amount paid for license of the Trimountain Club, 75 Harrison Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to James Ottery the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, being the amount paid by him for a license for the Trimountain Club, 75 Harrison Ave., which was granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Harris M. Stephenson, (referred May 25), for balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harris M. Stephenson the sum of \$230.45, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Centre St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 8.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Thomas F. Reardon, (referred April 24), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Reardon the sum of \$142.03, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Calumet St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2498, fol. 614.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Bert C. Day (referred March 20), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bert C. Day the sum of \$113.34, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Perham St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 604.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of William Clafin, (referred April 24), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William Clafin the sum of \$37.53, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mattapan St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2503, fol. 4.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Report on the petition of Fanny Taylor (referred May 1), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:-

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles E. Loud the sum of \$122.55, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southerly side of Dana Pl., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed

recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 105.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(8) Report on the petition of George S. Daniell (referred Feb. 27), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James W. French, the sum of \$289.50, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 228.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(9) Report on the petition of Guilford L. Stark (referred Jan. 16), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Guilford L. Stark, the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., W. Roxbury, (lot 49), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 612.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(10) Report on the petition of Mary Landrie (referred May 1), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eugene C. Upton the sum of \$288.35, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Weld Hill St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 614.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of June, 1899, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, June 26, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the following petitions, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard:—

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, to erect poles, wires, etc., on Sumner and East Cottage Sts., Dorchester.

Brookline Gaslight Company, to erect poles on Oak Sq. Ave. and Brackett St., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect two poles in Kingston St.

Brookline Gaslight Company, for leave to erect two poles on Wirt St., Wd. 25.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

#### INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Ald. DAY submitted the following:—

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their first semi-annual report:—

Suffolk County Jail.

The committee visited the jail on Thurs-

day, May 18, and found it to be in the usual cleanly and healthful condition. The inmates were questioned as to the treatment, food and cleanliness, and each one spoke in high praise of the management and the kindness shown them by those in charge. The committee were impressed with the cleanliness of the institution and the quality of food furnished. They again recommend the erection of a new building for the detention of women, in which provision could be made for a modern laundry, and a part of the same building could be fitted for hospital work. At the present time, if inmates are taken sick they have to be treated in their cells. An appropriation for the construction of a brick wall to take the place of the wooden fence that partly surrounds the jail should be made at once.

House of Correction, South Boston.

The House of Correction in South Boston was visited on Thursday, May 18. The committee feel, as has been recommended for the past five years, that a new institution should be erected for the sake of humanity, either on the main land or on one of the islands in the harbor. The buildings are antiquated, and to appropriate any money to repair them would be a wasteful expenditure. The management of this place was commendable under existing conditions, and the committee feel that everything that can be done for those unfortunate enough to be confined there is being done. The prison building, so called, where the cells are located, is not fit for human beings to live in, and immediate steps should be taken for the sake of humanity. The calisthenic drill and the school established here have both proved successful under their competent instructors.

House of Correction, Deer Island.

The visit of the committee to this institution was made on Thursday, June 1.

The institution and its inmates showed to the satisfaction of the committee that its management was of the best. Cleanliness in every branch of it prevailed, and the food served to the inmates was good.

The hospital and its management was closely inspected, and the inmates asked as to their care and comfort. The replies received were confirmatory of the good opinion formed by the committee of its supervision, and they were pleased to find that those confined there joined with them in that respect. Everything about the place showed that care and attention was afforded the unfortunate sick.

The only recommendation the committee have to make for the improvement of this institution is the abandonment of the present building occupied by female prisoners, and the erection of a new building for their accommodation, containing not less than five hundred cells.

House of Reformation, Rainsford Island.

The committee inspected the House of Reformation on June 1, Thursday, and found, in addition to a number of minor improvements, that an electric light plant was in process of construction. We believe that the new superintendent has made considerable improvement in the conduct of the institution, and that he holds the respect and confidence of the boys. The committee desire to call attention of the trustees to the fact that the treatment of the boys by the Athletic Instructor does not meet with the committee's approval, and believe that under different methods the institution would be the gainer in kindly feeling and better discipline.

Parental School.

The Parental School was visited on Wednesday, May 24. The buildings are overcrowded, and the construction of new dormitories would be a very desirable improvement.

The committee were satisfied that improvements in the methods of punishment might be made both at this institution and

at Rainsford Island, and recommend that the trustees should prevent unnecessarily severe treatment of the boys under their charge. The committee also recommend a reduction of five hundred dollars in the salary of the Superintendent of the Parental School, believing he is now overpaid for the character and amount of service he renders.

Remarks.

The committee find that the institutions under a one-head, salaried officer are much better managed than the institutions under a board of trustees. At all the institutions the committee were received with courtesy, and every opportunity was freely given for the investigation the committee are obliged to make under chapter 229 of the Public Statutes, with the single exception of the Parental School. At this institution the superintendent refused a direct answer to questions of the committee relating to the treatment of the boys.

Believing that a community as populous as the City of Boston offers a field sufficiently large from which to secure employees in the Parental School and House of Reformation, we regret the employment by the trustees of non-residents secured through employment agencies. We believe that such service is not for the best interests either of the city or of the children confined in these institutions.

The committee believe that the House of Reformation for boys is out of place on an island, and the institution should be removed to the main land, and the buildings given over to the Penal Institutions Department, to be used for a women's prison, thus bringing about an effectual separation of the male and female prisoners.

The committee are indebted to Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall and Deputy Sheriff Bradley for the free opportunity afforded for inspection, and believe them especially worthy of commendation for the manner in which the institutions under their charge are conducted.

Annexed will be found the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions, giving in detail the information called for under the statutes.

Frederick W. Day,  
Franklin L. Codman,  
James H. Doyle,  
Edward W. Presho,  
Michael W. Brick,  
Committee.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of Ald. Day, was ordered printed as a city document.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for leave to locate double tracks on Providence St. and St. James Ave., etc., and to use the overhead electric system on same—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, July 10, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

JUNE 17TH PARADE.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and United States mail wagons, the following streets in Charlestown on June 17th, 1899, during the formation and progress of the morning parade, viz.:

Bunker Hill St., Chelsea St., City Sq., Park St., Warren St., Winthrop St., Adams St., Chestnut St., Monument Sq., east and north sides, Bartlett St., Elm St., High

St., Monument Sq., south side, Monument Ave., Main St., Harvard St., Washington St., Union St., Main St., Cambridge St., Sever St., Gardiner St., Main St., Bunker Hill St., Elm St., High St., Monument Sq., south and east sides, Chestnut St.

INFORMATION REGARDING LIGHTING STREETS.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, whether, under statute law and the ordinances of this city, the contract made the 31st day of May, 1899, between the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, Wesley A. Gove, President, and the City of Boston, James Donovan, Superintendent of Lamps, and approved by Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, is legal, and to state the grounds for such opinion.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, since this contract has been published in the papers, I have heard a great many doubts expressed by many legal authorities. I myself was a member of the Committee on Ordinances last year, and I remember that we passed one ordinance which I will read, which was recommended by the Corporation Counsel and approved by His Honor the Mayor. I refer to page 143, chapter 22, relating to the Lamp Department:

"Section 1. The Lamp Department shall be under the charge of the Superintendent of Lamps, who shall set up and affix lamps in the streets, as the Board of Aldermen may direct; shall have charge of all such lamps established by the Board of Aldermen and maintained at the expense of the city; of all lamps set up in parks, highways or public grounds, and of all lamp-posts, pipes, or fixtures connected with such lamps; shall have the care and custody of all city property now in the possession of the Lamp Department or that shall hereafter be acquired by it, and shall maintain and keep the same in good repair; shall see that the streets are lighted by such methods of lighting as the Board of Aldermen may from time to time order, and that the lamps in the streets are lighted and extinguished as ordered by the Board of Aldermen, and shall purchase all the supplies required for his department."

Now, that contract is in straight contravention of what I have just read. It may be, and it has often been, asserted here, that the law of the Corporation Counsel is not the law of the land. It may be that that was put in to fool the members of this Board and make them think they had some powers, but that at the same time, the man who put that in was stealing away their powers. But I believe we should have the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, who is responsible for these statements. He recommended these ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances, and they were passed on his recommendation. Now, if this ordinance is void, I want to know it, and if I find that out to be a fact, we will have the whole question of the ordinances brought up here legally, so as to know where we stand. I believe this contract is illegal and not in accordance with the statute law and the ordinances. I think the order put in by the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Doyle) is all right in itself, but I have been on committees of this government that investigated and did not investigate. I have been on committees that were divided here by strictly party vote. I may myself have been biased in that manner. I do not believe this is a proper tribunal. I have introduced this order, preparatory to having the question decided by another tribunal—the courts of the Commonwealth. There are a great many other objections to the contract and the manner in which it was made. There is the excessive cost over

the amount expended by the department—\$60,000—and last, but not least, there is the removal from public control of a great many men who were led to believe that there was work for them in the city's employ as long as they honestly performed their duties. They have now been removed from public to private control. Public control, under the laws of the Commonwealth, is stable, but who knows what private control is?

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the statement by the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) I will refer to the statutes of 1895—chapter 266, section 66—which gives to the executive, the Mayor, all executive powers now vested in the Board of Aldermen, as such. It is unfortunate, perhaps, but it is true.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would say to the gentleman that what the Corporation Counsel would call executive powers at one time, and what he would call executive powers at another time are as different as the interpretation of what "current expenses" mean by different mayors, in connection with amounts raised in loan bills. One Mayor makes one ruling and another another. The opinion of the Corporation Counsel always reminds me of what my good friend Lee said here once, standing in the place I now occupy, when somebody brought up an opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He said: "That is all right. When you go up there he does not ask you if you want the law, but asks you what law do you want? I have not pigeon holes full of law up there, and will give you what you wish." (Laughter.)

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I am not a lawyer and I have not had the experience in the Board of Aldermen that the alderman from Charlestown has. At the same time, everybody knows that statute law overrides any city ordinance; and I presume there must be something in the statute law which gives the Mayor power to transfer these duties from the city to a private corporation—although I do not agree that it is a proper thing to do. However, if we are to have an investigation I presume it is only fair that the man who drew the contract up should be asked to come down and give his opinion in reference to the contract. I don't know that the order of Ald. Presho's would conflict in any way with the order for an investigation; but, in order to make the minds of the other members of the Board clear on the matter, I move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. PRESHO—I move to amend that motion—that it be reported back today.

Ald. DOYLE—I accept that amendment. The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, to be reported back today.

#### REVISED GRADE OF BOWDOIN ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board establish the revised grade of Bowdoin St., at Dorchester, from Quincy St. to Hamilton St., in accordance with plan and profile of said Bowdoin St., marked "City of Boston, Bowdoin St., Dorchester, June 12, 1899. William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, HAMILTON ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Hamilton St., between Stonehurst and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### PLAYGROUND ON GENEVA AVE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That

the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land on Geneva Ave., between Olney St. and the New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., and known as "Morse Field," for temporary playground purposes, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

#### TRANSFER TO ASSESSING DEPT.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$5000 from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department.

Passed. Sent down.

#### ABOLITION OF DUDLEY STREET CROSSING.

Ald. McDONALD offered the following:—Whereas, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be made in the crossing of the New England Railroad and Dudley St., in the approaches to said crossing, and in the location of said railroad and said public way and in the grades thereof, so as to avoid a crossing at grade; therefore be it

Ordered, That the Justices of the Superior Court, sitting in equity for this County of Suffolk, be and they hereby are petitioned to appoint a commission of three disinterested persons to proceed in the premises as provided by Chapter 423 of the Acts of the year 1890, and the acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, BAINBRIDGE ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light on Bainbridge St. Wd. 21, about opposite No. 25 on said street; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### PLANK WALK, WHITFIELD ST.

His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to have laid a plank walk on both sides of Whitfield St., Dorchester, Wd. 20, between West Park St. and Wheatland Ave.

Passed.

#### REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—A Regulation to amend Chapter Six of the Revised Regulations of 1898.

Be it ordered by the Board of Aldermen of Boston as follows:—

Chapter Six of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended in section two by adding at the end of said section the following words, "Nor shall any owner or driver of any vehicle drive it or permit it to be driven on the streets of Boston by power of steam, gas, gasoline, naphtha, compressed air, electricity, or combination of any or all, without a permit from the Board of Aldermen."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CURB STONES ON ALBAN ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reset the curb stones on a portion of Alban St., Wd. 24.

Passed.

#### SIDEWALK ON PARK ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to con-

struct a gravel sidewalk on Park St. from Upland Ave. to the railroad crossing opposite Wellesley Park, Wd. 20.  
Passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF LONGFELLOW ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept Longfellow St., Wd. 20, as a public street, and construct the same under the provisions of Chap. 323 of the Acts of 1891.  
Passed. Sent down.

GAS LAMPS ON HILLSDALE ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish three gas lamps on Hillsdale St., Wd. 24.  
Passed.

WIDENING OF GENEVA AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to prepare plans and widen Geneva Ave. to a width of 60 ft., from Bowdoin St. to Grove Hall, Wd. 20.  
Passed. Sent down.

CLOSING OF MT. PLEASANT AVE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That Mt. Pleasant Ave. be closed to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and United States mail wagons, from opposite No. 32 to opposite No. 54, on Saturday, July 1, 1899, from 10 A.M. to 12 midnight.  
Passed.

CLAIM OF MALONE & STRANG.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the City Engineer, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to settle the claim of Malone and Strang for damages sustained on account of excavations for building the water basin in Southborough.  
Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent down.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, COMMERCIAL ST.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested to locate and maintain a drinking fountain and watering trough at the corner of Commercial St. and Atlantic Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the Water Department.  
Passed. Sent down for concurrence.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of premises of William Addison, 24 Symmes St., Wd. 23; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. CODMAN also presented the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Co., for leave to remove five trees on Harrison Ave., between Beach St. and the B. & A. R.R., such removal being necessary on account of the construction of its railway, and, in connection with the same, offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be authorized to remove five trees on Harrison Ave., between Beach St. and the Boston and Albany Railroad, such removal being necessary for the construction of its road on said avenue; said work to be done under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.  
Orders severally passed.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to remove a line of trees on Centre and Walter Sts., at the southwest corner of the Arnold Arboretum, said trees interfering with the proper growth and development of the trees in said Ar-

boretum; such removal to be under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.  
Passed.

STONY BROOK ACT ACCEPTED.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That Chapter 397 of the Acts of 1899, entitled "An Act Relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston," be and the same hereby is accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.  
Passed. Sent down.

BRICK WALL AT COUNTY JAIL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for the erection of a brick wall at the Charles St. Jail in place of the existing wooden wall.  
Passed. Sent down.

FREE FERRIES ON JULY FOURTH.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to allow for payment to the Superintendent of Streets, on account of the Ferry Division, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars, and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to accept the same in lieu of tolls for the ferries on July Fourth next; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, July 4.  
Passed. Sent down.

WALK IN CENTRAL SQ. PARK, EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to concrete the short walk on the Border St. side of Central Sq. Park, in a manner similar to the other walks in this park.  
Passed.

OYSTER BEDS, BIRD ISLAND FLATS.

Ald. DAY presented the petition of R. R. Higgins & Co. et als., for license to plant, grow and dig oysters on Bird Island flats, and in connection with the same, offered an order—That licenses be granted to R. R. Higgins & Co., H. & R. Atwood, D. Atwood & Co., and J. A. Stubbs, to plant, grow and dig oysters upon the portions of Bird Island flats in Boston Harbor which have been in previous years occupied by them for said purpose.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I did not quite catch that about oysters. It seems to me that order concerning oysters should be looked into. I don't know what the custom has been in this matter, and I did not know that there were oysters on Bird Island flats; but it seems to me a subject like that will bear some investigation by the Board before we grant an unlimited license, and I move that the matter be referred to a special committee, to consist of the members of the Board of Aldermen who are on the Committee on Vessels and Ballast, for their report.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, Bird Island is a part of the district that I represent, and it has been customary for these four firms for—well, 50 years, to put their oysters there. They bring them here in the spring, and by having them there they can open them in the summer and they will be in good condition, whereas they would not be if they had to bring them away from Virginia. It is a public convenience to the people of Boston, and enables them to get good oysters. They have been dumping them there without any permit. Those four firms have an amicable arrangement, each having a certain portion of the flats. But some boys went down there some two or three weeks ago and stole some of the oysters. They

were taken into the East Boston court, and as the firms had no permit to have oysters there, they couldn't do anything with the boys. They simply want the permit for their own protection; that is all.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, this simply bears me out in my suggestion that this should be referred to the Committee, because there may be other oyster firms in the city besides those. I don't know why we should find it necessary, simply because certain of these people want the right to use these flats for this purpose, to grant them the right. It seems to me there should be a general provision for an oyster pound.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I am always glad to see the interests of the city properly guarded, but after we have today passed one or two orders involving an expenditure of some \$12,000, without anybody saying a word, I am just a trifle surprised to see strenuous opposition to this order. I heard of this, and made some inquiries to find out what was in it, and they told me the facts just as they have been stated by Ald. Day.

In the summer months it is extremely difficult to keep oysters. The trade then is very small, anyway, but in order to keep them marketable, they have to be stored in salt water. These parties do not ask for an exclusive right. If any of the other oyster dealers apply for the right, they can be given the same privilege. But, as I understand it, these people substantially control the oyster market of Boston. They do not, in this petition, ask for an exclusive right—anybody else coming in can obtain equal rights to use these flats. It seems to me that this will not interfere with the depth of water necessary for the yachtsmen of Dorchester Bay to pass over the Island. If those flats can be made available and our merchants can be favored thereby, I see no reason why the city should put them to any expense in the matter. It seems to me that the only thing to which no expense attaches at the present time in Boston is tidewater. I don't know but what there may be an expense attached to it before the administration gets through, but up to today, the water down the harbor has cost us nothing. I don't think we should put unnecessary or cumbersome restrictions on these people unless somebody can demonstrate the fact that this privilege will be unfair to somebody. This has been going on for a long term of years. It seems to me we can pass this order, and then investigate and revoke it, if necessary. But it does not seem to me we should hold these people up. It is now warm weather, and we ought to allow them to put their oysters there. Then, if there is a good and sufficient reason for it, I am willing to vote to have them call their oysters in. It seems to me if the alderman is desirous of obtaining information, we might first grant this permit, and I will then vote to pass an order that this Committee be instructed to examine whether or not that license should be continued in force.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that is putting the cart before the horse. I don't object to this matter, but it seems to me it should properly be brought before the Board; and I think the oyster people who at this time of year bring their few oysters to Boston, can take the chance of some boat getting ashore there, and a hungry man getting a few oysters to eat. There will be a delay of simply a week or so, anyway. I think some arrangement can be made whereby everybody will be taken care of, and I think a motion to refer the matter to that committee is proper.

The motion to refer the order to the Committee on Vessels and Ballast was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, before that motion is put I would like to amend it by having Ald. Day of East Boston added

to the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN—We are now solving a doubt. The question is on reference to the Committee on Vessels and Ballast.

The order was referred to the Committee on Vessels and Ballast, yeas 7, nays 5:—  
Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, would a motion be in order to add Ald. Day to that committee?

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I don't see any necessity for that.

#### HOOK & HASTINGS ORGAN FACTORY.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That notice be given to the owner or owners of the building situated on the westerly side of Tremont St. and the southerly corner of Westmont St., numbered 1131-1137 Tremont St., and known as Hook & Hastings's Organ Factory, to appear before this board at the Aldermen's Room at City Hall, in Boston, on Monday, the 26th day of June, 1899, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and show cause, if any he or they have, why said building should not be adjudged a nuisance; said notice to be given by serving him or them with a copy of this order five days at least before the time appointed for said hearing.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. Dixon, the Board voted, at 5:20 P. M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:20 P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to construct, maintain and use openings in the sidewalks in front of estates, the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:—

John E. Cullivan (referred May 25), bulkhead opening 2 ft. by 5 ft. with wooden cover 33 Zeigler St., Wd. 13.

Charles W. Alden (referred May 22), bulkhead opening 4 ft. by 4 ft., with wooden cover, 179 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Harry E. Weston (referred today), bulkhead opening 3 ft. 4 in. by 3 ft. 9 in. with wooden cover, 21 Guild Row, Wd. 13.

Thomas L. Jenks (referred today), bulkhead opening 3 ft. by 4 ft., with wooden cover, 63 Green St., Wd. 8.

Nathaniel B. Doggett (referred May 25), area 4 ft. by 4 ft., with iron cover, 34 Hollis St., Wd. 7.

Henry D. Andrews (referred May 22), 1¼ in. iron pipe, with screw cover attached thereto, corner of Pope and Swift Sts., Wd. 1.

J. Franklin Fuller, Trustee (referred May 22), area with covers of granite and sidewalk lights, 84 Kingston St., Wd. 7.

Francis A. Bundy (referred May 22), coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface, 144 West Canton St., Wd. 12.

Estate of John S. Meserve (referred today), 1¼ in. pipe, with sewer cover attached thereto, 211 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes

attached thereto, the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Woodbury & Leighton, in and over Kingston St., Wd. 7, 1 in front of 87 and 1 in front of 71.

Frank S. Robbins, 1 on Belvidere St. and one on Bothnia St., Wd. 10.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

T. J. Billings (petition referred May 22), 1 hip roof, 20 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width by 12 ft. in height, from the corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave., across said street to land of E. F. Eckett, Wd. 24.

The John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Company (petition referred today), 1 piteb roof, 55 ft. in length by 20 ft. in width by 34 ft. in height, from 70 Boston St. across Dorchester Ave., thence along Kemp and Carpenter Sts. to stone foundation facing on Wesley St., Wd. 16.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the order (referred today), giving notice to the owners of Hook & Hastings organ factory to appear before the Board on June 26, at 3 P.M., and show cause why such building should not be adjudged a nuisance—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

(5) Report on the message from the Mayor with accompanying order (referred today), authorizing the Trustees for Children to transfer to the Street Commissioners the Marcella Street Home property, and authorizing the Street Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, to sell the same—that the order be passed.

The report was accepted, and said order was passed.

Later in the session, on motion of Ald. Berwin, the vote passing the order was reconsidered, and the matter was recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(6) Report on the order (referred today) instructing the Committee on Lamps to inquire into the contract for lamp lighting with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Co., and to report to this Board its conclusions—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

(7) Reports (on petitions referred May 22), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Anton Koerner, 78-80 Wyman St., Wd. 22, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John Sheehan, corner of Keyes St., Wd. 23, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Jacob G. Ely, 20 Wyman St., Wd. 22, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Ellen Spillane, 1522 Tremont St., Wd. 19, artificial stone.

John Mahan, 49 and 55 Dewey St., Wd. 16, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Joseph Green, 78 Beverly St., Wd. 8, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

A. G. MacKinnon, 102, 104, 106, 108 Norway St., Wd. 10, artificial stone.

Walter H. Pope, 64 Glendale St., Wd. 16, gravel with granite edgestone.

William Murphy, Bremen St., corner 139 Putnam St., Wd. 1, brick with granite edgestone.

J. B. L. Bartlett (petition referred May 25), Oakland St., Wd. 21, gravel with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(8) Report on the petition of Anthony

Volta (referred today), for a renewal of permit to maintain bootblack stands opposite 13 Franklin Ave.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(9) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for a location for double tracks on Talbot Ave., from Blue Hill Ave. to the tracks of said company on Washington and Norfolk Sts., Dorchester, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 3, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(10) Report on the remonstrance of the City of Chelsea (referred May 8), against closing Chelsea Bridge, north draw, for the purpose of widening the draw, that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; remonstrance placed on file.

(11) Report on the Mayor's message (referred today), relative to site and engine house for Engine Company No. 22, Fire Department—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Fire Department (Ald.).

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(12) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today), vetoing order directing the Boston Electric Light Co. to remove three poles on K St., South Boston—recommending that the veto be not sustained.

The Board voted to reconsider its previous action, and the question came on the passage of the order, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask why, every time a veto comes in here, the question is first put on reconsideration. I meant to have spoken to the Chairman outside of the open meeting of the Board, but I failed to see any good, proper parliamentary ground upon which that action is taken.

The CHAIRMAN—The city charter says that when a veto comes here, the Board shall first reconsider its previous action and the question then comes on the passage of the order, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing that the charter says we shall reconsider and pass over the Mayor's veto. But see the inconsistency of the action we take. The Board goes on record as voting in favor of a certain measure. Then the Mayor vetoes it and the matter then comes back here and we are expected to vote to reconsider, whereas if we took the same ground we did in passing it, there would never be a reconsideration, and it would never come to a vote on that basis. Apparently, all that is necessary is for us to vote on the question of what we shall do with the veto. But we are asked to put ourselves in a peculiar position by voting to reconsider our action on a matter we have already voted on, and then vote as to what we shall do. If the Chairman has a preconceived idea that that is good parliamentary law under the statute as it stands, well and good; but I have talked with two as good parliamentarians, I think, as there are, and they tell me that the matter has been decided in other parliamentary bodies and that the question comes on what we shall do with the veto, not on reconsideration.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I certainly must agree with the alderman opposite on that matter. It seems to me the question before the Board should be whether or not we shall sustain the Mayor in his veto. Therefore, it seems to me, under parliamentary law, we are then considering it, or reconsidering it, and I be-

lieve that is really what was meant under the act.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is carrying out the statute law, which says the Board shall first reconsider. The Board has reconsidered. The question now comes on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objection of His Honor the Mayor.

The order was passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding; yeas, 12.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, June 26, 1899, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I hope this order will not prevail. I think this Board has important enough matters before it to call it together next Monday. I therefore hope we will meet next Monday.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, another alderman and myself desire to get away next Monday, and I would like to have the adjournment to a week from Tuesday.

The order was rejected.

Later in the session Ald. Berwin said:—

Mr. Chairman, I was about to renew my motion in reference to adjournment of the Board. I can see no reason—unless the alderman has a substantial reason—why the motion to adjourn for two weeks should not prevail. I am willing, however, to yield to any reasonable suggestion on his part that will be agreeable to everybody. But, as far as matters before committees are concerned, it will probably take two weeks' time on the part of some of the Committees to properly consider the subjects referred to them, and I think business may be really expedited if my motion is adopted.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I feel that it would be unwise to adjourn for two weeks at the present time, inasmuch as we have just met for the first time in the month. If any members of the Board have vacations next Monday, and would like to have the meeting on some other day, I think we can overcome that objection by meeting Tuesday. (After speaking to several members). I would move that we adjourn to Friday of next week.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I think on the whole, it will be better to take up the original motion to adjourn for two weeks. Friday would be near to the following Monday, and we cannot meet on Thursday, on account of the Council meeting.

The motion that when the Board adjourn it be for two weeks, was declared carried.

Ald. Codman doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the two weeks' adjournment was carried, yeas 7, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Barry, Colby, Day, Dixon, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Doyle, McDonald—5.

#### REGULATION OF GARBAGE PLAN.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to instruct the contractors now in charge of the garbage plant at Cow Pasture to so regulate their plant that the citizens of Dorchester may be spared from the nuisance that it is now creating.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in regard to the order requesting the Superintendent of Streets to have this nuisance that is now created by the garbage plant abated, I beg to state that, my associates from Dorchester not residing in that vicinity, and I living at Upham's Corner, of course the people from Savin Hill naturally came to my house to make their just complaints. Now, I believe the people of Savin Hill ought to be spared from this nuisance exactly like the people residing in the vicinity of the Gibson Field. We all know that the Gibson Field garbage plant was a nuisance in that locality, and it is high time, it seems to me, that the contractors having charge of this garbage plant should see to it that there is as little odor from it as possible. I believe we should see to it that Dorchester is not used as a dumping ground for garbage, and I sincerely trust something will be done in this line so that repairs will be made at once, in order to obviate all this trouble that is constantly arising in the vicinity of the garbage plant. As I understand it, when they first started everything went along satisfactorily, but today there is a considerable nuisance existing around in this vicinity. I sincerely trust that the Superintendent of Streets will see to it that this matter is attended to.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, although living some distance from Savin Hill, nevertheless my attention was brought to this matter some time ago, and, realizing how useless an order of this sort sometimes is in the Board of Aldermen, I took the trouble to investigate and found that the Board of Health have already had their attention drawn to it, that the Mayor has had his attention drawn to it, and everything possible is being done at the present time to repair the plant. As soon as the garbage plant is repaired, there will undoubtedly be no more complaints than there were before it was destroyed by fire.

The order was passed.

#### RIFLE RANGE SITE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Armories, etc., be directed to investigate the question of providing a rifle range for the militia located in Boston, and report a suitable site or sites for said purpose.

Passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Codman, reconsideration of all votes passed today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 6:52 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 26, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, June 15, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## FIRE EMPLOYEES VACATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 3, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order requesting "a list of those employees in the Fire Department who have not been put on the vacation list."

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner, Bristol Street,  
Boston, June 2nd, 1899.

His Honor, Josiah Quincy, Mayor:—

Sir:—Replying to the request of the Honorable Common Council, I would respectfully report that the employees of this department not included in the vacation list are the Commissioner, five (5) men on the special force of the Fire Alarm Branch, and thirty (30) permanent substitutes who had not been in the department six months before the vacation season began.

Your obedient servant,  
H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

In connection with the above, Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the following members of the fire department on the vacation list and award them the usual vacation: Clarence E. Colvin, Patrick Hurley, John Sullivan, Edward J. Hogan and Michael Birmingham.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23—Mr. President, those five men mentioned in the order are the five men mentioned by the Commissioner. They are men connected with the repair department, who do outside work, and if the men on the inside work get a vacation, I think it is only fair that those on the outside should also get a vacation. That is the reason why I have offered the order.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to ask the gentleman a question through the Chair,—if he knows whether or not there are more bona fide men employed on the outside? I don't think it is fair to give five men who work on the outside a vacation, and if there are more, not to also give them recognition. I think the gentleman should consider that in his order—if there are other such men.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

## VETO—FARRAGUT DAY CELEBRATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your body providing for the expenditure of not exceeding \$1000 for the observance of June 28th, for the reason that there is no balance in the appropriation for City Council, incidental Expenses, to which this expenditure is to be charged, and also for the further reason that all such celebrations should, in my opinion, be provided for at the begin-

ning of the year in the regular appropriations for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, in view of the communication that has been sent to us, I move the indefinite postponement of that order.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I, for one, in a matter of this kind, one which is for the interest of my district, will oppose the indefinite postponement of the order, unless the gentleman can inform us that some agreement has been made with the Mayor in reference to the matter. We have in the past succeeded in getting some money for Farragut Day in South Boston. Each member of this body knows that the several other distrieters spend a good deal more money than we have asked for in South Boston. Farragut Day is the only day we have, and is the only day we want; and I trust that the members of the body will not indefinitely postpone the order but will pass it.

Mr. MARTIN—Mr. President, from the information we have received from His Honor the Mayor, about two or three days ago, by a committee that waited on him in regard to the Fourth of July celebration and this celebration, we found from him that it was impossible to provide for this celebration from the incidental expense fund, there being only \$72 of the amount left. Now he has provided more for us in another direction, giving us more money for the Fourth of July, and, in view of the fact that he has not any more money to give us and cannot make any further provision, telling us that he cannot transfer money from the reserved fund for the purpose, the committee that went in to see His Honor the Mayor felt that we could not do anything more in the matter. In fact, he told us that, and in view of that fact I cannot see any other thing to do but indefinitely postpone the order. We have not got the means to go along and have our celebration with the money that we voted to appropriate.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, after the explanation offered by the gentleman from Wd. 15 (Mr. Martin), I desire to set myself right in this matter. I was ignorant of the fact that any committee had waited on His Honor the Mayor, in reference to the matter, and if it is agreeable to the gentleman from Wd. 15 it is agreeable to me, and I have no doubt will be to other representatives of the district.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to say that I am in favor of indefinite postponement. I think the Mayor of Boston demands some consideration in this matter. It is not fair to be all the time pushing it into the poor unfortunate man (Laughter)—the man who has succeeded in breaking the city's finances! It is too bad. He needs some consideration at the hands of the Council.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

## VETO—MAP ORDER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my approval the order providing for the purchase of 500 copies of a new map of Boston, for the reason that there is no balance in the appropriation for City Council, incidental Expenses, to which this expense is to be charged, out of which to meet the cost of carrying out the order, which would amount to nearly \$1500.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The question came on the passage of the order over the veto of the Mayor.

Indefinitely postponed on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

To the Committee on Claims—Daniel Ryan & Co., to be refunded a certain amount paid by mistake for a liquor license.

James J. Brock, for compensation for excavation of a trench for sewer connection on Maudlin St., Charlestown.

#### USE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

A communication was received from the School Committee granting the use of certain schools for children's entertainments on July Fourth.

Referred to the special committee on Fourth of July.

#### PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message transmitting report on results of the establishment of the Repair Division, made by committee appointed by Merchants Municipal Committee and Boston Society of Architects. (City Doc. 112).

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I simply desire to say a few words upon this No. 1 on the calendar, and in those few words I desire to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the attack made by Mr. Lomasney of Wd. 8 in the Legislature was unequalled and unjust. This committee, which is unbiased in all respects, reports that this department has earned in a little over one year \$12,616.60. That shows that the department is more than self-sustaining. In this report, which is signed by William O. Blaney, I. Pickering Putnam, C. H. Blackall and Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., none of whom have been heard from as leaders of the democratic party, they say "The profit to the city, during this period, as shown by enclosed statement, is \$12,616.60, and the work, so far as the committee can learn, is of superior quality, and has been performed in a satisfactory manner." It states also that "The estimates of the Repair Division were lower than those submitted by outside contractors who were invited to bid in competition, and in some cases the work was performed at less than the estimated cost." Now, Mr. President and members of this body, if that is not in direct contradiction to the attack made by the Wd. 8 gentleman in the Legislature during its recent session upon this particular division, then I am willing to relinquish my seat in this body.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, being in a position to know a little something about the repair division, I would like to say just one word in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 2. It has never been known to have the repair division compete against any outside contractor. Every time they have asked for the right to compete, they have been informed that it is illegal, and that the repairs division cannot compete with outside contractors. Last summer the engineering department advertised for proposals, for bids, to build shanties,—12 shanties. Between two lowest bidders there was only \$2 difference, and the engineering department decided to allow them to build six each. Along comes the repair division and takes the whole business. The specification said that those shanties had to be built in sections. The repair division built them solid, and when they delivered them they had to take them back again and tear them all to pieces and build them in sections. Now, if that is making money for the city, I would like to know what it is to take money out of the citizens' pockets. The gentleman says that they have made money. Why shouldn't they? Every department for whom they have done work has been overcharged. Go and consult with any head

of a department who has his own conscience and will speak out like a man!

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President! The PRESIDENT—Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2. Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President. The PRESIDENT—Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11, not having spoken.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I having been recognized first, would like the opportunity to speak. I want to call the attention of the gentleman from Wd. 13—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has recognized Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11, he not having spoken.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I was first recognized.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11 has the floor.

Mr. HICKEY—I was first recognized.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he is enforcing the rule of the Council, that no member shall speak twice if another member desires to speak upon the same subject.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I wish to speak to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his question of personal privilege.

Mr. HICKEY—My question of personal privilege is that, under the new rule which was presented to this Council by you earlier in the present session, a man who rose and secured the floor was entitled to it, and should be protected from any interruption. I was recognized when I arose, and I desire now to speak.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to rule that the question is not a question of personal privilege, and has recognized Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I will speak later.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I would respectfully request that that message from the Mayor be referred to the special committee of this body appointed to investigate the repair division and before it is referred, I would like to say one or two words. I was informed by a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the heads of the different departments had been told to go to the repair division for all work of that nature, and that they were not allowed to seek outside competition. Now, if the repair division was run on business principles, and if they would compete with outside firms in the same business, I would be very glad to see them do it; but I understand that that has not been the custom in the past, and there is no indication that it is to be the custom in the future. There is no indication that the heads of departments are to have the privilege of going outside and employing anyone else if they find they can have the work done cheaper. I have been told—or I will say that I have been given to understand—also, by a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment that the departments for which the repair division did work was charged the regular cost of materials with 10 per cent. added to that, so that if outside people went in and bid for the same thing, I don't see but that the work would be done just as well and much cheaper than it is today. That is why this repair division is able to show a large profit. The profit is all at the expense of the other departments.

The question came on the reference of the matter to the special committee appointed to investigate the repair division of the public buildings department.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 11 will prevail. I know but little to the credit of the repair division. In fact, I know about one thing personally. I know that Mr. Logue's division did certain work for one department of the city for which he charged so excessive a sum that the head of that

department refused to pay the amount of money, and it had to be transferred by the Board of Apportionment from some other source to pay the bill. The head of the department refused to pay it. I know that to be a fact, and, if necessary, I will name the department.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, seeing that the gentleman from Wd. 2 saw fit to refer to Wd. 8, the district that I have the honor to represent, and also to an honorable member of the Legislature, I desire to say, Mr. President, that it would not be surprising, if the city were to burn down tomorrow, that Wd. 8 should be blamed for it. That gentleman, the sky-rocket orator, the mouth-piece of the defunct board of strategy, comes in here prepared tonight, as he has done before this year, with a written speech from that once famous organization to attack Wd. 8. Mr. President, this repair division I know myself is a department organized for the purpose of giving a favored few certain jobs. People in business who stand well with the administration are given places. They are tipped off to bid low, and told that the repair division will bid high, and they are given some sort of a small job. I sincerely hope that the order will be referred to the committee.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I am perfectly willing that the motion which has been made shall prevail, but in the few words I have to state to the members of this Council that what has been said by the gentlemen from Wds. 11, 13 and 8, upon this question, differs in every part from what is said by William O. Blaney, representing the Merchants Municipal Committee, and by the other three gentlemen, representing the Boston Society of Architects. They state distinctly that the estimates of the companies who are entitled to bid in competition with the repair division were less than the estimated cost. I am perfectly willing, however, that the motion of the gentleman should be adopted.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, another humbug investigation, and which does not come from Wd. 8 this time, but from Wd. 11. The gentleman from Wd. 11 doesn't want to think that that is the only responsible district in the city of Boston. There are others just as much so. But in reference to this department I want to say that nobody has stated here the good work that the department has done. The gentlemen of this Council will admit that the organized labor unions of Boston came here and advocated the interests of this department, asked the members of this body to urge the passage of the bill creating the department, and to force it through here. Now, Mr. President, I at any time will take the opinion of gentlemen here, whom I never met but who have signed this City Document No. 112, as to the results of the establishment of this division. I will take the opinion of those gentlemen at any time against the words of gentlemen who are here seeking for cheap notoriety and newspaper talk.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in the remarks I made a few moments ago in regard to the cost to the different departments of work done by this repair division, I stated what I considered are the facts, and I wish now to reiterate what I said, also stating that I was told that in the cost of the material that went to those departments, ten per cent additional was charged to the department. Now, instead of ten per cent being added to the cost of the material furnished to those departments, the departments ought to be credited with the discount that this repair division gets. That is the way, in my opinion, that the repair division has been able to make this fine showing, and I think any man here who will go and look into the matter will find that this is true, that 10 per cent is added to the cost of the material.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I have a great deal of respect for the gentlemen who have drawn up this report, but at the same time I cannot understand how it is that they should report that the prices, material and workmanship of this division are first class. If that is so, why is it that the President of the Hospital Trustees, Mr. Shuman, before he will pay a bill for work that this division does for the Hospital Department, has to refer it to the Mayor, and a committee waits upon the Mayor to see why the division charged such an exorbitant sum—the result being that the amount is reduced before the bill is paid? If these gentlemen can find why the department can charge the price it does, and that the price is just and equitable why should the hospital department, with such an able financier as Mr. Shuman at its head, be obliged to do anything of that sort?

The motion to refer was carried, and the communication was referred to the special committee to investigate the repair division, public buildings department.

Mr. Mulcahy of Wd. 14 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to refer was carried, yeas 38, nays 19:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Eddy, Emery, Harvey, Hubbard, Horrigan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloc—38.

Nays—Badaracco, Brennan, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanoff, Kelley, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Sullivan, Tobin—19.

Absent or not Voting—Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Flynn, Howard, Jordan, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Mansfield, Miller, Moore, Rice, Wood—18.

2. Mayor's message relative to appropriations for observance of Memorial Day, returning therewith the official copy of City Document 84.

Placed on file.

3. Communication from the Board of Police showing its concurrence with the City Council in the order placing the salaries of the matrons of Police Divisions 11 and 13 at the rate of \$200 each per annum for the period during which they are employed.

Placed on file.

4. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition, referred May 22, of L. E. Fletcher Company to be refunded taxes for 1897-8, alleged to have been illegally assessed by the city, and paid by said company,—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition, referred January 16, of George Gannon to be paid for damage to sleigh caused by one of the city ash carts,—leave to withdraw.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am somewhat familiar with this order, and I respectfully ask, if it is in order, that it be referred back to the Committee on Claims. My reason for asking that recommendation is that the matter came before the committee when I was present, and it was stated that the man had a broken leg and could not be present at that time. There was some question of liability, and an explanation from the man himself was necessary, and, in view of the fact that he could not get there we postponed the matter. I think before we act upon this the committee should give another hearing on the matter and give the petitioner a chance to explain. That action should be taken before we give him leave to withdraw, that privilege being given to other petitioners.

The motion to recommit was carried.

6. Report of same committee, on petition, referred May 15, of Cornelius J. Desmond to be repaid the sum of fifty (50) dollars paid as an entrance fee to a sewer on Hopkins St. on account of estate 34-36 Corbet St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

7. Report of same committee, on petition, referred June 30, 1898, of John Kilbride for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Cabot St.—leave to withdraw at his own request.

Accepted in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12, to consider Nos. 8 to 16, inclusive, and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of James Ottery, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to James Ottery the sum of three hundred (300) dollars, being the amount paid by him for a license for the Trimountain Club, 75 Harrison Ave., which was granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Harris M. Stephenson, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harris M. Stephenson the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars and forty-five cents (\$230.45), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Centre St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 8.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas F. Reardon, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Reardon the sum of one hundred and forty-two dollars and three cents (\$142.03), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Calumet St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2498, fol. 614.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Bert C. Day, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bert C. Day the sum of one hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-four cents (\$113.34), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Perham St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 604.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of William Clafin, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William Clafin the sum of thirty-seven dollars fifty-eight cents (\$37.58), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mattapan St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2503, fol. 4.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Fanny Taylor, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles E. Loud the sum of one hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty-five cents (\$122.55), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southerly side of Dana Pl., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 105.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of George S. Daniell, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be

hereby authorized to pay to James W. French the sum of two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$289.50), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mountfort St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 228.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of Guilford L. Stark, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Guilford L. Stark the sum of one hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$111.97), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury (lot 49), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 612.

16. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary Landrie, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eugene C. Upton the sum of two hundred eighty-eight dollars thirty-five cents (\$288.35), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Weld Hill St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 614.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence,

17. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 8, said order coming down passed by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:—

Ordered, That the order passed by this board on February 7, 1899, appropriating fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for rebuilding the draw and reconstructing the present Maiden bridge, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds of the City of Boston, payable in 10 years from their date, to said amount for said purpose, be, and hereby is, rescinded.

The communication was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

18. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of five thousand (5000) dollars from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for Assessing Department.

Passed in concurrence.

19. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land on Geneva Ave., between Olney St. and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and known as "Morse Field," for temporary playground purposes, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17 moved the assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, unless the gentleman gives some reason why this should be laid over, I sincerely hope it will not be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. BRENNAN—Mr. President, the reason why I want this laid over is to find out, if I can, what the cost will be for hiring the playground for the season. I know that the appropriation for public grounds is very short at the present time, and I don't think it is right to shorten it any more by hiring this playground and charging it to that appropriation, where the expense may have to come out of the laborers of the department.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, while this is not in my ward I am somewhat familiar with it. I understand that the expense is \$200 and that the Superintendent of Public Grounds and the Park Department are in favor of this project. I sin-

cerely hope the order will not be assigned. It is only a matter of \$200.

Mr. FLYNN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I happen to know a little about the appropriation for the Public Grounds Department, and I don't really think that department could stand having that amount taken out of its appropriation. I know that every year the men have to take two or three weeks' vacation on account of the shortness of money, and this simply shortens the appropriation. I think the order ought to be assigned.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

20. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to prepare plans and widen Geneva Ave. to a width of 60 ft., from Bowdoin St. to Grove Hall, Wd. 20.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept Longfellow St., Wd. 20, as a public street, and construct the same under the provisions of chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

Passed in concurrence.

22. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient for the erection of a brick wall at the Charles-St. Jail in place of the existing wooden wall.

Passed in concurrence.

23. Ordered, That the City Auditor be hereby authorized to allow for payment to the Superintendent of Streets, on account of the Ferry Division, the sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, and the said Superintendent is hereby authorized to accept the same in lieu of tolls for the ferries on July 4th next; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Mayor, Public Celebrations, July 4th.

Passed in concurrence.

24. Ordered, That the City Engineer, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to settle the claim of Malone and Strang for damages sustained on account of excavations for building the water basin in Southborough.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that that matter be referred to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I will move you, sir, as a substitute for the motion to refer, that the order be given a second reading and placed on its passage tonight; and I would like in a few words to explain the purport of the order and my reasons for making that motion.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to rule the motion out of order. The motion to refer cannot have a motion like that substituted for it.

Mr. BORDMAN—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that reference to the Committee on Finance will not prevail, for these reasons: This is a matter which appears plainly on its face to be, as it is, a mere matter of justice. The substance of the order is this: In 1895, during the construction of the Metropolitan water system, bids were advertised for two sections, where there was to be excavation work, in Fayville.

The firm of Malone & Strang were the lowest bidders on one section, and on the other section they were within \$100 of the lowest bidder. The Water Board, in consideration of that slight difference, decided that, as the two sections, C and D, were adjoining, it would be better to have the same firm do the excavation in both sections. So they announced to the firm of Malone & Strang that they were awarded the contract. The contract was awarded in due form and they were required to furnish bonds in the sum of \$22,000 and \$20,000, and also a certified check of \$1000 on each contract. The contracts were signed by every member of the water board and by the two members of the firm. One condition of the contract was that the work should be begun under the

contract within ten days, and, the check having been deposited and the contract signed, Mr. Strang, of the firm of Malone & Strang, left for Nova Scotia, to get an excavating equipment which he owned there, which was then working on some construction. This equipment was very heavy and complex—including, for instance, 196 mules, for one thing. The equipment could not be used upon the other section. It was useful only upon section D, the section that was \$100 overbid. This equipment having been brought down here within ten days, work was commenced, and work to about the value of \$175 was done on a portion of section D. It then appeared that the contract had no evidence on its face that the city ordinances required the Mayor's approval of it, and Messrs. Malone & Strang, being strangers to Boston city work, did not know that the Mayor's approval was necessary. They began the work and found three months later, in June, being notified of the fact, that Mayor Curtis had refused to approve that contract, and new advertisements were made, and that section D was taken away from Malone & Strang. The contract was declared null and void and was given to new parties, Mr. Strang, of the firm, had been to an expense of about \$12,000, in bringing down this equipment and in maintaining it, and the firm was at a great loss, without any fault on its part, having done its part of the contract, supposing it was binding, in good faith, having been to an expense of \$10,000 or \$12,000, and being without any recourse. This order is an order authorizing the City Engineer to assess the amount of damage to the firm, and authorizes the making of a compromise and payment of something to the firm, with the approval of the Mayor. The matter was considered last year by the Committee on Claims at great length, which gave two hearings, and a report was made to the Board of Aldermen, coming in at the last session of the Board on December 27. It was passed. I will read the report of the committee:—

"The Committee are of opinion, under all the circumstances of the case called to their attention (without passing upon the legal aspect of the claim as contended for by the petitioners), that the petitioners were fairly and honestly led, induced by the acts of the Water Board, to incur the expenses and losses they sustained in order to perform their part of a contract which they supposed was binding on the city also, and that their claim to the extent of expenses thus actually incurred is a just and equitable one, and that on grounds of morality and justice they are entitled to be reimbursed."

"The Committee is of the opinion that the above claim should be settled and the claimants awarded something, but the committee not having jurisdiction in the matter, do not feel called upon to estimate the amount of damages."

That is the report of last year's Committee on Claims, signed by Salem D. Charles, Chairman. It was passed by the Board, but the session of the aldermen at which it was passed was held on December 27, too late to have it come before the Common Council. The claim has been pending now for three years, and of course cannot be referred to the Committee on Claims, because they have no jurisdiction in the matter. It seems to me—perhaps you may think that this is a novel position for me to take—that this is a matter which should properly come before the city engineer. He is a judge of excavation and of engineering work, and his judgment in a matter of this sort will not go far astray. He will not suffer the city to be cheated, and it seems to me it is no more than right for us to have this approved by the Mayor—not allowing ourselves to be carried away by a wave of fancied principle which would prevent us from

wishing to have a thing of this kind approved by the Mayor. I am not an advocate of our chief executive, but I do think that the chief executive of a city like Boston must have some confidence shown in him by the legislative branches of the city government, at certain times, and this is probably an occasion when we should place confidence in him. I trust that the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance will not prevail.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust, also, that this matter will not be referred to that committee. The gentleman from Wd. 10 made a very satisfactory explanation of this matter and I think that it ought to be passed here this evening. I trust that the members will vote to pass it.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, my only reason for asking that it be referred to the committee on finance was for the simple reason that I thought it was about time that the Council should do away with delegating their powers to anybody. This matter involves several thousand dollars, and I think, Mr. President, that it is the proper thing that the committee on finance should consider it. That is my only reason. I have no interest in the matter whatever. I think that the matter should be referred to the committee on finance without debate.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, after listening to the able and lengthy argument of the gentleman from Wd. 10, and to his unexpected eulogy of the present Mayor of Boston, coming from the source it did, I think it would be well to assign this matter to the next meeting, and I move that it be so assigned.

The PRESIDENT—The question first comes on assignment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the principle of leaving this to the city engineer to settle the damages is one that I think is just. I am perfectly willing that he should be the man to settle this claim. If it is referred to the finance committee, this kind of work is something that many of the men on that committee are not familiar with. The city engineer is a man who has been brought up in that profession, and I think he is the one man in the city to whom that should be referred. I am perfectly willing that it should be assigned for a week, but I should be very sorry to see it referred to the finance committee.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I do not know that I have any reason for opposing assignment, except this, that the Council is going to take a vacation fairly soon, and in assigning a matter of this sort, a matter that has been held up by us and delayed in process of settlement for three years, we are assigning a matter which I think should be settled at once. I think there is no time to press a matter like that better than when it first comes up. The whole matter has been investigated and has been laid out by the committee in its report as I stated it. I have kept very close to their statement of the facts. I have here in my hand the official proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1898, the official proceedings of the meeting at which the committee reported and, as I say, I have tried to hold closely to the circumstances of that report; and I give my word, for what it is worth, to the members that is the situation and the description of the circumstances of the case. I have no personal interest in the matter, excepting as wanting to see a matter of justice done. This is a matter in which the parties cannot go to court. They have no legal claim. It is merely a moral claim upon the city, and I believe in the city of Boston doing what is morally in duty bound to do. That is my only reason for opposing assignment. If it is the judgment of the Council that the matter should be assigned, I am willing

to have it assigned, but I should like to see it go through tonight.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I have not heard of any argument as yet that would keep me from voting to refer this matter to the Committee on Finance. It seems to me if this is referred to the Committee on Finance, that committee has the privilege of sending for the City Engineer, and they can then go over the matters carefully and act accordingly. There is no harm in referring it to the committee, because they can send for the engineer and can act a good deal on his statement. I cannot see any bother that will come from referring it to that committee.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, this matter, if I understand it rightly, is one that involves a sum of \$20,000. I had always stood in this Council for the idea that where it was a matter of that magnitude it was well to assign it. I believe this ought to be locked into. I do not object to referring it to the committee. I believe that, when the President of this body appoints committees, we must place some confidence in them that whatever comes before them, it will be handled honestly; but I do say that I think this is a matter that should be assigned to the next meeting. I do not see what the harm can be of doing that. If we decide to pass it, we can do so then; or we can refer it to the committee, if we see fit. The gentleman from Wd. 10 says he has no personal interest in this. Now, Mr. President, I have been a member of the Council for some time, and I want to say that it has been my experience that when a man comes into this Council with a prepared speech and says that he has no interest in a matter, there has always been some nigger in the woodpile. The gentleman says that he has no interest in this affair, but, judging from past experience, I think he is trying to mislead the Council. I hope, under those conditions, that the matter will be assigned for one week.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I am quite content to take the word of the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Bordman), but I believe the other members of this Council are entitled to some consideration in this matter. I hope it will be assigned to the next meeting, in order to give us an opportunity to look into it. The matter has been resting for some two or three years, and has not been settled, and as it involves several thousand dollars, I think we can fairly ask that it be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair whether, provided we vote down assignment, it will then be in order to instruct the committee to report back at the next meeting, provided we refer it to the Finance Committee.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman make a motion?

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I asked a question of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—Then, the Chair misunderstood the gentleman, and will request the gentleman to renew his question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I desire to ask whether, if we vote down assignment of this matter for one week, and then the question comes on referring it to the committee, this body can instruct the Finance Committee to report back at its next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that, under the rules, he believes that the motion to refer is susceptible to such an amendment, and that the committee can be instructed to report back at the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that assignment will not prevail. I think that we have committees appointed to do certain work and that they should do that work. Certain committees are

not doing the work which they should, because matters are being rushed through this body. If matters were referred to the proper committees, the committees would now all be working—and I know it is the intent of the Chair to make all committees work. I personally am suffering from too much committee work, and I would like to see some of the other fellows doing some work. This is a matter of some \$20,000, and it is proposed to leave it to the city engineer to settle. Now, I must say that he is a perfect gentleman, and that he is as honest as the day is long,—yet I guess he will yield to the Mayor's persuasion. They all do. I believe that we should refuse to assign this and that we should refer it to the committee on finance with instructions to report back in a week. I think we will then get through with it in the proper way.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to make a statement for the benefit of the Council. Under the rules of the Council, all matters of this kind should be properly referred to the committee unless the rules are suspended; but the motion to assign takes precedence over the motion to refer. The question is on assignment.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, my friend from Wd. 19 places me in a peculiar position. As I said before, I had no objection to assignment, and, under the circumstances, I would say that I favor assignment. I would also explain my position, and say that until this afternoon I was an entire stranger to this matter, and that a gentleman who is an entire stranger to me, but whom I know of by reputation, came to me and asked me if I would see that this went through if I could. I looked into the matter and after investigation of it, I felt that it was a matter of justice, and I said I would do so. Aside from that, I have no personal interest, and anybody who knows me knows that I haven't. I favor assignment.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council was lost, and the question came on reference of the matter to the Committee on Finance, on the part of the Council.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, on the part of the Council, was declared carried. Mr. Bordman of Wd. 10 doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance, on the part of the Council, was carried; Yeas 30, nays 28.

Yeas—Armistead, Battis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Martin, O'Brien, Roemer, Roland, Simpson, Stone, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Winstoe—30.

Nays—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Bennett, Bordman, Brennan, Casey, Donahoe, Doyle, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horriegan, Johnson, Kasanof, Keley, Linehan, Mildram, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Peck, Rice, Sanderson, Stevens, Stockton, Tobin, Wells—28.

Absent or not voting—Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Curley, Doherty, Donovan, Howard, Jordan, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, Sullivan, Wood—17.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

25. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be requested to locate and maintain a drinking fountain and watering trough at the corner of Commercial St. and Atlantic Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the Water Department. Passed in concurrence.

26. Ordered, That chapter 397 of the Acts of 1899, entitled "An Act Relative to Stony Brook in the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this action of the Legislature of 1899 will be accepted. I am particularly interested in this matter, in view of the fact that Stony Brook, with its horrible stench, runs through a part of my ward. I mean to say, Mr. President and fellow members, that this brook has been a nuisance to the Roxbury district since the time of the flood, (laughter),—I mean the latter-day flood, Mr. President, the flood of 1888.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Council to be in order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to say that this brook has been a source of trouble and nuisance to the Roxbury District for years. Years ago, it overflowed its banks, and overflowed the whole of Wd. 18. I want to say that today there is hardly a gallon of water passing down beneath the brook in the ward that I live in. There is nothing but a lot of dirty, disagreeable drippings from the houses. As a matter of fact, many houses dump into the brook now. I say that it is a disease-breeding spot, and if it is allowed to continue much longer, there will be an epidemic in that district. I live quite a way from the bridge, but when the wind blows that way, the stench from Stony Brook is almost unbearable. This is the first opportunity we have had to do away with that nuisance. This act is for the purpose of doing work out through Jamaica Plain and Forest Hills. They intend to have a drainage sewer built, and, by doing that, to do away with the brook through the Roxbury District.

This water in the brook is in a terrible condition. I might say that there are cats and dogs in the brook, and all kinds of things. In some parts of the brook, the water does not hardly run any, and we never can do away with this nuisance until the course of the brook is changed. This act of the legislature is a great act for Boston—as well as many more which we have had. I think the Legislature of this year has done great work for Boston—notwithstanding many interviews (laughter). I want to say that this act, Mr. President and fellow members, together with other acts, are of great benefit to Boston. I want to say, further, that I believe every voter—even the children, if they could vote—would vote to do away with this brook. This \$350,000 is a God-send for the ward that I represent in part. I hope that this Council will accept that act by a unanimous vote.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I would like to make a little reply to my worthy friend from Wd. 18. It seems that the brook is quite a nuisance. Now I think that of course we all understand that it is a nuisance, but he makes some very broad statements about it, and says that it flows through his section. Now, I represent Wd. 22 in part, and I believe that I am situated nearer to the brook than anybody. I live right there, and, as I understand it—I state this in order to set the Council straight,—they do not intend to change the course of the brook, but to make it of a lower level. It is not at a sufficiently low level to drain that district, and consequently they want to lower the bed of Stony Brook, and to cover it over, from a certain point in Wd. 22, beginning at a point near Green St. I believe that is all they intend to do. As far as the water being green is concerned, sometimes it is black, and sometimes, as my friend says, there is no water running through the brook at all. Well, that is all true, but sometimes I have seen the water running through there to such an extent that it pulled down the foundations of houses and ruined property. That was when the freshets came in the spring. In the summer it is nothing but a pest hole, and in the spring there is so much water there that it is a terrible place, and it tears down bridges and everything else at times. Traffic was stopped in one street for two

weeks, I believe. I sincerely trust that this thing will go through tonight.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I hope that this order will pass tonight. This brook runs through a part of Wd. 23, and it is a nuisance to public health. It is just as the gentleman from Wd. 18 has stated it. The water is stagnant, and there is a terrible stench coming from there all the time. I hope that there will be a unanimous vote of this body to pass this order tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I was in part contradicted by the gentleman from Wd. 22 about the change in the course of the brook. I desire to inform my friend that it is their intention to have the water drain into the sewer, which does away with the brook that drains the section down our way. I know that the water will be done away with, down where it passes the Boston Belting Company, because it will enter the sewer which is built to relieve Stony Brook.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 18, or the gentleman from Wd. 23, if they can tell me whether, if this passes, the sewerage from that district down to the Boston Belting Company is to go through the main sewers of Boston, or whether it will continue down the same channel—whether any of it is to go into the Charles River?

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I think I can give my friend the information that he desires. I have taken a great deal of interest in this matter and have attended several hearings at the State House. I ought to know what is to be done and what is not to be done. This is not a sewer at all. It is Stony Brook. They do not intend to discharge any sewerage into it. It will remain just as it is at the present time—that is, down below Roxbury. It will extend it further and continue it, and will cover it over. They cannot lay the sewer lower because it is in the way. They have to lower the bed of the brook and put in a low-level sewer with it, and that will drain all that section. That will drain part of Wd. 22 and Wd. 23. There will be no sewage go into Stony Brook and enter into the Fenway.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 whether or not the Boston Belting Company have not power rights in Stony Brook, or whether the Rubber Works have not?

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I will surprise the gentleman by saying that I know something about this. I want to say that there was some arrangement made between the Boston Belting Company and the City of Boston whereby they let the matter out to arbitration, and I understand that the arbitrator has reported favorably upon it, and I believe that the brook people have accepted it. I wish to say that I am not familiar with the plans and what they are going to do out further, but I do know that they are going to do away with the brook below the Belting Company.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. It seems to me that it is a question whether the city will not be liable for damages for the changing of the course of this brook. I want to know whether the Belting Company will receive damages, or whether the Rubber Works will.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on assignment of the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I hope this matter will not be assigned. It is a subject that involves the health not only of the people of Wd. 18, but of the people of Wd. 22 and also 23. The brook is so situated that the water backs up in Wd. 23 and becomes stagnant, and is an offense to the whole community. For that reason, I hope the order will not be as-

signed, but will go on its passage tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I have known all the evening that there was a "nigger in the woodpile." I want to answer the gentleman from Wd. 17 by saying that the Mayor of Boston is opposed to this act, that the Mayor of Boston fought it in the legislature, and that the Mayor of Boston is fighting it now. The gentleman who has made the motion to assign has probably made it according to instructions. I want to say to him that this is a matter which does not interfere a particle with his district. I think he ought to be willing to delegate action on this matter to the members from the districts which are interested in it tonight. I know that whenever he speaks, that wherever this matter has come up, the Mayor of Boston has been against it. He has shown that he was against it by his talk to certain individuals within 48 hours. I trust that assignment will not prevail, and I will say that if any other member of this body had such a stench, such a disease-breeding spot within the confines of his ward, I would vote to do away with it, regardless of politics or anything else. I ask the members of this Council, and almost demand of them, in the interest of fair play and in the interest of the health of the community that I represent, that they vote to accept this act tonight, and do not assign the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I desire to answer the gentleman from Wd. 17 in this way: I do not see how the city of Boston could be responsible for any damages that might occur from the improvement of Stony Brook. Stony Brook is at present the property of the city of Boston. Furthermore, a great many of the members of the sewer department are about to be suspended again. This \$350,000 was given for the relief of the sewer department, and here tonight we find some of the members of this body who awhile ago were clamoring for the sewer department, and who did vote for the million dollars at the beginning of the year, are now fighting against the interests of the sewer department. If they had stood out at that time and fought with those who were fighting in the interest of the sewer department, and had not voted to allow the one million dollars to be given to contractors, the sewer department would be well off today. They would not need this \$350,000 at this time. This money is for the relief of the sewer department, and anybody who gets up and opposes this order is opposed to the interest of that department.

Mr. ROEMER—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that assignment will not prevail. I believe that if I could take out a committee of this Council or the whole of the members of the Council and show them the condition of things out there, as we did the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs from the state house, they would certainly not vote for assignment. It is a terrible thing, and they would favor having this passed immediately so that work can be begun at once. The plans for this work are all made, the plans for the changing of the bed of the brook, and I do not see why we should vote to assign this to the next meeting, because we all know that this work will have to be done sooner or later. We are suffering from a terrible stench out there, and I think this work ought to be done at once, and everything fixed up. I hope that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, it seems to me that every time I rise to make a motion in the Council, the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) states that the Mayor is in it. Whatever I put in, or whatever motion I make, he always claims that the Mayor has something to do with it. Now, I probably have been out of Boston during the last six weeks more than he has, and I wish

to say that I have not seen the Mayor once during the last six weeks. The Mayor of Boston has not spoken to me about this order. The only thing I intended to have done was to have it assigned, so that I might look into it, and so that other members of the Council might have an opportunity to look into it. To show him that the Mayor of Boston has not spoken to me about it in any way, shape or manner, I desire to withdraw my motion to assign at this time.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will consider the motion to assign withdrawn. (After a pause.) There being no objection, the question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. NANGLE—Mr. President, I feel proud to think that my friend Connolly has withdrawn his motion. His intentions were all right, I feel assured, until he got a little explanation in regard to it. It is gratifying to me, Mr. President, to find that there is one matter which has come up in this Council this year that I and the gentleman from Wd. 18 can agree upon. I don't believe it has happened before, and I am glad, as I say, that there is one matter we can agree upon. I come from a district which Stony Brook runs through, and I suppose I know the brook as well as any member of this body. I know that this proposed improvement is something that is absolutely required for that district. They have been working for it for the last 15 years. They have been trying all that time to do away with this nuisance, and they are now in the hopes of being able to do so, and they hope to have this work done by this time next year. This money is absolutely required to do this work. Beside, if we don't get this money, the members of the sewer division, who haven't worked much more than six weeks within the last five months, will, I suppose, be put on the suspended list again. I would like to ask for a suspension of the rules, so that this matter may go upon its passage—well, Mr. President, I will withdraw that, as I believe a suspension of the rules is not necessary, but I hope it will be passed.

The order was read a second time, and was passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### EQUIPMENT OF GYMNASIUM.

The Council proceeded to take up No 27, assignment, viz:—

27. Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Plympton St., acquired as a gymnasium for Wd. 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence.

#### SEATS, DORCHESTER HEIGHTS.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a sufficient number of seats within the park at Dorchester Heights, South Boston.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### STRANDWAY IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That, in the matter of the improvement of the Strandway in South Boston, the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out a park and a playground in the territory southeast of Columbia road and to consider the feasibility of providing in connection therewith, if possible a suitable house

for beach bathing purposes; and that said board be likewise requested to submit a report in relation to this subject to the Common Council as soon as convenient.

Mr. GIBLIN—Mr. President, I want to say but a few words in relation to this order that I have presented here tonight. The Park Commissioners at the present time have under construction the completion of Columbia Road, and, in that part of South Boston which I have the honor to represent, an avenue known as the Strandway. To the south of the Strandway there is a considerable portion of land, part of which the Park Commissioners have acquired, which is covered at high tide by water, and which at low tide is a bog marsh. Now, in this section of South Boston there is no park or breathing place, like Marine Park or Commonwealth Park, there being no such place except Dorchester Heights, and that is now being cut up to provide for the new high school. It has been a matter of conjecture with the Park Commission as to what to do with this space at the south of the Strandway, and the people in my district feel as though this could be improved and made into a suitable park and playground. Now, chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898 provides for a comprehensive system of playgrounds for the city of Boston, and authorizes the City Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of \$500,000—but not to exceed \$200,000 per annum, I am informed—and the act also provides that they shall establish not more than 20 playgrounds in the city of Boston. I am informed that the Park Commissioners have now an unexpended balance of \$90,000 in this appropriation which is at their disposal for the equipment and construction of playgrounds. This order does not carry with it any financial consideration at the hands of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and I ask that the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to lay out this section. They have the money to do it with, and the parkway known as Columbia Road is now being completed, and this land is contiguous to the Strandway, and they can finish it now, under the funds provided by this act. If they deem it expedient, they may provide that beach baths be established at this place, which would give to that part of South Boston a much needed place of recreation.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### USE OF RIFLE RANGE MONEY.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10 offered the following:—

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has announced his intention of expending the money already appropriated to provide a city rifle range for the Boston militia for other purposes, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Common Council of the City of Boston, protest against such action, believing that the chief executive should encourage the local military force to become as efficient as possible and not, as he is at present doing, place every obstacle in its way and hinder its efforts to improve.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, in reference to that resolution I would like to say just a word in explanation of the situation. Two years ago an appropriation was passed of \$125,000 to provide a rifle range for the militia located in Boston. An attempt was made to select a suitable site, and there arose the trouble. Everyone seemed to have a particular favorite site which he wanted adopted, and they could not come to a decision. Finally the matter was left in this way—the Inspector General of Rifle Practice stated that the State would undoubtedly have a metropolitan range in time, and therefore, in that way, the opportunity came for His Honor the Mayor to say that he

would not approve any particular site, but that it would be better to await the provision of a metropolitan range. Now, as a militia officer, I wish to point out the weakness and the dissatisfaction of that situation. The metropolitan range will be open to every organization in Massachusetts. Every organization outside of Boston having the same privilege as those in Boston.

In addition to that every local company has its own range. For instance, the Concord company, of which I used to be a member, has a range in Concord, Mass. A soldier of that company would have the same right as a Boston soldier on the metropolitan range. In that way the Boston militia would be handicapped, if we ever had a metropolitan range. As you all know, a bill for a metropolitan range would have to pass the Legislature, and that is problematical in the extreme. Now, what I want to do is to see Boston have a range. I don't care where it is, or anything of that sort, but the militia of Boston do need an opportunity to shoot. If they are not given that opportunity they cannot be efficient, because soldiers to be efficient must know how to shoot; and up to date this year there is not a single provision made for any Boston company to go to a range and shoot and have target practice. If this money is used the city of Boston will be called upon to defray its portion of the expense, probably, for a metropolitan range and then this question will come up again and another large appropriation will be necessary. Up to June 1st this \$125,000 fund was covered by a statute which prohibited its appropriation for any other purpose. That time has expired, and the Mayor has addressed a communication to the Board of Aldermen asking their permission to divert the money to other purposes. Now, what this resolution provides for is that the Common Council shall protest against the diversion of the money to any other purpose than that for which it was intended. I propose when the question comes on second reading to ask that the result be taken by yeas and nays, in order that the members of the Council may have an opportunity to place themselves on record as in favor of or against the promotion of the interests of the militia of the city of Boston.

The resolution was read a second time and the question came on its passage. The yeas and nays were ordered, but before the Clerk called the roll, Mr. Connolly of Wd. 17 said:—

Mr. President, I would like to have the order read again; I did not quite catch it.

The resolution was read for information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the yeas and nays have been ordered and the Chair was about to put the question.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I desire to move its reference to the committee on finance.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the motion is at this time out of order. Out of courtesy, the gentleman from Wd. 17 was allowed to speak when the question was on the passage of the resolution. The Chair was about to put the question to vote by roll call, which has been ordered by the Council.

The resolution was passed, yeas 46, nays 10:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Brennan, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Johnson, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Nangle, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Sampson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe—46.

Nays—Casey, Collins, Connolly, Dona-

hoe, Doyle, Fenton, Giblin, Hickey, Kasanof, Mulcahy—10.

Absent or not voting—Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Curley, Doherty, Donovan, Flynn, Howard, Jordan, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Mansfield, Miller, Moore, Newhall, Turnbull, Wood—19.

#### BUILDING DEPT. REPORTS.

Mr. BENNETT, of Wd. 5, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of J. E. Cousens, (referred April 24), for leave to build a wooden addition rear of Commonwealth Ave., near Essex St., Wd. 25—No action necessary.

Accepted. Sent up.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, (referred June 12)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Co. to build outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Blue Hill Ave., cor. Stanwood St., Wd. 20, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a car-house, main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

#### BUILDING PERMITS IN RECESS.

Mr. BENNETT of Wd. 5 offered an order—That during the annual recess of the Common Council the joint standing committee on Building Department be authorized to allow the erection of wooden buildings and wooden additions upon such terms and conditions as said committee may deem expedient.

Passed. Sent up.

#### TRACKS, FOREST HILLS SQ.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be requested to direct the Norfolk Suburban and the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Companies to remove their tracks from the northerly half of Forest Hills Sq. (so-called), and to make the stopping place for their cars not farther north than the centre of said square, the presence and use of these tracks at the extreme northerly and narrow end of the square serving no public convenience, and constituting a serious obstruction to traffic.

Passed. Sent up.

#### CROSSWALK, BOWER ST.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct a crosswalk at Bower St., across Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF RUTHVEN ST.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to put Ruthven St., Wd. 21, in a condition which will allow surface water to drain off properly instead of accumulating and remaining stagnant as has been the case after every rainstorm or thaw ever since the street was graded.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ROXBURY CROSSING.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested to locate and maintain a drinking fountain at Roxbury Crossing, opposite the depot of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.; the expense of the same to be charged to the Water Department.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.**

Mr. McINERNEY, for Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8, offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, June 29, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.  
Passed.

**DRINKING FOUNTAIN, DUDLEY ST.**

Mr. McINERNEY, for Mr. Flynn of Wd. 17, offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested to locate and maintain a drinking fountain and watering trough at the junction of Blue Hill Ave. and Dudley St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the Water Dept.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**CROSSWALK, GORDON ST.**

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a cross walk to extend across Guilford and Pomeroy Sts., at their junction with Gordon St., Wd. 25.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**CARE OF LAND, WD. 25.**

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the vacant lot of land at the corner of Cambridge St. and Mansfield St., Wd. 25, belonging to the city of Boston, be placed under the charge of the Public Grounds Department.  
Passed. Sent up.

**PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.**

Mr. O'BRIEN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to the children of Fred B. Bogan, late Superintendent of Public Buildings, deceased; the mother of Joseph D. Lane, late an employee in the Water Department, deceased, and the father of Thomas L. Rourke, late an employee in the Public Grounds Department, deceased, the amounts authorized to be paid by Chapter 332, 335 and 454 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1899; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.  
Passed. Mr. O'Brien moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

**LOCATION OF CHEMICAL ENGINE.**

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the chemical engine, now located near the new boulevard in East Boston, and which it is believed will have to be removed on account of the construction of said boulevard, placed in some suitable part of Orient Heights.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1—Mr. President, the reason why I have introduced this order is because of the boulevard that cuts through Bennington St. and cuts this building in halves; and also that this chemical engine which is there will have to be removed somewhere, and Orient Heights is without any fire apparatus whatever. They have tried to get some there, but never have been able to do so yet. I thought this was a good opportunity for them to transfer the chemical engine to some place at Orient Heights, and that the people there would appreciate it.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

**DISAPPROVAL OF LAMP CONTRACT.**

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered the following:—

Whereas, The Mayor of the City of Boston has consummated a contract with the so-called Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, in connection therewith the City Council of said City.

Resolves, First: That an increase of expenditure in any department in the present financial condition of the city is not wise.

Second: That the transference to the control of a corporation of the work of a department which has heretofore been well managed by the Municipality is an adoption of a seemingly unsound policy.

Third: That the employment of a foreign corporation for this work seems indefensible.

Fourth: That the transfer to the said corporation of the city workshop and tools, has not and cannot be satisfactorily explained.

Fifth: That in making said contract the City Council believes that the Mayor has exceeded his legal rights.

Sixth: That the employment directly by the city of labor where this can be done as economically as otherwise, and not for political purposes, should be favored. And finally the City Council of said city disapproves of a contract of seven years duration as not to the city's advantage and especially protests against any further attempt to de-municipalize any existing department.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, In a spirit of fairness and moved alone by business considerations I offer these resolutions to the Common Council tonight. The subject under discussion, in connection, with the resolution, touches two vital municipal questions in which the City of Boston at this time is transcendently interested. One relates to the present administration, the other to the policy which should be pursued by a municipality irrespective of the party designation which may attach to the chief executive.

Under the first of these questions I shall endeavor to show the complete lack of business judgment and incompetency of the present administration, in its management of the affairs of the City of Boston, as again exemplified in this contract, the pursuit of which methods has brought the City of Boston to poverty, ridicule and contempt. Under the second question the abandonment of the policy inaugurated by our present Mayor, to municipalize public services so far as possible, and the virtues and evils of this policy as applied to the public service in our City today.

Before this contract was made the City was supplied by gas under contract with several companies, but maintained the lamps and did the lighting directly. The number of gas lamps Jan. 10, 1899, was 8252. The average cost of the gas lighting and care of each lamp last year was \$24.83. The price per annum under the new contract is to be \$30.00,—an increase of \$5.17 per lamp. For this extra expense the City of Boston has on each lamp a Welsbach burner and Boulevard type of lantern. The cost of a Welsbach 60 c.p. burner with mantle is \$1.15. This leaves a balance of \$4.02 each to be paid for Boulevard lanterns, and where these lanterns are manufactured by the thousand, as experts will say, this price is large. But even granting that the cost of installation for the first year is \$5.00, as the contract is for seven years and the burners need renewal but seldom, and at a very small expense, it will be seen that, after the first year at least, the profit per lamp to the company, on this estimate alone, will be \$5.17 per year, providing the same contracts are made with the gas companies, the same number of men employed and the same amount of gas used. This would be a profit to the company of \$12,662.84 per year, or \$255,977.04 for six years. A Welsbach 60 c.p. burner consumes two feet of gas per hour, whereas the ordinary street gas burner last year consumed twice as much or four feet. Now as the total charge for gas for the 8252 lamps last year was \$121,798.96, the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company will consume but half of the number of feet consumed last year and pay but \$6,309.48 per year and save every year that same amount of money, or a total of \$426,296.36 in seven years.

On this basis of estimate, there is shown on the second year alone a profit to the

company of \$103,562.32. As the total cost of lighting the 8252 lamps at \$30.00 per lamp is \$247,560 the profit to the company is almost 50 p.c. per year. Now it is to be supposed that a private business corporation can make contracts more cheaply with the gas companies than the city, particularly when it is known that the consolidation into trusts of lighting and gas companies make their interests one and the same as against the general public.

The Mayor, to insure a reduction in the price of gas to the company, has inserted in the contract a clause that at any time a gas lamp may be transformed into a naphtha lamp, and, on a threat of the lighting company to so transfer, the gas companies must give a minimum price, or our city may be lighted by naphtha, whereas, the steady policy in the past has been to reduce the number of naphtha lamps and increase that of gas. The Mayor, in his message to the Board of Aldermen on Monday last, attempts to show that any reduction in the price of gas will inure to the sole benefit of the city; but the contract, in article 4, shows plainly that a reduction of the price of gas all over the city might inure to the benefit of the public, but that a reduction in the price of gas on a private contract, made by a lighting company, could not. The company, by automatic burners, will doubtless reduce the number of men required to light the city, and as this is a business corporation, the number of employees will be reduced to a minimum in number and a maximum in capacity to work which would mean a large saving in the pay roll of \$84,000, which the city at present maintains. Added to the immense pecuniary benefits which, under this contract, accrue to the company, is the agreement on the part of the Mayor that the contractor shall have the use of all property now belonging to the city,—a most distinct advantage to it,—and the establishment of a pernicious and unjustifiable precedent in municipal management. The city is burdened with the laying and maintaining of all gas pipes—a duty which heretofore was undertaken by the gas company,—and for which the lighting company will receive due consideration in its contract with the gas companies, and the city incur a new burden.

On this plain statement of facts, to he who runs and reads must be brought home the truth that this contract is most distinctly to the pecuniary disadvantage of the city, and a glaring conviction of the Mayor's incompetency as a public official. In the contract that was made in 1896 with the Brookline Gas Company under Art. 13, which contract existed until the 31st day of last May, the company agreed, so long as the contract remained in force, not to raise the price of gas to private consumers. This contract being cancelled, nothing prevents a raise in the price of gas to private consumers unless a new agreement has been entered into, with the Brookline Gas Company, containing such a stipulation. Such a new contract has not been announced, and I suppose that we may not be surprised in the near future by an announcement of a raise in the price of gas, for private consumption, contemporaneous with an announcement that Addicks, Quincy & Company are interested in a new gas trust.

It is well known that the United Gas Ill. Co. of Philadelphia is behind this contract and their unscrupulous and corrupt dealings, in Philadelphia alone, make the citizens of Boston feel little confidence in this undertaking. This is an age of invention and progress. Who can tell the illuminating power of the future? Gas and naphtha have had their day and electricity, acetylene gas or even bottled sunlight may soon cut in halves the present cost of the illumination of our streets. But no matter what the price of an illuminant may be—even though only 10c per 1000 ft.—or what the quality of light produced the City of Boston is tied to gas or naphtha for seven long weary years. It has been said that Mr. Quincy, in anticipa-

tion of his abandonment of the Mayor's chair, is looting the treasury. This statement may be too severe. The public must judge from his deeds and not by the words of others. Messrs. Elkins and Widener, the gas magnates of Philadelphia, if subjected to cross examination, might give information serviceable in solving the doubt.

As to the policy which a municipality should pursue, in relation to the employment of labor, under the influence of the current of modern thought it must be said, that where work can be done directly by the city as economically as by a private contractor no great harm can result, from such direct employment, if political considerations are not influential in the advocacy and practice of the idea. That the city printing has not been so economically done as it was under the contract system, and that the repairs of the city, aggregating \$200,000 for the last year, have been done at an increased cost, figures can demonstrate, yet the Mayor saw fit to abolish the contract system, in the performance of these works, and announce his strong belief in the principle of municipalization.

City lighting, one of the oldest public works done by a city, has been economically and wisely conducted directly by the municipality, yet, at an increased cost and under a thoroughly disadvantageous contract, this department of public service has been abolished. The only explanation can be that the Mayor was not sincere in his enunciation of policy and is what might be called a "municipal opportunist." Creating a printing plant and a repair shop, because it was necessary to provide places for political adherents, and disestablishing a lamp department for an advantage occult and indiscernible.

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President, Mayor Quincy in his inaugural address, on the question of the direct employment of labor by the City, spoke as follows:—

"The extension of the policy of substituting the direct employment of labor by the city for the contract system has been somewhat noteworthy during the last two years.

Within about that time three important branches of work, the city printing, and the execution of electrical construction and repair work, and all kinds of repairs and alterations upon public buildings, calling for from 200 to 500 men have been removed from the sphere of contract work.

With proper management I am more assured than ever that better results can be secured than are possible under the contract system, while the establishment of higher rates of wages and of better conditions of employment than are possible under the system of unlimited competition would alone in my opinion, furnish a powerful argument in favor of the new policy.

What has become of these gilded phrases now?

By this one contract 136 men are turned out of city employ and turned over to that "system of unlimited competition" to which Mayor Quincy 6 mos. ago was so much opposed. But did I say "unlimited competition"? That is to be understood only so far as it applies to the poor men. They truly must compete with those who will work for a pittance, willing to live in squalor and poverty and who desire to drag all our good citizens down to their own miserable level.

But that is all the competition there is in this matter. When the interest of the taxpayers and the citizens is opposed to his own selfish ends, then there is no such thing as competition. For example, was this contract advertised—was any other company than the Rising Sun clique given a chance to figure for this plum? Were our two legislative branches given an opportunity to know what was being done, and to protect the interests of their constituents by a protest? Were the people themselves given a hearing that they

might express an opinion? No, none of these things were done—the whole matter was settled and concluded after the crafty, underhanded methods of Josiah Quincy, and the people awoken only to find themselves bound hand and foot to a monopoly for seven years—helpless in the hands of men whose purpose is to loot the city.

Do you ask me why Josiah Quincy should do this? Why did he insist a few years ago that he would approve only one of a dozen tracts of land offered to the city for a rifle range, and why did he later take the position that the lot must be selected by a state commission? Because it was found that a financial institution in which Josiah Quincy was interested controlled the one lot of land which he would approve. In the present case I understand there are somewhat similar motives. The Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, a member of the Board of Apportionment, is, I am told, a director in the Rising Sun Street Lighting Co., and this contract which makes the city pay one third as much again for its light is perchance the repayment of the many favors done in the now happily doomed Board of Apportionment.

Why else would he give over all of our valuable repair and construction equipment to a private concern without a cent in return? New York and Chicago, Mr. President, have their investigations—it is indeed time that such apparently barefaced transactions as these should be looked into. I trust that the resolutions will pass and that the upper branch will hasten down to this chamber an order for an investigation.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I am sorry that I am not prepared to speak at length on the resolutions tonight, but it seems to me all we have to do here is simply to go on record as in favor of these resolutions and thereby express our opinion. The only regret I have is that the Common Council has not the same power it had in past years, so that the citizens of Boston might not be betrayed as they are in a matter of this kind. I believe at the present time that the Mayor has entirely too much power. That is manifest when we find conditions as they are here. Here is a Mayor going out of office; yet he ties the city of Boston up with a seven years' contract to light the city at an increased cost, as my friend from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) has said, of \$2,000 per year. Notwithstanding the increased cost to the city, I think there is hardly a man in the Council tonight who doubts that the present list of laborers will be dispensed with in a very short time. There is no question about it—the new company will never pay the salaries paid by the city to these men. It seems to me inconsistent, to say the least, that the Mayor should advocate municipal ownership and should then assent to a contract of this kind. Of course, we can do but little. To be sure, in going on record in favor of this resolution we will do all we can, but we will simply be showing the people of Boston that we are not in favor of any such scheme, and it might in the future prevent the Mayor from letting out other contracts to private contractors, as he probably would do if he was as much interested as in the street lighting company.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, inasmuch as there were two orders introduced at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which must ultimately result in an investigation of the circumstances under which this contract was given out to the lighting company, I see no real necessity for the introduction of these resolutions here tonight. Both the gentlemen from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) and his colleague from Wd. 10 (Mr. Bordin) have read in a very rapid manner lengthy typewritten speeches, and it is impossible

for any member of this Council, sitting here and listening to those speeches, to make any attempt at an answer at this time. On the ground that what has been said by those two gentlemen is not thoroughly understood, I will ask the assignment of the matter until later. If they are really honest in their desire to investigate, I serve notice that I have an order for an investigation of something else, upon which I hope the Chair will recognize me, that I may place it before the body tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, in view of the fact that certain insinuations and remarks have been made as to the interests certain people may have in this lighting company, and in view of the fact that I have some information which may throw some light on the matter, I will simply state that a great deal that has been said is borne out by the fact that I know His Honor the Mayor has been in the city of Philadelphia for the past four days.

The resolutions were read a second time and the question came on their passage.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, inasmuch as the resolutions are not harsh, and I think almost any member of this body without regard to party will agree to every article in them, I move you, sir, that when the vote is taken it be taken by a roll-call.

The yeas and nays were ordered and the resolutions were passed, yeas 44, nays 3:—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Battis, Bennett, Bordman, Brauer, Brennan, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Donahoe, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Linehan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Martin, Mildran, Mulcahy, Newhall, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe—44.

Nays—Badaracco, Collins, Hickey—3.  
Absent or not voting—Bagley, Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donovan, Doyle, Eddy, Flynn, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Leftovich, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Moore, Nangle, O'Brien, Rice, Turnbull, Wood—28.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

SEWAGE IN CHARLES RIVER.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make an investigation of the sewer entering the Charles River near Dartmouth St., and so alter the same that it will cease to be a nuisance to the community.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Council, I would like to say a very few words in regard to that order. The mouth of this old sewer empties into the Charles River exactly opposite Dartmouth St. I have been in the habit of rowing on the river several years and have observed it. This year it has been worse than I ever knew it to be before, and in the last few days at certain heights of the tide the offensive water which has entered the river through that has been extremely obnoxious. I believe it is very injurious to the health of the residents about there. Several of the people residing in the ward have spoken to me about it and have asked me to do something to remedy the evil. There is also a floating bathhouse at the Harvard Bridge. When the tide takes the offensive matter up there I think it is injurious to the people of Boston who patronize the bathhouse, or any bathhouse to which it may go. For that reason, as well as for the reason that it is offensive and obnoxious to the citizens in every way, I hope something will be done to remedy the evil.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE POOR.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Overseers of the Poor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give to the Common Council a statement in regard to the general working of the department, touching particularly on the following points: the kind and quality of food furnished to the poor, whether the same is supplied by contract, and by whom; why the Bertillon Measurement System is applied at the Wayfarer's Lodge, how much labor is required of applicants at said lodge, and the money value of such labor; and why the names of the parents of such applicants are given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FENCE, WARD 4, PLAYGROUND.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to build a fence on the Wd. 4 Playground, to be used as a backstop for the benefit of the baseball players of the district.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC FANS, COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the City Messenger be instructed to place electric fans in the Council Chamber, the expense of the same to be charged to the City Messenger Department.

Passed.

#### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege, while I fear that the Chair may rule against me. I desire to explain it in this way. Certain interviews have been printed in the daily press which have referred to me, although not by name, as one of the Democratic members, otherwise Filipinos,—(laughter)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question is not a question of personal privilege.

#### DRINKING FOUNTAINS, WARD 6.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, locate and maintain drinking fountains on North Sq. and at the playground on North Bennet St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FLAG, HAYES SQUARE.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant permission to Francis J. Doherty and others to erect a flagstaff and provide a flag for the same in Hayes square, Wd. 3.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FREE FERRIES, LABOR DAY.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Labor Day be requested to include an item for free ferries and appropriate the nominal sum of twenty-five dollars to pay for the same.

Referred to the Committee on Labor Day.

#### SEWER RECONSTRUCTION, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the appropriation for the dam at Wood Island flats to an appropriation for reconstruction of sewers in East Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### OVERCROWDING OF BOATS.

Mr. STONE of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Committee on Park Department be requested to make inquiries as to the over-crowding of the pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond, and report what action, if any, should be taken to remedy the same.

Referred to the Committee on Park Dept.

#### RESURFACING OF ADAMS ST.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Supt. of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Adams St., Wd. 24, from Pierce Sq. to Hillsdale St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the dead trees on Broadway, South Boston, and to replace them with new trees of a fast growing variety.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### COMPLETION OF COMMONWEALTH PARK GYMNASIUM.

Mr. LYDON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$1400 for the completion of the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### PLACING OF CABLES UNDERGROUND

Mr. LYDON offered an order—That the Wire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground, in order to prevent further injury to trees on that thoroughfare.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESURFACING OF WOODWARD PARK ST.

Mr. ATWOOD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Woodward Park St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements, Wd. 16.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESURFACING OF QUINCY ST.

Mr. ATWOOD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Quincy St., from Blue Hill Ave. to Columbia Road; the expense of the same to be charged equally to appropriation for Street Improvements, Wd. 16 and Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LAMP ON PUTNAM STREET.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a gas lamp on Putnam St., between Falcon and Condor Sts., Wd. 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAIR OF PUTNAM STREET SEWER.

Mr. SIMPSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the sewer in Putnam St., running across Condor St., Wd. 1, to be put in complete repair as soon as possible.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

OFFICER FOR ORCHARD PARK.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to station an officer on duty on Orchard Park, Wd. 17.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8, at 10:11 o'clock p.m., to meet on Thursday, June 29, at 7:45 o'clock p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Thursday, June 22, 1899.  
Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Colby.

The Clerk read the following call:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 21, 1899.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen: You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Thursday, June 22d, at three P.M., for the purpose of drawing jurors and of receiving appropriation orders passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, July 3d:—

Thomas Vickers, Wd. 19; Joseph M. Wade, Wd. 17; Henry V. Upham, Wd. 23; James A. Merritt, Wd. 10; Jesse Smith, Wd. 8; Wm. Nairn, Wd. 22; Wm. F. Irwin, Wd. 2; Jas. F. Finnegan, Wd. 8; Samuel D. Nesmith, Wd. 25; Horace F. Carlton, Wd. 11; Wm. S. Luther, Wd. 15; Henry P. Murphy, Wd. 21; Wm. H. Hart, Wd. 5; John T. McKay, Wd. 13; John H. McGee, Wd. 8; Edward F. Day, Wd. 5; John Elliott Donely, Wd. 15; George P. Mongrain, Wd. 16; George P. Shannon, Wd. 19; Rene E. Paine, Wd. 10; Rollin J. Gordon, Wd. 20; David E. Sewell, Wd. 14.

Thirty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, July 10th:—

Henry B. Scofield, Wd. 25; Wm. H. Calhoun, Wd. 6; Thos. F. Delury, Wd. 20; Waldo J. Burgess, Wd. 10; Joseph B. Flernay, Wd. 25; Edward McAvoy, Wd. 22; James A. Couden, Wd. 13; Francis J. Dooley, Wd. 9; James Cook, Wd. 22; Frank McCrillis, Wd. 9; Wayne H. North, Wd. 21; Edwin K. Jones, Wd. 18; Thos. H. C. Stewart, Wd. 6; John C. O'Brien, Wd. 9; Michael J. O'Brien, Wd. 23; Cornelius J. O'Brien, Wd. 19; Roger Benan, Wd. 19; Samuel Shuman, Wd. 22; Wm. A. Hubbard, Wd. 11; Jeremiah J. Connelly, Wd. 6; George H. Bailey, Wd. 17; Fred W. Kittle, Wd. 10; T. Eugene McCarthy, Wd. 9; Lemuel C. Kendall, Wd. 2; John T. B. Gorman, Wd. 10; Pert H. Pearson, Wd. 6; Charles L. Davis, Wd. 18; Charles M. Francis, Wd. 20; John W. Stockton, Wd. 7; Charles M. Seaver, Wd. 23; George O. Ladd, Wd. 20; Parker J. Connolly, Wd. 14; Felix J. McMorrow, Wd. 8; Wm. Gerrish, Wd. 13.

## NEW BUILDINGS, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 22, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment providing for a loan of \$14,500 for new buildings at the City Hospital. This loan is for the purpose of making good an execution of court for this amount secured by a contractor who brought suit against the city, the payment of such execution, which was charged by the Auditor against the appropriation for New Buildings, City Hospital, having created a deficiency in that account, which now prevents the making of payments which have been earned by contractors.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
June 19, 1899.

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trustees of the City Hospital be and hereby are authorized to expend an additional sum of fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$14,500) for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Laurence Minot,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

## EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 22, 1899.

To The City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$25,000 for the extension of high pressure water mains, to enable the Water Department to make connections with the sprinkler system, where introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

June 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in the extension of water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,

David F. Barry,

John P. Dore,

Daniel J. Kiley,

Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

## DOVER STREET BATH-HOUSE ELECTRIC PLANT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 22, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$1300 for installing an electric plant at the Dover-St. bath house.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

June 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of thirteen hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department in installing an electric plant at the Dover-St. bath house; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed; and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

#### FENCE AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 22, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
June 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500), formerly appropriated for a wall at Evergreen Cemetery, and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, be, and hereby is, appropriated for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Lawrence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

#### ASPHALTING CHARLES STREET.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 22, 1899.

To The City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation for asphaltting Charles St., from Fruit to Allen Sts., in front of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the new building of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
June 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9600) for asphaltting Charles St., from Fruit St. to Allen St., which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It was voted to transmit the said order to the Common Council without alteration.

#### PURCHASE OF GUNBOATS FROM U. S.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 22, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed this day by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment rescinding the order passed last year providing for the building of a new ferryboat, to take the place of the ferryboat "East Boston," and for the repurchase from the United States government of the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," and for refitting the same for use as ferryboats, and providing that the amount of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferryboat "East Boston" be used towards meeting the expense incurred, and that the additional expense of purchasing said boats and refitting them for use as ferryboats, not to exceed \$40,000, be charged to the appropriation for new ferry landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

June 22, 1899.

Ordered: That the order approved June 16th, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferryboat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferryboat, and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to purchase from the United States government and from no other party, the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferryboats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States government and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to refit the same for use as ferryboats; that the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the ferryboat "East Boston" be appropriated toward meeting the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them as ferryboats; and that the additional amount required to meet the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferryboats, not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), be charged to the appropriation for new ferry landing, authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Day, at 3:29 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 26th, 1899, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, June 26, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last two meetings.

## LAND FOR BURIAL PURPOSES—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

City Hall, Boston, June 26, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board granting permission to the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use for purposes of burial a parcel of land on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts., Dorchester, containing about fifty-four acres, as I do not believe that the passage of this order is consistent with sound municipal policy.

This permit seems to be granted under Section 18 of Chapter 82 of the Public Statutes, which provides that "no land not already appropriated for burial purposes shall be so used in cities unless by permission of the Mayor and Aldermen." I base my disapproval of this order upon the following grounds:

First. I do not believe that it is desirable to further enlarge to any material extent the area of land within the city limits which is already devoted to cemetery purposes. Besides the 17 cemeteries in charge of the Cemetery Department of the city, there are an equal number within the city limits not owned by the city, and the aggregate area of desirable land thus dedicated to the disposal of the dead is very considerable. As all land devoted to cemetery purposes is entirely exempt from taxation, every new cemetery established and every addition to the area of an existing cemetery withdraws property from taxation; and while the taxes now received from land so withdrawn may not be considerable at existing valuations, it must be remembered that such withdrawal is for all future time, and that with the growth of population all land within the city limits is bound to increase very largely in value in the future, and, moreover, that the dedication of land to cemetery purposes exerts a decidedly unfavorable influence upon the value and development of adjacent property. While the property which the Catholic Cemetery Association proposes to purchase if this permit is granted is only assessed at present for about two cents a foot, the fact that the price which is to be paid amounts to six cents a foot, or about \$140,000 for the parcel of land to be acquired, would seem to show that it already has a very substantial value; and from the character of the surroundings there can be no doubt that this property and the adjacent land would in the future acquire a considerable value for residential purposes, if present conditions remain unchanged.

I do not believe that it is necessary or desirable for a large city to undertake to provide burial facilities for all its people within the city limits, and it is well known that the dead of large cities are buried to a very considerable extent either outside of the city limits altogether, or, where such limits are very extensive, at a greater distance from the centre of the city than the land in question. Personally, I am opposed to the burial of the dead, alike

upon sanitary, economic, and sentimental grounds, believing cremation to be far preferable; but, recognizing the established practice and the prevailing sentiment in favor of burial, as well as the fact that many persons have religious scruples against cremation, I should not feel warranted in standing in the way of the granting of such a permit as the present one merely because of such personal views. I feel, however, that everyone must admit the necessity of confining within proper limits the dedication to the purposes of burial of land within the limits of a large city.

If all residents of Boston were to be buried within the limits of the city, the amount of land taken up for the dead would in the course of time encroach very seriously upon that needed for the use of the living, and the financial loss of exempting such large areas of valuable land from taxation, to say nothing of the injury to adjacent property, would become very considerable. Sound policy and a due regard for the interests of coming generations require that we should consider the future as well as the present effects of allowing the withdrawal from taxation of additional considerable areas of land. I can see no exigency in the present case which requires a departure from what seems to me the sound general rule. I am confirmed in these views by the fact that no permit for the addition of any considerable area to any cemetery within the city limits has been granted since 1890. I think it has been generally felt that the boundaries of existing cemeteries could be taken as fixed, and that calculations for the development of real estate could be made upon this basis.

Secondly. The land covered by this permit is not immediately adjacent to the existing cemetery grounds; it lies on the other side of a public street, and it is not even directly opposite the present cemetery. The area which it is proposed to add will only approach the present cemetery at one corner, and will even there be separated by a street, and it seems to me that it should therefore be regarded rather as a new and separate cemetery, in everything except ownership and name, than as an enlargement of an existing cemetery.

Thirdly. The Boston Catholic Cemetery Association is the owner of another large cemetery, called the Mount Benedict Catholic Cemetery, which is only about 2½ miles distant from Mount Calvary Cemetery, and is distant from City Hall less than a mile more than the former cemetery, and here there is a large area of land not yet developed, and entirely suitable for burial purposes. I cannot see that any great hardship will be occasioned to the members of the association if they are obliged to utilize Mount Benedict Cemetery more fully, as Mount Calvary Cemetery becomes filled up.

Fourthly. The owners of land in the immediate vicinity of the tract which it is proposed to take for this purpose seem to be pretty unanimous and strenuous in objecting to the granting of this permit, believing that the value of their property will thereby be considerably depreciated, and its future development prevented. The section in which this land is included has been fully and elaborately platted under the law establishing the Board of Survey, and there is little doubt that it will be developed in time as an attractive residential neighborhood, containing a large amount of taxable property, if the cemetery is kept within its present limits.

For these and other reasons it seems to me that the conclusions reached by the committee of your Board, which, after full hearings, reported that this order ought not to pass, were entirely warranted; and while I may not be fully aware of all the arguments which led the majority of your Board to decline in this case to follow the usual course and sustain the report of the committee which had heard the matter—although I have endeavored

to ascertain them—I feel convinced that no public interest will suffer by the refusal of this permit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move you sir, that that be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back this afternoon.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I thoroughly agree with the alderman from Wd. 6 that this is a matter which should go to the Public Improvements Committee, but I am not so well satisfied that it ought to be reported back this afternoon. There are some things in connection with this veto message that some members may perhaps want to look into and may not have an opportunity to do so at such short notice. I would therefore move, as a substitute motion, that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements without further instructions.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I think it very fitting that it should be so referred, inasmuch as the Mayor has seen fit to make certain statements in his veto message which seem to me worthy of a reply. Coming from the district in which this proposed extension of the cemetery is located, I believe, after a most careful and full investigation, that I should be given some time to reply to certain things which the Mayor has stated in his veto message. I believe he has stated some things there which can be disproved. One, for instance, to which I have some cause to take exception, is the statement that the abutters to any extent around this property object. The objections are not from the abutters, but from people some distance from them; and, although I am not ready to make a reply at this time, I will prepare myself to do so at a future time if this matter is allowed to go to the committee on Public Improvements and rest there a reasonable length of time. I trust that it will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, but not reported back today.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I dislike very much to be discourteous to any member of the Board, and it is no desire or purpose of mine to take advantage of any member. I was under the impression, however, in making my motion that the matter would be determined any way by vote of the members, and it was really in line with that idea that I made the motion. There is nothing serious involved in the matter, even if there is a delay of one or two weeks, so far as anything I have knowledge of is concerned. But, while I meant no discourtesy, at the same time I shall not withdraw from the position I have taken.

Ald. Berwin's motion, to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today, was declared carried. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays. The roll was called, and Ald. Berwin's motion was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Ald. Doyle's motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays. The roll was called, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 26, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Austin Bigelow, Thomas A. Dunn, Charles E. House and Thomas F. Malone Constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Severally laid over under the law.

#### REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:

#### THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 26, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day removed Messrs. Joshua Brothers, George C. Davis, Thomas J. Drury, Charles A. Horrigan, Parker N. Jenkins, Henry Martyn and Philip O'Brien from the position of Constable of the city of Boston, they not having filed bonds as required by law.

You are also hereby notified that the following named persons resigned the position of Constable of the city of Boston on the dates specified, namely: Barnett White, May 18, 1899; John A. Duddy, May 19, 1899; Herbert W. Stebbins, May 19, 1899.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 26, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the majority and minority reports made to me by a commission of four members, consisting of Hon. William F. Wharton, chairman; Osborne Howes, Herbert D. Jaques and Neil McNeil, appointed at the beginning of this year to examine into the organization, administration, system and methods of the Building Department, and I recommend that they be printed as a city document.

This commission was made up from names submitted to me by the Boston Real Estate Exchange, the Boston Society of Architects, the Master Builders' Association and the Boston Board of Fire Underwriters, and I transmit herewith a copy of the letter addressed by me to the secretaries of these bodies, inviting them to submit names for this purpose. The Board of Apportionment provided by transfer the sum of \$2000 to meet the expense of this commission.

I have not yet had an opportunity to give sufficiently mature consideration to the recommendations contained in these reports to form an opinion as to what, if any, action is required either on the part of the Executive or of the City Council, but I deem it proper to make these reports public at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Annexed were the reports referred to.)

Ordered printed as a city document, on motion of Ald. Colby, and assigned to the next meeting.

#### APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, June 26, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint William M. Robinson an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc., viz:—

1. Eugene H. Smith, one over public al-

ley No. 435 in District No. 5, from building 283 Dartmouth St., Wd. 11.

2. Louis Berenson, three over Bartlett St., and two over Washington St., from buildings 1-3-5 Bartlett St. and 2499-2501 Washington St., Wd. 18.

3. Thomas F. Maloy, one over Columbus Ave., one over Coventry St., and one over the corner of said avenue and street, from building on Columbus Ave., corner of Coventry St., Wd. 18.

4. James Harmon, two, from buildings 733-735 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

5. L. J. Lyons, two over Huntington Ave., from building on said avenue, corner of Kenwood Road, Wd. 19.

6. A. T. Rogers, three over Huntington Ave., from building on said avenue, corner of Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

7. On the matter of adjudging to be a nuisance the building numbered 1131-1137 Tremont St., and known as Hook & Hastings' Organ Factory.

Laurence Minot appeared in behalf of the property in question, stating that two other gentlemen and himself had recently purchased the property with a view to tearing down the old buildings and erecting new brick ones in place of them; that most of the tenants have already moved out; that everything is being done which can be done and that the building will be removed within a few weeks.

No further objections. Referred, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

8. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect two poles in Kingston St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

9. On petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, for leave to erect poles on Sumner and East Cottage Sts., Dorchester.

T. Edward Tuttle appeared, representing remonstrants on Sumner St., and objected to the erection of poles. He desired, before anything is done, that a notice be sent to every one of the residents and that they be given a hearing.

On motion of Ald. McDonald it was voted that notice be sent to the objectors, through the Clerk of Committee, of a hearing.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the Brookline Gas Light Company for leave to erect poles, viz.:-

10. Two poles on Wirt St., Wd. 25.

11. Seven poles on Oak Sq. Ave., and five poles on Brackett St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:-

Building Dept.

D. Whiting & Sons, for leave to build a wooden building on rear of 472 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

John Morrison, for leave to build a wooden building on rear of 39 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Raphael Nazzaro, an illuminated sign, at 472 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, a lamp, at 21 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, two signs, at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

W. S. Lung & Co., a sign, at 28-30 Harri-son Ave., Wd. 7.

F. O. Lyon, a sign, at 16 Merchants Row, Wd. 6.

James A. Watson & Co., a sign, at 11 Change Ave. and Corn Ct., Wd. 7.

Joseph P. Jones, a barber pole, at 58 Fal-mouth St., Wd. 10.

Alex. Sholton, a barber pole, at 47 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Young Ladies' Catholic Association, two transparencies; one over Columbla Road at Upham's Corner, and one at Eaton Sq., opposite St. Peters Church.

Bates Dental Co., a sign, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Edward J. Keeler, a druggist's mortar, at 1567 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Frederick Ayer, for leave to locate cellar of stable at 10-12 Scotia St., Wd. 10 at grade 10.

C. F. Toomey, for leave to project two barber poles at 25 Cunard St., Wd. 18.

Claims.

Edward Reardon, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Fenton St.

Alexander Y. Cochrane, for payment to Charles A. Gleason of balance remaining from tax sale of estate lot 49 north side of Farrington St.

Boston Penny Savings Bank et al., for the payment to said bank of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Allston terrace.

Joseph O. Hodgkins, to be paid the sum of \$49.20 being the amount of a judgment, costs, etc. in a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Patrick Henry, for compensation for damage to estate 351 Chelsea St., E. B., caused by the bursting of a sewer.

Augustus W. Bailey, to be paid for damage to his wagon caused by a tree at 45 Saratoga St., E. B.

Luke F. Killian, for compensation for damage to his wagon caused by a spike on a telegraph or telephone pole on Amory St., Wd. 22.

Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling, to be refunded \$1400 paid by them for a liquor license which was not issued.

Lizzie McFeeley, for compensation for injuries from an alleged defect in Charter St.

Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect and to remove poles on Centre St., Wd. 23.

William E. Ford et als., for the removal of poles on Atherton St., Wd. 22.

Anna E. Wooster et als., for a hearing on the matter of erecting poles on Sumner St., Wd. 20.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. for leave to erect poles on Joiner St., Wd. 5.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Local Freight Agents' Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall on June 12-15 inclusive 1900.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

John C. Meyer & Co., for removal of a dead tree, etc., in front of house on Howard Ave. and Cunningham St., Dorchester.

Lamps.

D. F. Flagg et als., for public lamps on Flagg St., Wd. 12.

Licenses.

A. Davis Weld, trustee, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Elliot Hall, Elliot St., J. P., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

F. R. Brown & Co., for license to run two passenger barges between Rowes Wharf and Bowdoin Sq., via Broad, Kilby, State, and Court Sts., and one barge between said wharf and the Northern Station, via Broad St., Merchants row, Union St., Haymarket Sq., and Canal St., during the present season.

The Thompson & Norris Co., for leave to lay railroad tracks across Lincoln St., Brighton.

West End Street Railway Company, for location for track at junction of Washington and Roxbury Sts.

West End St. Ry. Co., for leave to lay a

curve track at the corner of Washington and Eustis Sts.

West End St. Ry. Co., for a location for an extension of its tracks on Washington St., Dorchester, to Codman St., also on Codman St. to Dorchester Ave., with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses by:—  
Friedrich Hecker Post 21, G. A. R.  
Edward Kinsley Post 113, G. A. R.  
John A. Hawes Post 153, G. A. R.  
Gettysburg Post 191, G. A. R.  
Boston Post 200, G. A. R.

#### Public Improvements.

George W. Harvey, for leave to erect a guy post in Charlestown St., opp. No. 145 on said St.

Norcross Bros., for leave to erect three guy posts on St. Stephen St., Wd. 10.

Norcross Bros., for leave to erect two guy posts in Beacon St.

Jaynes & Chapin Co., for leave to erect an illuminated mortar on a post in sidewalk at corner of Summer and South Sts., Wd. 7.

National Express Co., for leave to place a sign on unused lamp post at corner of Franklin and Arch Sts., Wd. 7.

Mead, Mason & Co., for leave to erect one guy post at corner of Bennington and Marion Sts., and one on Lexington St., E. B.

John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Co., for leave to move a wooden building from rear of Ceylon St., Wd. 20, to rear of Columbia road, near Wales St., Wd. 20.

J. G. Walker & Son, for leave to erect an iron awning in front of 36 North St., Wd. 6.

James F. Dockray, to erect barber pole at 1133 Columbus Ave., Rox.

Constantini Demara, for leave to sell merchandise from a wheelbarrow on north side of Massachusetts Ave.

John P. Squire & Co., for leave to construct a bulkhead opening in sidewalk at 62 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

J. Thomas Baldwin, for leave to lay a 1½ in. pipe under sidewalk at corner Bartlett and Sullivan Sts., Wd. 4.

Ed. Mullivitz, for leave to lay a 1½ in. pipe under sidewalk at corner Mercer and Eighth Sts., Wd. 15.

Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., for leave to construct two coal hole openings in sidewalk at corner Ruggles St., and Columbus Ave. extension, Wd. 18.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

R. Goodwin, 12-16 Shelby St., Wd. 1.

Robert M. Cushing et al., 8 Water St., Wd. 6.

Leonard Ware, 16-18 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Vose & Sons Piano Co., 160 Boylston St., Wd. 17.

Joseph Feldman, 252-254 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Marshall Wentworth, 915-923 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

D. W. Thomas, Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

Mrs. E. R. Hanscom, 14 Waterlow St., Wd. 20.

Albert L. Forbush, 151-153 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Dudley C. Thornton, 32 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Joseph Engel, Washington and Erie Sts., Wd. 20.

French, Cole & Co., 79 Waumbeck St., Wd. 21.

Frederick Ayer, 2450-2486 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Henry F. Allen, Park and Centre Sts., Wd. 23.

Mary E. Pettee, 373 Adams St., Wd. 24.

Mary L. Mullen, 11 Orkney road, Wd. 25.

C. A. Lambham, 15 Orkney road, Wd. 25.

M. Adelaide Fisher, 19 Orkney road, Wd. 25.

Martha E. Stockwell, 21 Orkney road, Wd. 25.

Mary Murphy, 23 Orkney road, Wd. 25.

Charles Clements, cor Orkney and Strathmore roads, Wd. 25.

Brighton Five Cents Savings Bank, 326 Washington St., Wd. 25.

C. W. and F. A. Davis, 323 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Frank T. Horgan, 255-263 E. Ninth St., Wd. 15.

A. G. & F. W. Morse, 120 Washington St., Wd. 20.

J. A. Silver, Standish St., Wd. 20.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

12. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That the Bath Trustees be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for furnishing and equipping the building at the corner of Harrison Ave and Plympton St., acquired as a gymnasium for Ward 9; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Ald. CODMAN moved reference of the message and order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule that the order stands and is now in force, under the statute laws, acts of 1898, page 287, which provides that if an order has not been acted upon, concurred in or amended by either branch within thirty days after it is submitted by the Board of Apportionment, it becomes a law. The Chair will ask the Clerk to place No. 12 on the calendar on file.

13. The following was passed by the Common Council and sent up:

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to direct the Norfolk Suburban and the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Companies to remove their tracks from the northerly half of Forest Hills square, so called, and to make the stopping place for their cars not farther north than the centre of said square, the presence and use of these tracks at the extreme northerly and narrow end of the square serving no public convenience, and constituting a serious obstruction to traffic.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The next two orders were sent up for concurrence in their reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400) for the completion of the gymnasium on Commonwealth Park, South Boston.

Referred in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the appropriation for the dam at Wood Island flats to an appropriation for reconstruction of sewers in East Boston.

The question came on the reference of the order in concurrence.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I want to object to that order on two grounds. The first objection is that, as I understand it, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has no authority to make that transfer, anyway; and the second objection is that there is no such appropriation for a dam at Wood Island Flats and never was. There used to be an appropriation for the dam from Prescott St. over to Maverick St., but on the 27th of March this Board rescinded the order by which that appropriation was passed. It went to the Common Council and was there referred to a committee, and on the 6th of April, on the motion of the President of the Common Council, that body concurred with the Board of Aldermen. That wiped out that appropriation for a dam completely and left it in the hands of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and the senior member of the Common Council from Wd. 2 with myself went before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and we gave

them our ideas as to the proper manner in which that money should be spent. We felt that we had a claim upon it, that it had been once appropriated for East Boston and ought to be spent there. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment evidently agreed with us, because at the suggestion of the Councilman they have already appropriated a part of that money, and as soon as certain local obstacles can be overcome are going to appropriate the rest. I move that this order be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the other members of this Board will acquiesce in the desire of the gentleman from East Boston. It seems that members of the Board have no rights in particular matters and cannot get any information or anything else. I think it is about time that we, as members of this Board, with the powers we have left, irrespective of what have been taken away from us, should use those powers; and I trust that the gentlemen around this Board will acquiesce in the desire of the alderman from East Boston and have this order indefinitely postponed.

The order was indefinitely postponed. Notice sent down.

16. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the following members of the Fire Department on the vacation list, and award them the usual vacation: Clarence E. Colvin, Patrick Hurley, John Sullivan, Edward J. Hogan and Michael Birmingham.

Passed in concurrence.

17. Ordered, That during the annual recess of the Common Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Building Department be authorized to allow the erection of wooden buildings and wooden additions, upon such terms and conditions as said committee may deem expedient.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the City Messenger be instructed to place electric fans in the Council Chamber; the expense of the same to be charged to the City Messenger Department.

Passed in concurrence.

19. Ordered, That the vacant lot of land at the corner of Cambridge St. and Mansfield St., Wd. 25, belonging to the City of Boston, be placed under the charge of the Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

20. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the children of Fred B. Bogan, late Superintendent of Public Buildings, deceased, the mother of Joseph D. Lane, late an employee in the Water Department, deceased, and the father of Thomas L. Rourke, late an employee in the Public Grounds Department, deceased, the amounts authorized to be paid by chapters 332, 335 and 454 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1899; said amounts to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Whereas, The Mayor of the City of Boston has consummated a contract with the so-called Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, in connection therewith the City Council of said city

Resolves, First—That an increase of expenditures in any department in the present financial condition of the city is not wise.

Second—That the transference to the control of a corporation of the work of a department which has heretofore been well managed by the municipality is an adoption of a seemingly unsound policy.

Third—That the employment of a foreign corporation for this work seems indefensible.

Fourth—That the transfer to the said corporation of the city workshop and

tools has not and cannot be satisfactorily explained.

Fifth—That in making said contract the City Council believes that the Mayor exceeded his legal rights.

Sixth—That the employment directly by the city of labor where this can be done as economically as otherwise, and not for political purposes, should be favored.

And finally the City Council of said city disapproves of a contract of seven years' duration as not to the city's advantage, and especially protests against any further attempt to de-municipalize any existing department.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of this matter to the Committee on Lamps on the part of the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that the majority of the members of this Board think this proposition is a fair one, and I hope it will not be referred to the Committee on Lamps, but will be passed here at the present time. I think most of the members of the Board believe in these resolutions, and I think they should act in accordance with their belief.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, at a previous meeting of this Board an order for an investigation on the part of the Board was referred to the Committee on Lamps, I consider that this is a matter which would naturally be considered by the Lamp Committee. For that reason if for no other I ask its reference to the Committee on Lamps.

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Lamps.

22. Report of the Committee on Building Department, no action necessary, on petition of J. E. Cousens for leave to build a wooden addition on rear of Commonwealth Ave., near Essex St., Wd. 25.

Accepted in concurrence.

23. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Blue Hill Ave., corner Stanwood St., Wd. 20, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a car-house; main building occupied for same purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, to consider Nos. 24, 25 and 26, unfinished business, together, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

24. S. B. Keene, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

25. William J. Walter, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

26. Frederick A. Jones, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery and a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Codman and Doyle. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### POLE ON OAK STREET.

The Board proceeded to take up special assignment, No. 27, viz:—

27. Hearing on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Oak St., Wd. 4.

Further assigned, on motion of Ald. Presho.

Later in the session the Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to indefinitely postpone the petition, as a report had been made covering the matter.

#### LAND FOR BURIAL PURPOSES.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 29, past assignment, viz:—

29. Report of Committee on Cemeteries (Ald.) granting leave to withdraw on a petition of the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association for permission to use certain land on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts. for burial purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Doyle.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows:—

John Lorgenfeld, one, corner Boston and Rawson Sts., Wd. 16.

Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., two, corner Columbus Ave. and Ruggles St., Wd. 18.

Albert Geiger, two, 559 Columbus Ave. corner Wellington St., Wd. 12.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, July 10, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### STORAGE OF OIL.

The Fire Commissioner submitted a report on the petition of the Roslindale Hardware Co. for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at rear 29 Poplar St., Wd. 23—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

#### INVESTIGATION OF POLICE DEPT.

Ald. BRICK called up past assignment 28, viz:—

28. Ordered, That the Aldermanic Committee on Police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary, in its opinion, to improve the administration of the Police Department of the city, and what amendments, if any, should be made to such laws as come within the special cognizance of the Board of Police; and that said committee be authorized to give public hearings, if necessary, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that before that order is passed or before we attempt to charge up any expense to the contingent fund, the alderman who introduced it should give some reason why the order for investigation should have been offered, stating his reasons for introducing it. I think myself there ought to be some reason stated, that he should enlighten us as to why he introduced the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I was about to make a motion that this matter be further assigned. Later on I shall have something to say to the Board in regard to it. I move, as a substitute for Ald. Brick's motion, that the matter be further assigned.

The order was further assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Messrs. Wm. H. Kenney and Nathaniel G. Robinson.

Approved by the Board.

#### STATE HIGHWAY TAX.

Notice was received from the State

Treasurer of assessment due from the County of Suffolk for the State Highway tax for the year 1899, amounting to \$68.78.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

#### SCHOOL BUILDING, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:  
City of Boston, in School Committee,

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, Feb. 14, a communication from the City Council, requesting that an additional primary school building be provided in the Dorchester Centre District, Wd. 20, report that the selection of a proper site for a new school in the district referred to is now under consideration, and your committee hope to report thereon at an early date. Your committee recommend that this report be transmitted to the City Council, and that they be also informed that it is the intention of the School Committee to provide the additional accommodations asked for as soon as the required bonds for the purpose can be obtained. For the Committee,

E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio,  
Secretary.

Sent down.

#### NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

The following was received:  
City of Boston, in School Committee,

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, Mar. 23, a communication from the City Council, requesting the School Committee to remodel the Chapman school building, and to add a six-room wing to it, also to widen corridors, rebuild the stairs, provide suitable sanitarious for the boys and install a system of heating and ventilation, and report to them at their earliest convenience, report that they have considered the matter and recommend that the City Council be informed that it is the intention of the School Committee to replace the present Chapman schoolhouse by an entirely new building, the plans for which are now being drawn and will be completed at an early date. For the Committee,

E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio,  
Secretary.

Sent down.

#### CLERK HIRE.

A statement was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that the work had been actually performed to the amount of \$2165.26.

Approved by the Board.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration upon all matters, hoping that the same would not prevail; lost.

#### REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree on estate of J. M. B. Reynolds, 85 Mt. Pleasant Ave.; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. O'TOOLE presented a petition from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

of Mass. for the trimming of trees on Dudley St.

In connection with the above Ald O'Toole presented the following:—

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to trim the trees on Dudley St. between Harrison Ave. and Washington St., any expense incurred therefor to be charged to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, who agree to pay the same.

LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors licenses be granted to 64 newsboys, 27 boot-blacks, 3 flower venders and 1 pedler of small wares.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that licenses be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):—

A. Davis Weld, Trustee, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Eliot Hall, Eliot St., Jamaica Plain, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

F. R. Brown & Co., for a license to run two passenger barges between Rowe's wharf and Bowdoin Sq., via Broad, Kilby, State and Court Sts., and one barge between said wharf and the Northern Station, via Broad St., Merchant's Row, Union St., Haymarket Sq. and Canal St., during the present season.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Bridget C. Flanagan (referred April 24), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget C. Flanagan and Benjamin Lancy the sum of \$354, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Samoset St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 619.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Charles E. Lee (referred April 24), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to B. Heber Richardson the sum of \$70.40, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Westover St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 229.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Charles P. George (referred May 15), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles P. George the sum of \$134.70, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of two estates on Litchfield St., Brighton, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 65.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Clara Flad (referred May 22), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William A.

Plaisted the sum of \$29 03, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cornell St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2486, fol. 600.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Sophronia N. Herrick (referred May 1), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby directed to pay to Sophronia N. Herrick the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2493, fol. 610.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of Therese Kluge et al (referred Jan. 30), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Wilfred Bolster the sum of \$44.03, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on corner Columbus Ave. and Sarsfield St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2410, fol. 433.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Report on the petition of the Boston Penny Savings Bank et al (referred .....), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Boston Penny Savings Bank the sum of \$293.70 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Allston Terrace for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 367.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave to project signs, etc., be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred June 12):—

C. F. Tomey, 2 barber poles, at 25 Cunard St., Wd. 18.

L. Starr & Co., 2 small show cases, at 23 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Pain's Fireworks Co., a sign, at 110 State St., Wd. 6.

M. I. Bornstein, an auctioneer's flag, at 3 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Solomon A. Epstein, 2 mortar signs, at 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

P. Schendel & Co., an illuminated sign, at 55 Court St.

Wong Co., a sign, at 169 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Israel Finkelstein, a sign, at 2805 Washington St., Wd. 22.

J. G. Stone, a sign, at 833 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

John J. Joynt, a transparency, at 11 Broadway Extension, Wd. 7.

F. W. Reeves, an illuminated druggist's mortar, at 1 Green St., Wd. 6.

Harry Freiberg, a sign, at 321 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

C. H. Jackson, an illuminated sign, at 93 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Frederick C. Martin, a sign, at 30 Warrenton St., Wd. 7.

Max Shachtanwitz, 3 barber poles, at 63 North St., Wd. 6.

Frank E. Wyman & Co., a V-shaped sign, at 9 Otis St., Wd. 7.

Jesse M. Patrick, 2 barber poles, at 78 Green St., Wd. 8.

Harry Crocker (referred May 25), a sign, at 4 Dwight St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to construct cellar bottoms at grade 10, in accordance with the following petitions:—

S. A. Woods Machine Co., (referred June 12), building on Earl St., near Dorr St., Wd. 15.

Frederick Ayer (referred today), stable at 10-12 Scotia St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows as follows:—

B. A. Dyer (referred May 22), two, building corner Quincy and Magnolia Sts., Wd. 20, (to project not over 18 inches).

Charles W. Alden (referred May 29), two, building No. 179-181 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Sophia M. Hawk (referred May 29), one, building No. 647 East Broadway, Wd. 14.

James M. Libby (referred May 22), one, building No. 10 Tremont St., Wd. 3.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions, as recommended by the Committee.

(4) Report on the petition of The Massachusetts General Hospital (referred May 29,) for leave to project facades from building No. 496-500 Washington St., corner Bedford St., Wd. 7, to project over both streets—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I thought the Chairman was to make a statement in regard to that. The Committee gave a hearing to various persons and thought this was a matter of the policy which should be followed one way or the other on these bay windows especially in this district, and was of sufficient moment to be considered by all the members of the Board. The Committee had not made up its mind, but thought the subject was sufficiently important to bring into the Board and let the Board decide whether it would adopt one policy or the other. That is the reason why the report was made in this form.

Ald. COLBY—Why not discuss the matter here and pass upon it without referring to the Committee? While I do not wish to be considered as reflecting on the Committee, it seems to me the Committee should have decided upon some policy one way or the other, before making the recommendation. We are willing to do our duty, but as committees are appointed to investigate and hear evidence, they ought to make some recommendation. I think the matter should be disposed of without referring it to the Committee.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I am free to say that I think this is something which ought to be granted. It improves property, makes it more valuable. This particular window is designed to be used as a show window at the corner of Bedford and Washington Sts., and I am thoroughly in favor of granting the petition. But the Committee thought it was better that it should go to the Committee on Public Improvements, where we could all talk it over, and where the members could express their views about it. I am free to say that I don't care what the others think about it. My mind is made up, and I will vote for it, anyway.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I agree

to this report, as a member of the Committee, but I am not prepared to vote upon the subject matter today. The first information I have had about it was within a very short time, and I have not been up to view the property. I was rather inclined to vote against it without seeing it, but I thought it would be well to have it reported in this way, so that it could be passed upon by the full board. This is, undoubtedly, as has been suggested, an important measure, a question of policy. If this permit is granted, there will be tens and hundreds asked for right through the business district. The Committee felt, inasmuch as the contractors wanted to close their contracts, and wanted to know what the specifications were to be, that this should be reported in this way. We thought it should be hurried up as much as possible. That was the object of the Committee, as I understood it, in voting to make this reference.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, there is really little for the members to learn on this particular question aside from what I am able to state to them today. In fact, if any member of the Board will ask any reasonable question concerning this particular matter, I feel perfectly competent to enlighten him. The owners of the estate are personally known to me, and I have given the matter attention almost since the foundation was laid for the new building on the corner of Bedford and Washington Sts.

The only objector is Mr. Minot, who represents the adjoining estate.—I understand as part owner. His objections are not serious, from the fact that his building is an old building. It is only a question of a short time when that adjoining building will, in all likelihood, be remodelled; and if it is the owners of this adjoining estate, now petitioning for this right, will be and are willing to allow him the same right in connection with the other building, without objection on their part. They have told me that they will not object to Mr. Minot having the same privilege that they now ask. In addition, there is on that other building at present a projection of a foot and a half. True, it is not a bay window, but it is a projection over the street, which in a measure would cause the same inconvenience to the corner people that the right asked for in connection with the corner building would cause to them. This corner building is in process of construction, a quarter of a million is to be invested in it, and the contractors are anxious to get along with the work and complete it, because, as I understand the circumstances, the building has to be completed within a certain time, subject to forfeit. This is my only interest in the matter—that the people who own the property and intend to occupy it are personal friends of mine, and I am therefore acquainted with the facts. I would very much like to see the matter acted on this afternoon in open board. There is really nothing the Committee on Public Improvements can learn that I am not ready at this moment to state, in answer to any question which may be put. True, I cannot go into technical questions, but any such question as it is natural for members of the Board to ask I feel perfectly competent to answer.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman a question—if he is willing to commit himself to the policy of giving permits for the projection of bay windows on Washington St. at this time?—because it simmers down to that, and I would like to ask the gentleman if he is willing to commit himself to that policy?

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, that is a fair question, and I am prepared to answer it—with this qualification, that circumstances alter cases. There are projections of a certain character, like that petitioned for in connection with this building, that I am willing to put myself on record as not objecting to at any time. If, however,

a three-foot extension were asked for on a street of the character of many of the streets in the section of the city we both represent, to a certain extent, I would probably object to it. I cannot honestly believe, however, that there can be the slightest reasonable objection to granting a permit of this kind. I don't see why the matter should be delayed. Of course, I have my own voice and vote here and will be recorded in favor of the proposition, to-day or later, but there is nothing whatever that will be gained by the delay, and, as this is something that will be appreciated by the people interested, and is a permit that should be granted, I trust that the Board will act favorably upon it at this time.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I am very glad that the Alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) has so much information upon this matter; but, at the same time, he should be willing to allow to other members of the Board of Aldermen, who have not been so fortunate as to be placed on the Committee on Building Department, an opportunity to look into it? As I understand it, this is a distinct innovation in the matter of building bay windows, and I think it is of enough importance to allow the other members of the Board to go up there and visit the place and look into it for themselves. Consequently I hope the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman if he knows the width of Bedford St.?

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, Bedford St. is over thirty feet wide, and I think it is forty feet. I know it is over thirty.

Ald. CODMAN—According to the map as scaled the street is not thirty feet wide, and if it is not thirty feet wide, according to the ordinances, petitioners can only make projections of 18 inches. There are several other questions in connection with the matter. The plans were not submitted to the Committee for more than a few minutes—it was the Committee's fault, to be sure, because they were not there, but I think it is due to the members of the Board to look into the matter, and I trust, for that reason, that it will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I don't know that it is necessary to refer it back today.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I can speak with authority as to the width of Bedford St. It is thirty-seven feet wide at the narrowest part, and from that it goes up to forty-four feet.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. DAY submitted a report on the petition of John Morrison (referred today)— recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to John Morrison to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on rear 39 Sumner St., Wd. 2, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied as a coal pocket.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### PUBLIC LANDING, DORCHESTER.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of (\$500) five hundred dollars to be expended for the completion of the Public Landing, Dorchester Bay.

Passed. Sent down.

#### EXPENSE OF ENROSSING.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the expense attending engrossing resolutions on the death of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan be charged to City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

#### SCHOOLROOM FOR WARD ROOM.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That this Board hereby requests the School Committee to allow the use of one of the rooms in the Emerson Schoolhouse as a ward room for Wd. 1, it being necessary to vacate the present ward room on account of the tearing down of the schoolhouse in which it is located.

Passed. Sent down.

#### CHANGE IN ORDINANCE.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—City of Boston, in the year one thousand eight and ninety-nine.

An Ordinance relative to the Ward Room for Ward One.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Section 1. Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 4 by striking out, in the eighth line of said section, the words "Chapman Schoolhouse, Eutaw St.," and inserting in place thereof the words "Emerson Schoolhouse, Prescott St."

Passed. Sent down.

#### CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Police be hereby requested to close to travel by vehicles on Thursday, June 29, 1899, for the formation and passage of a parade of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, certain streets, as follows:—

For formation of the parade, at 7 o'clock P. M. Beacon St. between Park and Charles Sts., Charles St., between Beacon and Boylston Sts., Arlington St. and Berkeley St.

For the passage of the parade, at 8 o'clock P. M. Beacon St. to Exeter St., Exeter and Dartmouth Sts., Huntington Ave., West Newton, Washington and School Sts., and Beacon St. to Charles St.

Passed.

#### RELOCATION OF FLAGPOLE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the City Messenger be instructed to remove the flagpole now in Monmouth Sq., and relocate it at the junction of Saratoga and Bayswater Sts., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed. Sent down.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree near estate of J. M. Wade, 55 Forest St., Wd. 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate 182 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

## FIRING OF ROCKETS, ETC.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the firing of rockets, squibs, crackers, serpents, torpedoes, and similar fireworks, be permitted in the public streets, commons and squares of this city, on Tuesday, the Fourth day of July next, between the hours of four o'clock A.M. and twelve o'clock midnight.

Passed.

## CALL FOR REPORTS.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I desire to give notice at this time that at the next meeting of the Board I shall ask for a report of the special committee appointed to investigate gas and electric lighting matters, and also for a report from the Chairman of the Committee on bituminous coal. Both those committees, have been appointed, and there is a stir in this city today in regard to those matters. The newspapers are full of criticisms, and statements have been made by a man who, whatever his other characteristics may be, is at least financially sound, to the effect that there are many things connected with the gas interests in this city that are not right. I think that is a question which the Committee ought to take into consideration. Committees are not appointed merely for the purpose of being appointed. Being myself a member of the Committee on bituminous coal I have several times asked the Chairman of the Committee to have the committee take some action in regard to the matter and make a report, and he has never done anything. What the purpose of the Committee is I cannot conceive. If it has no purpose in existence, I think it ought to be discharged. If the committee on gas and electric lighting matters has no real purpose, no excuse for its existence, I shall also ask at the next meeting of the Board that that committee be discharged or a new committee appointed.

## RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEES.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, before going into recess I desire at this time to inform the Chairman that, while I do not impute any ulterior motives to him in my assignment to committees on Fourth of July entertainment, nevertheless I desire to resign from those committees which the Chair saw fit to place me upon. My principal reason for so doing I suppose I should give to the Chair, and it is, in short, this, that, although at my personal solicitation a small appropriation was especially designated to go to Wd. 12, after I had worked pretty hard to get it through the Chair say fit to appoint some other person than myself as Chairman of that committee; also because, as I understand it, the entire plans of the city in connection with the Fourth of July are to be conducted and carried out by two or three gentlemen, thereby taking away whatever little power the members of the Board of Aldermen as members of the committee had. As those gentlemen will receive whatever share of credit may come from the carrying out of the celebration, I believe they are entitled to receive whatever criticism may come from it also.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair at this time accepts the gentleman's resignation, and desires to say that he appointed a gentleman from that district who has served in this Board two years, and who comes from the same ward as the gentleman who has just spoken. It would probably be more in keeping if the gentleman resigned from both the standing and joint committees.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I believe I informed the Chair that I desired to resign from all committees in connection with the Fourth of July. I distinctly stated "all committees."

The CHAIRMAN—Did the gentleman state "joint and standing committees of the Board of Aldermen?"

Ald. DOYLE—No, I said "Fourth of July committees."

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair simply desires to say that he has placed himself on no committee. While the committees were probably made up hastily, there was no intention to do any member an injustice.

## REOPENING OF SILVER ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Supt. of Streets be requested to reopen Silver St., between A and B Sts., So. Boston, to public travel.

Passed.

## PASSAGEWAY ON BOSTON STREET.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to make a passageway on Boston St. for the convenience of the public, also on Dorchester Ave., where abutments are now being built.

Passed.

## A RECESS TAKEN

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, at 4.30 o'clock, P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5.53 o'clock, P. M., by the Chairman.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 12), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Michael J. O'Brien, artificial sidewalk, 12 Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Elliven Savage, artificial sidewalk with edgestone, 99 and 100 Munroe St., Wd. 21.

A. H. Flint, 542 E. Fifth and on Jay St., Wd. 14.

C. A. Folsom, artificial sidewalk, 3 to 9 Edgewood St., Wd. 21.

Lomer Lahaise, artificial sidewalk, 39-45 Cranston St., Wd. 22.

Wm. W. Sampson, artificial sidewalk, 72 Sheridan St., Wd. 22.

Samuel S. Riddell, 60 Elm St., Wd. 22.

Estate of J. D. Braman, 714 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11.

James Mulcahy, 17-21 Homestead St., Wd. 21.

Catherine Lombard, artificial sidewalk, 103 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Goddard, artificial sidewalk, 32-4 Page St. and on McLellan St., Wd. 20.

James Calder, artificial sidewalk, 69 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Ellen T. Bresnahan, artificial sidewalk, 61 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

John J. Cashen, artificial sidewalk, 58 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

Mary Smiddy, et als., 220, 222, 224 and 226 Paris St., Wd. 2.

A. H. Flint, 81-3 P St., Wd. 14.

J. Homer Pierce, et al., trustees, on Bellevue St., near Columbus Road, Wd. 20.

Marie E. Sundberg, artificial sidewalk, 4 Allston St., Wd. 20.

John Mahan, artificial sidewalk, Dewey St., corner Howard Ave., Wd. 16.

Alice E. Sowdem, artificial sidewalk, 6-8 Allston St., Wd. 20.

Charles F. Collins, artificial sidewalk, 215-7 Washington St., Wd. 20.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Constantini Demara (referred today), for leave to sell merchandise from wheelbarrow on north side of Massachusetts Ave.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Co. (referred today), to erect wooden addition on Blue Hill Ave., corner Stanwood St., Wd. 20—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

(4) Report on the petition of Yarmouth Steamship Co. (referred May 22), for leave to stretch a banner across Atlantic Ave., between Nos. 4 and 3—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw on account of lack of jurisdiction.

Accepted.

(5) Report on the petition of National Express Co. (referred today), for leave to place a sign on unused lamppost at corner of Franklin and Arch Sts., Wd. 7—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Report on message, enclosure and order (referred June 12), relative to sale of Marcella St. Home that the order be passed and sent down with the communication.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Report on the message of the Mayor and order (referred June 22), relative to purchasing ferry boats for street department—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(8) Report on regulation to amend Chap. 6, Revised Regulations, 1898 (referred June 12), concerning use of roadways by vehicles—recommending its passage in the following new draft:—

A regulation to amend chap. 6 of the revised regulation of 1898.

Section 1, Chapter 6, of the Revised Regulations of 1898, is hereby amended in section 13, by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 13. No person shall in any street use any vehicle other than a railroad or railway vehicle, or a vehicle of the fire department, or a vehicle drawn or pushed by an animal, or a vehicle of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen as not endangering the life of property of others.

The report was accepted and the regulation was given its first reading.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that it be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I trust that it will not be assigned to the next meeting of the Board. We have been in Public Improvements, and the gentleman had a chance to voice his sentiments there. I trust that the matter will not be assigned to another meeting. It came from the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The order goes over under the rule.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I was going to ask that it be referred to the Committee on Ordinances on the part of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I was going to ask a suspension of the rule, that the matter might be acted upon here today.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say just a word in reference to that. My reason for asking to have that referred is that, in my opinion, there is a disposition on the part of certain members of the Board to force the issue on this matter at the present time. I am perfectly aware that the matter has been before the Committee on Public Improvements for several months, and I will also agree that I have given the matter very

little attention. I will also agree, however, that it is a very important and serious matter, and that it involves a good deal more than appears on the surface. I am not prepared to say today that I want to put it through in its present form. It comes right down simply to a question of the control of automobiles by the Board of Aldermen. Now, I imagine really that this is one of those matters that will have to regulate itself; that the time is not far distant when it will seem as ridiculous to regulate the use of the streets by different kinds of automobiles as it would be now in the case of horses.

But it is a matter worthy of regulation, at the present time, and my opinion is that the regulation is not framed in just the best possible form. I have not given it thought enough to know just the parts which should be modified, but certainly it will do no harm to consider the matter carefully. It has been before the Board, as I say, for some months. To the best of my knowledge the only attention paid to it was for about fifteen minutes, I should think, and then we did not get very close to the merits of the case, and I see no reason why it should not be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, as any other ordinance naturally would be. Anything in the shape of an ordinance is naturally referred to a committee of that sort. I do not ask for that reference for the purpose of delay, because I know of no reason why we should delay, but I believe the matter is entitled to more consideration than has been given to it up to the present time.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, this matter has been in the Board some four or five months and has been discussed, and has slumbered more or less in the Committee on Public Improvements, and it will only have its first reading today, apparently. I think proper attention can be given to it if it has its first reading today and its second reading at the next meeting of the Board. If it is sent to the Committee on Ordinances, it is very likely to have a long sleep. Now, if there is any merit in it—and I am not quite prepared to say whether there is or not—I think we can thresh it out in this meeting and the succeeding meetings of the Board.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, while I shall undoubtedly vote for this measure after it comes back from the Committee on Ordinances, because I believe they will make it so strong that it will be distinctly understood—it seems to me, having a committee on ordinances, that it is their purpose and business to go into the meat of the matter and to ascertain what is necessary for this board to pass. As I say, I favor some restrictions or other being put on automobiles, but I want to vote for something that will be an ironclad measure, something that cannot be broken. When this goes to the Committee on Ordinances they can look into the matter carefully and report a strong ordinance to the board so that we can vote for it intelligently.

The regulation was declared referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. BRICK doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Ordinances was lost, yeas 5, nays, 7.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, O'Toole, Presho—7.

The CHAIRMAN—The order lies over under the rules.

(9) Reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John P. Squire & Co. to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 3 ft. 5 in. by 5 ft. 7 in. with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 62 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, accord-

ing to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. Thomas Baldwin to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Bartlett and Sullivan Sts., Wd. 4; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Ed. Muhlwitz to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Mercer and Eighth Sts., Wd. 15; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Frederick J. Berthel, Jr., to construct, maintain and use two coal hole openings 14 inches in diameter, with iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Ruggles St. and Columbus Ave. Extension; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mead, Mason & Co. to erect, maintain, and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, at and over the corner of Bennington and Marion Sts., and one on Lexington St., between No. 67 and No. 69; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(10) Report on the petition of the Trustees of the Municipal Real Estate Trust (recommended June 12), for leave to lay an iron pipe from 78 to 94 Portland St. Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Trustees, Municipal Real Estate Trust, to lay, maintain, and use a four-inch iron pipe, with smaller pipe enclosed therein, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 78 Portland St., Wd. 6, as shown on plan on file in the office of the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### CONTRACT MONEY TO BE HELD.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to refrain from paying any money under the contract made the 31st day of May, 1899, between the Rising Sun Street Lighting Co., Wesley A. Gove, President, and the City of Boston; James Donovan, Superintendent of Lamps, and approved by Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. DAY doubted the vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman doubts the vote. The question is on the passage of the order.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, that is rather a long drawn out order. In the first place, I cannot consistently and conscientiously vote for that order, for the simple reason that at the present time there is an investigation pending before the Committee on Lamps. As I said earlier in the afternoon, there is another order before that committee. This will simply place me, as Chairman of that Committee, in the position of prejudging my vote. I don't know what it will be. I intend, as

a member of that committee, to thoroughly investigate this thing. Another thing, it is a hardship on the men employed at the present time by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company. We cannot tell how long this thing will extend before they will be able to get their salaries. The gentleman who offered this order is well aware that these men are receiving \$12 a week and that this may tie them up in regard to money matters. For these reasons and no other reasons—in the first place, because I might pre-judge any action I might take on that committee, and, secondly, because of the hardships that will surely come to the men if they do not get their regular pay on Saturday night—I move, as an amendment, that the order be referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I agree entirely with everything that Ald. O'Toole has said and will say further that I do not want to vote for the resolution because the president of this company is an intimate personal friend of mine. I have known him ever since I was an infant, and I have thorough confidence in his integrity. I don't believe he would take part in any contract that was not perfectly proper. I have confidence in the Mayor of Boston and the Superintendent of Lamps, and it seems to me that this order, whether intentionally so or not, is a slap at them. I think it should go, as moved by Ald. O'Toole, to the Committee on Lamps, and that we should not consider it until after that committee has reported.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, last week I put in an order asking for an opinion of the Corporation Counsel in regard to that contract. It was thought by some members that it was a hardship on any Corporation Counsel to be asked to give an opinion where His Honor the Mayor had already made a contract; and therefore, at the advice of some of the legal members of the Government, I put in this order, which I believe should be passed. As regards the men, this corporation is surely good for their pay. It is good for any obligation it may have to the men, and to pass the order will not bring any hardship on the men. But I believe that the principle of the contract is wrong and that this board should stand for the right. We have fought a great battle this year, and we have won. We have stood up for our rights, and we have determined that the City Council of Boston shall handle the finances of the city of Boston with the Mayor. We have won that victory. Now here our power has been again taken away from us. I believe the members of the Board should stand up for their rights and that this is the only way to really bring this matter to an issue. I am not strenuous about the matter, but I do want it brought to an issue. I have heard assertions made by prominent men, men connected in some ways with the government, to the effect that we have the power of determining the methods by which lighting shall be done, also of determining how the lights shall be fixed. If that is the case, that is a great barrier against the legality of this contract. I believe we should surely force this matter to an issue, have it brought right squarely to the test, and it is much better to have it done in this way. The matter will be determined quickly. We will leave the City Treasurer, by the advice of the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel, to take one side or the other, and we will know the reason for it, and then this Board can proceed.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as the member of the Board who introduced the order for an investigation into the contract between the Rising Sun Street Lighting Co. and the City of Boston, I think it is hardly fair to place me in the position of voting upon this order today. Consequent-

ly, I hope it will be referred to the special committee on lamps and taken up in connection with the investigation into that contract.

I have not considered the question whether or not the men will get their pay, regardless of whether the company will get its pay from the city, but I don't think it would be fair to either the company or the citizens to say at this time that that is an illegal contract. No matter what our private opinions may be, let us at least wait and find out whether this is a legal contract or not. For that purpose I hope the order will be referred to the committee on lamps, and will be considered in connection with the inquiry into the contract.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for the order as introduced by the alderman from Charlestown and not for reference to the Committee, and for these reasons, I have no desire to reflect upon the President of the company in question. I have no doubt he is an estimable gentleman and is making a contract which, so advisable one for his company. I have no doubt he has been advised that his contract is perfectly legal, and has no doubt made such a contract as he thinks is an advisable one for his company. I have no doubt the Mayor thinks he is acting rightfully when he enters into a contract of that sort, but I very much doubt whether he is on the right end of it. As I understand it, it is proposed to refer the matter to a committee. What will that determine? Nothing. It simply means that they will get an opinion which will not be a judicial opinion and which will settle nothing. For instance, the committee may decide on the evidence presented to them that that the contract is illegal. What of it? That will not help matters any. We might decide here in five minutes that the contract is illegal. What would happen then? Nothing. Or we might decide that that it is legal. What would happen then? Nothing. Nothing will be done with this matter until it is brought before some court of competent jurisdiction. The fact is that the matter has been in the air, and it was of serious import enough for quite a number of the gentlemen connected with this board to consider it at some length. So really it was of some importance. I doubt whether any of the gentlemen who have the matter in charge have considered it as much since as before the last meeting we had. I don't understand that any steps have been taken since.

My experience with committees has been that, no matter how faithful they intend to be or how diligent they are, the results are long drawn out. Now, if this contract is illegal the sooner we find it out the better. Sooner or later we will be involved in some sort of a lawsuit, and the sooner the facts are determined, as to whether the contract is right or wrong, the better it will be. It strikes me that if this order gets to the Treasurer the issue will then be raised, and it will have to be determined at once. As far as an opinion from the Law Department is concerned, if that department sends us down one opinion one way or the other it will not determine anything. It will be as open a question as it is now; and it seems to me, rather than have all this talk back and forth about what is right or wrong, it would be better for all concerned for us to pass this order. That will bring the matter to an issue. I should think the Company would rather have the question determined at once than to go along for some time before it is brought into court—and I have been told that people interested in the matter intend some time to force it into the courts. This certainly is a very easy way to force the issue, and if it is determined that the contract is valid the court will simply order the Treasurer to pay the money. That is all. I don't see that it

implies any reflection upon anybody—it simply clears up the atmosphere and is better for everybody. Everything is unsatisfactory, so long as a doubt exists. Of course, it is a mooted question whether the contract is valid or not. It has been under discussion since the contract was under contemplation—there is no secret about that. If that is the fact, why not have it cleared up?

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that behind the resolution is an ulterior purpose, and that is to make a slash at the administration. As the alderman who preceded me has suggested, any ten citizens of this city can get together and, by filing a bill in equity, restrain the administration. It seems to me if this is passed today it will put upon the action of the administration, the Mayor, the stamp of disapproval, and I shall not vote for that and I don't think the Board should. I think it should first be determined whether the contract is legal or not. I shall vote against the order.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, the alderman from Wd. 6 has said that there is no doubt an ulterior motive in the opposition to this, that the motive is a political one. I will say that I am ready here and now, as far as contracts of this kind are concerned, to say that they are against democratic principles. Nobody doubts that for a moment. The alderman and I will stand on this floor and vote for certain motions in the direction of municipal ownership. But I dare say the gentleman on my left (Ald. Colby), in whom I have the greatest confidence, would not dare to vote for that, would refuse to do so. That is not the question. Supposing we pass this order today—as I said in other remarks on this subject today, it would result in harsh methods towards the men now employed in the Lamp Department, and who will be employed by this new company. That is certainly so. They will not be able to get their usual salary on Saturday night. I think this committee has got the matter in charge, and I will say, with the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), that I, as Chairman of that committee, have looked into this matter carefully. As he has truly said, on other investigating committees everything has gone wrong. But I can assure him that if there is anything back of this contract, I, as one member of this committee on lamps, will probe into it to the farthest extent. I think, as I said in the early part of the afternoon, that this order is unnecessary, and I trust that it will not be adopted.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, It looks to me as though those members who charge that there is something behind this are trying to screen themselves, trying to protect this company. I want to know upon what grounds the Mayor and the Superintendent of Lamps acted, and if I cannot get this order through I serve notice that I shall try to call up the order I introduced last week. I allowed that to lie over, in deference to other members. But I know, from my acquaintance with the legislature, that the Corporation Counsel was up there opposing the interests of the City Council, and I feel that this matter should be brought to a conclusion; that, as Ald. Colby says, we should find out where we stand. It would be for the interest of the company for it to know just where it is at. Therefore, if this order is not passed I give notice that I will press the order I introduced last week.

The order was rejected—yeas 4, nays 7:  
Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby., Presno—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I shall call for a report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the order I introduced last week which was laid over out of courtesy to the Law Department, and which at that time carried with it an order that it should be reported at that meeting.

I call for a report of the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will ask the members to take notice of the request made by the Alderman.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, July 10th, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M. on the following petitions:

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect and to remove poles on Centre St., Wd. 22.

Same company (referred June 12), for leave to erect five poles in King St., Wd. 24.

Same company (referred June 12) for leave to erect and to remove one pole on East Second St., between M and L Sts., Wd. 14.

Same company (referred June 12) for leave to erect poles on Waban St., Wd. 21, Mansfield St., Wd. 25, and Tophit St., Wd. 20, and to erect and remove one pole on Washington St., corner Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Same company (referred June 12), for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wait St., Wd. 19.

Same company (referred June 12), for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Market St. and Western Ave., Wd. 25.

Boston Electric Light Co. (referred June 12), for leave to erect poles on Savin Hill Ave., Adams St., Dorchester Ave., St. Alphonsus St., Fellows St. and McCreer St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 12), recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove three poles from Oak St., Wd. 4, said poles being shown by red and blue dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated March 9, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the same company (referred June 12), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated April 30, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:—

Rockland St., Wd. 25, 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to remove two poles from Rockland St., said poles being shown on red dots on plan aforesaid.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (referred last year), that the Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Company be allowed to attach its span wires to poles of the petitioner on North Beacon St., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and to the Newtonville & Watertown Street Railway Co. to attach, the span

wires of said railway company to the poles of the telephone company on North Beacon St., between Union Sq. and the Watertown line.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted May 22), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 2, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Carruth St., Wd. 24, 7 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

Eaton Sq., Wd. 20, 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order laid on the table, on motion of Ald. Codman.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (referred June 12), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. in which to erect and to remove poles on Northampton St., under the order passed by this board October 17, 1898, be and the same is hereby extended to July 30, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of the same company (referred May 22), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass., in which to erect poles on Lincoln, Franklin and North Harvard Sts., under the order passed by this board November 21, 1898, be and the same is hereby extended to September 1, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted May 22), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 5, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

La Grange St., Wd. 23, 40 poles, 25 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, sect. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, April 17th, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the following petitions (severally referred today):

West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Ry. Co., to be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham & Boston St. Ry. Co. at the Boston line at Spring St., and to use the cars of the last-named company on its lines from Spring St. to Forest Hills.

West End St. Ry. Co., for location for track at junction of Washington and Roxbury Sts.

West End Street Ry. Co., for leave to lay a curve track at corner of Washington and Eustis Sts.

The Thompson & Norris Co., for leave to lay railroad tracks across Lincoln St., Brighton.

West End St. Ry. Co., for a location for an extension of its tracks on Washington St., Dorchester, to Codman St., also on Codman St. to Dorchester Ave., with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

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OYSTER BEDS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Vessels and Ballast Dept. (Ald.), submitted a report on the order (referred June 12), authorizing R. R. Higgins & Co. and others to plant, grow and dig oysters upon the portions of Bird Island Flats, in Boston Harbor, which have in previous years been occupied by them for said purpose—That said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Committee on Public Improvements be directed to report at this session on the order I offered at the last meeting, asking for the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the recent Rising Sun lighting contract.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is in possession of another order from Ald. O'Toole.

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NEXT MEETING.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday, June 29, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I understand that that order carries adjournment with it. I made a motion that I would like to have considered, and I think it is nothing but fair that it should be considered. I understand that that order carries adjournment with it.

(The order was read for the information of Ald. Presho).

The order was passed.

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN WD. 9.

Chairman BARRY offered the following orders:—

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate, at its next meeting, the sum of four thousand dollars, to be used for the improvement of Oneida St., Wd. 9.

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate, at its next meeting, the sum of four thousand dollars, to be used for the improvement of Seneca St., Wd. 9.

Severally passed.

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CONDITION OF NORTH END PLAYGROUND.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to place North End Playground and North End Beach in proper condition for use during the present summer months.

Passed. Sent down.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Day, the Board refused reconsideration of all votes taken today, not previously reconsidered.

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CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORT RE-NEWED.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Committee on Public Improvements be directed to report at this session on the order offered by me last week in relation to the contract between

the city and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company.

The CHAIRMAN—The Committee will take notice of the request of the alderman.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I make that as a motion.

The motion was carried.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion was declared lost.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask what Chairman it is to be at the call of—the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen or the Chairman of the Committee on Public Improvements?

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, the recesses that have been taken here during my time, in accordance with such a motion, have been always subject to the call of the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. Presho's motion was carried, yeas 9, nays 3.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Day—3.

The CHAIRMAN—And the Board stands adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, that is not my motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The motion was made to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair, and the Chair has no knowledge of any business before the Board.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will give the gentleman a fair chance to reply. A motion has been passed by this Board that the Board adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

Ald. PRESHO—I call for the reading of the stenographer's notes.

The CHAIRMAN—Will the alderman kindly allow the Chair to continue? The motion made by the alderman and carried by the Board was that when this Board adjourned it adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. The Chair is not now in possession of any business, and declares the Board adjourned.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I appeal to the members of the board whether this is fair treatment? I call for the reading of the stenographer's notes. It was a very unfair thing for the Chairman of this Board to put the motion through in that way, deliberately overriding the rights of a parliamentary assembly. I dare him to continue in his course.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair demands that the alderman take his seat.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I ask that the stenographer's notes be read, because my motion was not as stated by the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has already stated that the Board stood adjourned subject to the call of the Chair. Now the Chair is ready to call the Board to order again. But the Chair will say, in speaking from the Chair, that the Chair has had some experience with parliamentary law. There was nothing else for the Chair to do. The trouble has been that the gentleman was too hasty and did not wait—

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. If the Chair wants to argue the question let him step on the floor.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Presho has the floor.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I call for the reading of the stenographer's notes.

The CHAIRMAN—It isn't for any stenographer's notes to decide—we had to adjourn to be called to order again.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that I made a motion to take a recess subject to the call of the

Chair, and I call for the reading of the records of the official stenographer.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is now ready to entertain any motion the gentleman desires to make.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I call for the reading by the stenographer of the motion that I made.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, as a matter of personal privilege, with all due respect to the Chair, it strikes me that that should be read. If I knew what I was voting for at all—it may be I did not—I was voting for a recess. If the Chair states that I was voting for adjournment, then I was mistaken in the motion that was made. I understood the gentleman on my left (Ald. Presho) to make a motion to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair, and I think the Chairman himself was hasty.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that a motion was made to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. That motion was carried, and the Chair had no way of entertaining business until the body was called to order again. If the gentleman has any business to present, the Board is in session.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say that this proceeding is to me entirely ridiculous. It is very unusual for me, after holding office in parliamentary bodies for nine years to see anything of this kind. I believe the rights of parliamentary bodies are inviolable, and they have been greatly outraged this afternoon. The board did not vote to adjourn. The board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, and the Chair declared that the board was adjourned. I call for the reading of the motion. I desire to set myself right.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me the motion that should have been made was to have the board go into committee of the whole, and then the Chair would have called the aldermen together and we could have decided the matter. Instead of that, the matter was left entirely in the hands of the Chair to say when the board should be called together again. Consequently, under that motion I suppose he might decide that the Board should be called together Thursday. However, he has seen fit to call us together again, and I presume we can now go on.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman,

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is ready to entertain business and has no desire to shut business off. Is there anything the gentleman desires to present.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I desire fair treatment, and I move that my motion be read.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will request the stenographer to read the motion made by Ald. Presho.

(The stenographer read Ald. Presho's motion.)

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is due an apology for the ruling he has made and the misquotation of the Alderman representing Charlestown. He has asked to have the stenographer read the motion, and the stenographer has read it.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I feel that I should rise to a question of personal privilege as to my rights in this assembly. I made a motion, and the fact that I made that motion—that we take a recess—has been corroborated by the stenographer. The Chair declared that we had adjourned, instead of declaring that we had voted to take a recess. I think it was great unfairness to me on the part of the Chair to take that action. I would now, in order to avoid any further talk, make a motion that we take a recess in order that the Committee on Public Improvements may meet.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in order that we may understand that we are

to meet again, I would move to amend that motion—that we take a recess for fifteen minutes—and then the Chair will understand exactly that we are going to meet again.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the gentleman accept the amendment?

Ald. PRESHO—I don't think it is necessary to do that. I have endeavored to be fair in this matter and have been perfectly willing to leave these things in the hands of the Chair. I am perfectly willing to do so at the present time. If the Chair wants to take advantage of me or anybody else and override parliamentary law, he may do so.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is unfair in his remarks. For the gentleman to put into my mouth something I did not say, to attribute to me something I did not do, is unfair.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I make the motion that we take a recess for five minutes.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I don't think it is necessary to limit the time for which the Board takes a recess. It is not the ordinary usage for this Board to do so, and, as the alderman from Charlestown has moved that we take a recess subject to the call of the Chair, I believe the motion should go through in that way without any amendment.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it has been the custom in many of the official bodies I have attended to take a recess for a certain length of time, the member making the motion saying how long he would like the recess to be, and it seems to me that is a fair proposition and a fair motion. I have made the motion, in order that we may understand exactly when we are to meet again.

Ald. Presho's motion, that the Board take a recess subject to the call of the Chair, was carried, and the Board took a recess at 6.49 P.M. The Board was called to order again at 6.58 P.M.

#### RIISING SUN LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted a report on the order (referred June 12) requesting the Corporation Council to inform the Board whether the contractor entered into with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, dated May 31, 1899, is legal, etc.—That the said order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the said order.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I move that that report be referred to the Committee on Lamps on the part of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that the order as received is an order which this Board refused to pass. After the Board refused to pass the order there was a general reconsideration, on motion of Ald. Day, of motions and orders passed by the Board this afternoon. The Chair entertained that motion, and reconsideration was lost. The result is that this order has no standing, now that reconsideration has been refused, and only one reconsideration can be had on an order.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that this order has not been acted upon previously today, that at the last meeting it was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and that it is now reported by that committee. The Chair is entirely mistaken in regard to the previous order I put in.

The CHAIRMAN—Then the Chair is in error. The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to renew the motion I made, that it be referred to the Committee on Lamps on the part of the Board of Aldermen and that the vote be taken by yeas and nays.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that this is a straight request for information as to the law, entirely regardless of the action of that committee. We

must know where we are at, on what ground we stand, and by throwing this order aside we are merely playing into the hands of the corporation. Where are our tax-payers? When they see this contract calling for a yearly expenditure of \$60,000 more, where are they, in what position are they placed, if we vote to send this order to the Committee on Lamps? This order should be passed.

We should know the reasons governing the action that was taken and the law that we stand upon. It was admitted to me today that the power to determine the method of lighting, the fixing and putting up of lamps, is vested by ordinance in this Board. If that is true, this contract is null and void. We should stand, gentlemen, for our own rights and should have the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. If this company cannot stand the light of day, if it has got to resort to subterfuges, if its legal position cannot bear examination, it had better get out of the business.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote against the passage of the order, in line with the consistent position I have taken in this Board during the present year on this and other matters. The members of the Board are aware that I have been to personal expense to obtain reliable information, and I suggest that they go to the same expense that I did, that they employ good legal talent, as I did. I don't give a snap of my finger for Mr. Bailey's opinion in this matter, and I say that with no reflection whatever on him, because he is a paid servant of the city of Boston and is naturally influenced by the influences at work in the corner of the building. I want to say here and now that my contention is that the proper place for this matter is the courts. I will qualify what I said about the Corporation Counsel, because I said it in haste; but I do want to say it is fair to presume that the Corporation Counsel passed on this question, because, as he is the legal representative of the city, it is natural to assume that the Mayor consulted him. If that is so, we do not care to hear from him. The cold facts are that the contract has been signed and that the only way to get at this matter is to pay out a few dollars and go to court.

Let a few of the distinguished members of this board who are bright legal lights give up a little of their valuable time in behalf of the people and ask the courts to rule on this question. There has been too much cheap talk on this whole proposition. I do not believe in it myself, and I am not going to make a dunce of myself by voting on propositions that make us look like fools in the eyes of the public. I propose to be fair and right, in politics I follow the dictates of the party to which I belong. But when I am elected to this board I follow the dictates of conscience and do what I think is right. That has been my position right along on this matter and in other matters, and if the other members of the Board are too poor to go to the courts they will find me over the way and I will give the money to them.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I do not take the same position in reference to this order that I did in reference to the last order offered by the same gentleman. I cannot consistently vote for the passage of this order inasmuch as I am on the committee on lamps, which has an investigation of that contract now under way. Consequently I don't think it is fair to ask them to obtain an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that might in any way influence the minds of the members of that committee. I think if the opinion is to be obtained it should be obtained by the Board, and it will then probably be referred with the other matters to the Committee on Lamps.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the wealthy and consistent alderman from Ward 6 (Ald. Berwin) has stated here that he wants this matter settled by the courts. Where was he a few minutes ago when we

had a vote that would have put the matter right before the courts? He was suddenly called out—he was not recorded on it. His vote might have changed the whole situation, the whole condition of things, but he was not here to vote upon that question. That was just the time when we needed his vote, and he was missing. That was an order directing the Treasurer to stop payment, and that would have brought the matter to an issue immediately in the courts. He now gets up and talks about consistency. He says he wants us to go to the courts, that that is the place to accomplish something. Whatever the ideas of members may be in regard to the Corporation Counsel's opinions, it certainly seems perfectly proper and right that the Board should ask his opinion in this case, and when his opinion is sent in let it go to the committee that is to investigate this matter to start with. It will certainly do no harm. I am not, perhaps given to over-estimating the opinions of the Corporation Counsel; but I think it is proper to have his opinion sometimes and I think it is not at all out of the way to have his opinion first. When it comes in we can send it to the Committee on investigation.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I presume if I had the large amount of assessable property which the gentleman on my right (Ald. Berwin) exhibited the first time when he ran for the board, I might take it on myself to go to such expense as he suggests. But I am a poor man, and I want to get the opinion of the Corporation Counsel so that I may act on it. I pledge myself that I shall carry this matter to the bitter end, carry it to the courts of the Commonwealth, but before I do I want to have the opinion of the city law department on it. This has been done, I suppose, on advice, like the sewer assessment act. I want to know what the opinion of the Corporation Counsel is upon the matter.

When I pick up the ordinances and see that the City Government has the right to determine the method of lighting and the power to determine in regard to lamps, fixing them up and so forth, I want to see what the Corporation Counsel has to say about that. He presented a draft of the ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances, of which I am a member. Now I want to know if the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel act favorably upon things that they know to be contrary to the law. Surely the Corporation Counsel, with all his experience, knows whether a thing of this kind is according to statute law or not. That is surely something that he can determine. If he places this before us, knowing that it is not in accordance with the law, it is certainly an unfair proceeding, to say the least, and we ought to know it. We ought to find out what is law and what isn't.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I may be lacking in some qualities that go to make up the statesmen from Dorchester and Charlestown (Ald. Codman and Presho), but I have had the courage at all times in this Board to get up and tell just how I stood. I can also say that I have never made a promise to any member of the Board that I have not fulfilled, but there have been some members of the Board who have made promises to me that they have not kept. That, however, does not disturb me at all. I am opposed to the general proposition that we make dunces of ourselves. I was called from this chamber by a call of nature, and so I could not vote on the question, if I knew it was before the Board. But if I were here I should have voted against it, because I do not believe we have any authority to order the City Treasurer to pay or prohibit him from paying out any money. If we had, I suppose some of the members of the Board of Aldermen of last

year would have had their carriage bills paid in good season. So far as that is concerned, it amounts to nothing. I will say here that I have never made any parade of my financial condition at any time. I wish to say to the Alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Fresno) that I have risen from as humble a walk in life as he has.

It was shameful on his part, or on the part of any man, to ridicule me for that, because I am proud of it. Every penny I have I earned; I am not apologizing for myself, but it seems to me shameful that members of this board should take the position they do in regard to me and my actions. I have always been actuated here by the purest of motives, and such treatment seems humiliating to me, because I have treated every member properly during my time here. It seems wrong for the members to come here and ridicule me for things which I have not done and for which I am not in the slightest degree responsible. But let them remember it, and I will remember it. I may not come back to the board next year, but in the balance of the time remaining, whether the board adjourns for my convenience or not, I want to serve notice on those members of the board that before the year is out they will hear from me. This is not a threat, I come from a section of the country where I learned to control myself and not to make threats. But I want the members of the board to know that when I am treated by certain members unfairly and unreasonably I will take a stand in the board that will perhaps make them uncomfortable.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, this matter has gone just about as far as it ought to go. It is a warm night and it is hard to remain cool in some respects after certain things that have taken place here, but we have got to a point where I think we had better get down to a business basis and, whatever personalities have been inaugurated in heretofore, drop them. I sympathize with the alderman who has just spoken—I think things have gotten to a point where there is about to be an explosion. This is neither the time nor the place for it. I think we had better drop the matter for the present and see how we feel the next time we get together; and I am going to move that further consideration of the subject be postponed until next Monday. There is a good deal to be said on all sides of this matter, but I don't think it is proper to say more tonight one way or the other. I move that this be assigned to next Monday.

Ald. FRESHO—Mr. Chairman, when I am the aggressor I am willing to take as good as I have given. I don't care to wound the feelings of any man, but I think after the displays that have been made here this afternoon I might be fairly excused if I should be a little bitter and and should possibly lose my temper. I hope this matter will be decided here. I don't see why there should be a personal debate. I am always willing if a gentleman wants a personal encounter to let him have it. But I think we had better decide this thing this afternoon. We are all thoroughly familiar with it, and I can hardly see the utility of assigning it. I am sure that I can decide upon it without any feeling. I am sure that when I leave here I will leave, as Ald. Colby does, without a particle of feeling. A man who cannot take as well as he gives has no place on the footstool.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am always ready, when I see that anything is not right, to straighten it out—by an apology, if I am at fault. I feel that that is hardly the case here; but if I have said anything which should not have been said,

I am certainly willing to do my part to set it right and to adjust matters. What I said was simply calling attention to what seemed to have occurred. The explanations from the alderman on the other side have, of course, satisfied me fully. It was only the statement he made at the close of his remarks—which he has made not once or twice only, but several times since I have been in the Board—that caused me to make the remark I did make. I trust that the alderman will have no feeling in the matter—certainly no feeling that I attacked him personally. I have a great deal of respect for him as I have known him in the past and as a member of this board.

But I realize that this matter is one that I would like to see fully and properly investigated and my remarks were not against the aldermen but simply with that end in view. I trust that there will be no feeling, as far as any remarks I have made are concerned.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to move, so that I may be consistent in my position, that consideration of the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. COLBY—Doesn't a motion to assign consideration to a definite time take precedence?

The CHAIRMAN—The motion is not in order, because the Chair is solving a doubt. The yeas and nays have been called for by Ald. Day.

Ald. DIXON—Isn't a motion to adjourn now in order?

The CHAIRMAN—The chair is solving a doubt. The question is on reference to the Committee on Lamps to investigate the subject.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't want to be captious about this matter, but I don't think the question now comes on solving a doubt.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is in error. The Chair was informed that Ald. Day called for the yeas and nays on reference to the committee on Lamps. The question now comes on Ald. Berwin's motion, that the whole matter be indefinitely postponed.

Ald. FRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. Ald. Colby moved to assign to the next meeting, which takes precedence of the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will ask the alderman if he made that motion.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I made the motion that further consideration of this whole matter be assigned to the meeting of the Board on next Monday.

The CHAIRMAN—Don't you mean the next meeting of the Board?

Ald. COLBY—Very well—let it go that way.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, the Committee on Institutions meet Thursday at 9 o'clock to visit the different institutions down the Harbor. For that reason, I would like to ask for a reconsideration of the vote whereby we decided to meet on Thursday next at 12 o'clock, making it 5 o'clock Thursday, instead.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am only one member of the Board, but I shall not be here at five o'clock on Thursday. I can be here earlier in the day.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. It occurs to me that we have reconsidered all business transacted this afternoon, and I don't see how a motion of that character can prevail.

Ald. O'TOOLE withdrew his motion.

The Board adjourned at 7:20 P.M., on motion of Ald. Adams, to meet on Thursday, June 29, at 12 noon.

**CITY OF BOSTON.**

**Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen  
and Common Council.**

Thursday, June 29, 1899.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock, M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted on motion of Ald. Day, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

**LOAN FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.**

The following was received:  
Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston,  
June 29, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on June 27th, 1899, appropriating \$100,000 for various municipal purposes.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy,  
Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
June 27, 1899.

Ordered, That this Board having received a communication from the Mayor requesting the making of loan appropriations for the following purposes, and having prepared the following loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deem the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:

Building Department.	
Filing cases and alterations in connection with same.....	\$3,500
Engineering Department.	
Faneull Hall Building, reconstruction, additional .....	8,000
Street Department.	
Congress street bridge, reconstruction....	10,000
Street Improvements, general.....	75,000
Wire Department.	
For carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, additional .....	3,500
	\$100,000

Passed, and we certify that none of the said appropriations are to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Dixon.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.**

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 29, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Charles E. Spaulding a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

**LAND FOR WAR DEPARTMENT.**

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 29, 1899.

To the City Council:—

The United States government, through the War Department, desires to purchase additional land on Long Island for the enlargement of the area already under its ownership, and the Trustees for Paupers have assented to this proposed transfer of land. The price has been agreed to at \$1200 an acre, which, it seems to me, is a fair compensation for the city to receive from the government, and I desire to ask for the speedy passage of the accompanying order, as the War Department desires to take possession of the additional land at once.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Aldermen,

June 29, 1899.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey to the United States government the land on Long Island required by the War Department for an enlargement of the parcel of land on said island already owned by the United States government and used for military purposes, at a price of \$1200 per acre.

Transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

**PETITIONS REFERRED.**

The following petitions were received and were referred to the following committees:  
Building Dept. (Ald.).

J. Morris Meredith et al., trustees, for leave to construct cellar bottom of building on Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeclands streets, at grade 8.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Alex Cava, a sign, at 24 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Alex Cava, a lamp, at 24 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Alland Bros., an illuminated sign, at 19 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Lewis Zona, a sign, at 152½ Castle st., Wd. 9.

Wm. L. Rugg, a sign, at 326 Washington st., Wd. 25.

**Claims.**

Annie Magulre, for payment to John B. Dore of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on East Fourth st.

John Wolf, Jr., & Co., to be paid for damage to team while driving on Endicott st.

Mary Malcy, for compensation for personal injuries caused by a fall in front of 26 High st., Charlestown.

**Police (Ald.).**

George F. Burckhart, to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs.

**Railroads.**

West End Street Railway company for a location for a curve track at the junction of Lexington and Shelby sts., E. B.

**Memorial Day.**

Reports of Memorial Day expenses, viz.:

Benj. Stone, Jr., post 68, G. A. R.

Francis Washburn post 92, G. A. R.

Robert G. Shaw Veteran association.

Thomas F. Meagher command No. 3, U. V. U.

Gen. Joseph Hooker command No. 9, U. V. U.

Trimountain Garrison No. 98, R. A. and N. U.

C. R. Lowell post 7, G. A. R. x

**Public Improvements.**

S. B. Hall, for leave to construct two

areas in sidewalk at 3-5-7 Mindoro st., Wd. 19.

G. W. Harvey, for leave to erect guy posts on Medford st., Wd. 8.

J. Morris Meredith et al., trustees, for leave to use space under sidewalk of building on Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeland sts. for storage of coal.

Robert Farquhar, for leave to attach a rail and sign to cellar opening at 8 So. Market st.

West End Street Railway company, for readjustment of the lines of the sidewalks at the junction of Harrison av. and Northampton st., at the junction of Beach and South sts.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES, ORDER OF NOTICE

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred June 26), for leave to erect poles on Joiner St., Wd. 5—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 10th, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I respectfully ask—as that is a residential street, with small houses, where almost every man owns his own house, and as there will probably be opposition to it—that the order be laid over, to ascertain the feeling of the people in regard to it. I move its assignment to the next meeting.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, it is only an order of notice, and of course there will be a hearing on the matter.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied. I will withdraw my motion.

The order of notice was passed.

#### USE OF STREET VEHICLES.

Ad. ADAMS called up No. 1, unfinished business, viz:—

1. A Regulation to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898.

Section 1. Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898 is hereby amended in section 13 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Sec. 13. No person shall in any street use any vehicle, other than a railroad or railway vehicle, or a vehicle of the fire department, or a vehicle drawn or pushed by an animal, or a vehicle of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen as not endangering the life or property of others.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of T. H. Connolly for leave to project two bay windows from building 2976-8 Washington St., Wd. 22—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 17th, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### TRANSFER OF AUSTIN SCHOOLHOUSE.

The following was received:—  
City of Boston.  
In School Committee,

June 27, 1899.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee the Austin Schoolhouse, on Paris St., East Boston, surrendered by the School Committee, Feb. 12, 1895, the use of said building for school purposes again being required.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio,  
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Austin Schoolhouse on Paris St., East Boston,

which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12th, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee, the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Day.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. PRESHO, for Ald. Colby for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors licenses be granted to 23 newsboys and 9 bootblacks.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### PLANK WALK, MOORE ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a plank walk on the southerly side of Moore St., from Horace St. to Cowper St.

Passed.

#### RESCISSION OF BICYCLE LANTERN ORDER.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to rescind the order passed by it requiring the use of lanterns on bicycles entering the park system of Boston.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I desire to state that I have been requested to do this on behalf of bicycle riders in the city of Boston, for the reason that this action was taken after what they consider a very insufficient hearing held upon this subject at Pine Bank, entirely outside the heart of the city, very few people knowing about it and very few going there. This question was before the Legislature for two years, and has been brought up at the instance of lamp manufacturers, who want to have this legislation put through, and has been defeated in the Legislature by a large majority. This is the only place in the whole State of Massachusetts where there is any regulation of the kind. Bicycle riders think it is a great hardship. The city of Boston has spent a great deal of money to have the parks perfectly lighted, and there seems to be no particular reason why this regulation should be required. Carriages are not required to carry lamps when they go through the parks, and there seems to be no particular reason why this should be applied to the bicycle—especially simply in the Boston parks.

The order was passed. Sent down.

#### HOLIDAY ON JULY THIRD.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay, on Monday, July 3, in part compensation for their services.

Passed. Sent down.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF CELLAR BOTTOM.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of J. Morris Meredith et al., trustees, (referred today) for leave to construct cellar bottom of building on Lincoln, Beach, Albany and Kneeland Sts. at grade 8—That leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 12:26 P.M., on motion of Ald. McDonald, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled at 1:40 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 26), for sidewalks recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the following named streets in front of the following named estates; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with edgestone, the owners to furnish the material, viz:—

- J. A. Silver, Standish St., Wd. 20.
- Frank T. Horgan, 255-63 E. Ninth St., Wd. 15.
- French, Cole & Co., 79 Waumbeck St., Wd. 21.
- Dudley C. Thornton, 32 McLellan St., Wd. 20.
- Joseph Engel, Washington and Erie Sts., Wd. 20.
- Brighton Five Cents Savings Bank, 326 Washington St., Wd. 25.
- C. W. and F. A. Davis, 323 Washington St., Wd. 25.
- Leonard Ware, 16-8 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.
- Vose & Sons Piano Co., 160 Boylston St., Wd. 7.
- Robert M. Cushing, et al., 85 Water St., Wd. 6.
- Marshall Wentworth, 915-23 Beacon St., Wd. 11.
- Aibert L. Forbush, 151-3 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.
- Frederick Ayer, 2450-86 Washington St., Wd. 21.
- Joseph Feldman, 252-4 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.
- A. G. and F. W. Morse, 120 Washington St., Wd. 20.
- Mary E. Pettee, 373 Adams St., Wd. 24.
- R. Goodwin, 12-4-6 Shelby St., Wd. 1 (brick).
- Henry F. Allen, Park and Centre Sts., Wd. 23 (brick).

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred June 26), for sidewalks—that no action is necessary, viz:—

- D. W. Thomas, Vancouver St., Wd. 19.
- Mrs. E. K. Hanscom, 14 Waterlow St., Wd. 20.
- Martha E. Stockwell, 21 Orkney road, Wd. 25.
- M. Adelaide Fisher, 19 Orkney road, Wd. 25.
- C. A. Lambham, 15 Orkney road, Wd. 25.
- Mary L. Mullen, 11 Orkney road, Wd. 25.
- Mary Murphy, 23 Orkney road, Wd. 25.
- Charles Clements, corner Orkney and Strathmore roads, Wd. 25.

(3) Report on the petition of J. G. Walker & Son (referred June 26), for leave to erect in front of 36 North St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the report of the Committee on Public Grounds Dept. (referred June 12), giving Howard Payson Arnold leave to withdraw on a petition to erect a canopied structure in the Public Garden—that the same be accepted in concurrence.

Report accepted in concurrence.

(5) Report on the remonstrance of Puritan Trust Co. (referred May 8), against allowing boothlack stands on Franklin Ave., adjoining its building—that the same be placed on file.

Accepted.

(6) Report on the petition of John Cavanagh & Son B. M. Co. (referred June 26), for leave to move a wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Co. to move a wooden building, mansard roof, 35 feet in length, by 25 feet in width, by 22 feet in height, from the rear of a

lot on Ceylon St., across Columbia Road to lot on rear of said road, near Wales Pl., Wd. 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work as follows:

Thomas F. Dockray (referred June 26), to erect, maintain, and use a wooden pole in the sidewalk in front of estate 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

S. B. Hall (referred today), to construct, maintain, and use two areas with curves of iron grating under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 3-5-7 Mindoro St., Wd. 19; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

G. W. Harvey (referred today), to erect, maintain, and use two guy posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Medford St., opposite Nos. 29 and 33, Wd. 8; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

George W. Harvey (referred June 26), to erect, maintain, and use a guy post with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Charlestown St., opposite No. 145, Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Norcross Bros. (referred June 26), to erect, maintain, and use two guy posts with the necessary ropes attached in and over Beacon St., at or near No. 420 and at or near the corner of Hereford St.; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Norcross Bros. (referred June 26), to erect, maintain and use three guy posts with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over St. Stephen St., for use in constructing the new Music Hall Building; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(8) Report on the regulation, (referred today), to amend Chap. 6 of Rev. Regulations of 1895—that the same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the regulation was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer an amendment to that, and I will then ask that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. COLBY offered the following amendment:—

Amend the proposed new Section 13 by adding thereto the following:—

“Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to authorize the Board of Aldermen to grant a permit for the use of vehicles propelled by one system of motive power, to the exclusion of other systems of motive power.”

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I hope the amendment will not be adopted here today or referred to any committee. This regulation has been before the Board for several months. We have had it in public improvements on two different occasions. The alderman who has now offered the amendment had ample opportunity to bring it to our attention before this. This regulation in its present draft has been drawn up by the Corporation Counsel, and I believe that it is in good form. I sincerely hope that the amendment as offered by

the alderman from Wd. 12, (Ald. Colby), will be rejected.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I see no reason why that amendment should not be considered. The matter, it is perfectly true, has been before the Committee on Public Improvements for many months. I never, however, heard any active discussion of the matter that I am aware of until the last meeting, and the report was made up at that time and brought in here. I then asked that the matter might be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, because I thought there were certain things in the draft that ought to be modified. I still think so. I do not now ask that the amendment be accepted. I simply ask that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances on the part of the Board so that they may consider it. I am not prepared to say that it is not in substance a perfectly proper regulation for the Board of Aldermen to pass; but I do say it is worthy of more consideration than it has had up to the present time. If it is necessary for me to state exactly why I introduce that amendment I will do so, but I do not care to otherwise—simply letting the whole matter go before the Committee to be talked over. If I am wrong in the view I take, I am perfectly willing, if that fact is shown to me, to acquiesce. I simply say that this subject up to the present time has not had the consideration it ought to have, and I ask that it may be referred to that committee.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I intend to vote for this regulation today, and I do not intend to be deterred from it by any threat or any insinuation. There has been too much of that sort of thing. If the Alderman has anything to say he had better say it just now. There is nothing that can deter me or that will stand in my way or the way of other members of the Board of Aldermen who are in favor of this regulation.

I consider it my duty to vote for it, and I will not be bulldozed or bullied by any man who merely insinuates. This matter has been before the Board for four or five months, has been under consideration by the members of the Board. In the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements Ald Adams asked Mr. Colby if there was any reason why the matter should not be presented. If he had any, that was the time to state it—not taking advantage of us here by playing a sharp trick. If there is anything in this, I don't know about it, and if there are any reasons why the regulation should not be adopted it is best to state them not merely making insinuations.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I heartily concur in what the alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) has just stated. This is not the first time that the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) has thrown out insinuations—not only in the open Board, but privately to the reporters. If he has anything to say in regard to this automobile ordinance or any other matter coming up here, I will be glad to hear him say it. Now is the time, and I sincerely hope he may be given an opportunity to make any statements he desires to make on the floor in regard to the matter.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I have not stated that I desired any opportunity to make explanations. I simply said that I introduced the amendment for a particular reason, and that I did not care to state it unless I had to. The alderman from the North End is usually inclined to be perfectly fair, but if he undertakes to say exactly what happened in the Committee on Public Improvements—which I am usually a little loath to disclose—he ought to state the facts exactly as they existed. The facts were that when the matter came up I asked to have it lie over, and immediately there was a call for the yeas and nays, and it was voted to put the

thing through, to report it today. After the vote had been passed somebody asked me what my objection was to it, but not until after the Board had decided that it would not allow the matter to lie over. So much for that. Now, I have no insinuations to make. I have heard certain insinuations made, and I have simply offered this amendment with a view to clearing them up—simply that and nothing more; and if the alderman from Dorchester thinks I have time or the inclination to go around and talk with reporters about what I think or do not think about matters before the Board, he is absolutely mistaken. If there is any reporter who will vouch for the truth of the alderman's statement I will try to see what the trouble was. I certainly must have been suffering from mental aberration at the time, because I remember nothing of the sort. The alderman from the North End (Ald. Brick) says this is a sharp trick. He gives me more credit than I am entitled to. There is nothing sharp about it at all. This is simply a business proposition. A careful reading of my amendment shows the only purpose for which it could be offered. It speaks for itself. Now, if on investigation, after examination, they are satisfied—

Ald. O'TOOLE—Have it read.

Ald. COLBY—It has been read. As I say, I fail to see where there is anything improper in what I suggest. The alderman says he has heard insinuations. So have I, and I don't know anything more about them than he does—perhaps not as much. I think the tendency of my amendment, when considered by the Committee on Ordinances, will be to clear this matter up. Therefore I insist on its going to the committee.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, Ald. Colby says there is no reason why his amendment should not be accepted. I want to preface my remarks by saying that I was not present when the vote was taken in the Committee on Public Improvements, so that whatever I may say now will probably show, for the first time, the way I intend to vote. I intend to vote for the ordinance. I think it is a proper one, something that has been apparently sought by a majority of the members of the Board, as has been stated, for some three or four months; and, as far as I am concerned, I see every reason why, in my opinion, this amendment should not be accepted. In my judgment the pith of this whole ordinance or regulation, as it is properly called, is that we may select the proper system of automobiles from the various ones that are offered. My experience with naphtha, gasoline, compressed air and electricity, has been very limited. But I know one thing, that there are some means of propulsion that are coming prominently before the world at this time in connection with automobiles which are noisy, some which are, I believe, more dangerous than others, and in voting for a regulation of this sort I want to vote for one which gives a choice of methods for propelling automobile vehicles. For that reason it will be necessary not to have such an amendment as is proposed in the regulation. If there is a certain automobile vehicle which makes a disagreeable puffing noise, I don't believe we want it on the streets; if there is another one propelled by steam, which has steam escaping from it, I don't believe we want that on the streets.

I believe there is apt to be a necessity for choice in the vehicles that are exhibited. I believe if you adopt this amendment, it will prevent discrimination between different companies that are manufacturing these automobile vehicles. I think the fact that we have all had a chance to consider the matter, if we were so inclined, and the fact that I have tried to consider it during the time it has been under discussion by

the Board, is sufficient reason for not sending it to the Committee on Ordinances, because we all know how easy it is for matters to slumber there from time to time. The Board of Aldermen has had plenty of time to consider this matter. I hope it will not be sidetracked for the simple reason that the alderman desires to put in an amendment which will wholly do away with the object of the order. I hope the regulation as reported will be passed today and sent on its way.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, now the alderman has given another reason why he wants my motion defeated. He says the amendment will defeat the whole purpose of the order which has been introduced. Can he mean that? I don't want to misquote him.

(The stenographer read the last two sentences of Ald. Codman's remarks.)

Ald. CODMAN—That does not seem to be exactly as I remember stating it. The stenographer didn't read the words to the effect that I thought that was so, which I think I used; and, as there is some question about the matter, I think it would be well to have the amendment itself read.

The Clerk read the amendment.

Ald. COLBY—Now, Mr. Chairman, the whole burden of the alderman's remarks were that the effect of that amendment would be to defeat the purpose of the order or regulation. He used an expression once during his remarks to the effect that he believed one should be accepted. My whole purpose in this matter, is to relieve the Board from any suspicion, to prevent its ever being said that there is anything underneath this ordinance or regulation which would be the means of giving an exclusive right to anyone. All that my amendment asked for was that the regulation should not be construed as granting an exclusive privilege. That would free us from all criticism, and I can see no objection to it. I did not ask for the adoption of the amendment, as I don't know that that would be the right thing.

I don't know that we should do it. I don't know but what the order as drawn originally is sufficiently broad so that there can be no objection to it. But, with the talk there has been in relation to this, it seems to me an amendment of this sort, which says that everybody shall come forward and stand on an equal footing, that no system shall be given an exclusive right, is perfectly right and fair. I don't see how any seven gentlemen can afford to stand up here and vote against such a reasonable request—simply that this may go to the Committee on Ordinances on the part of the Board.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to state my position in regard to this matter. I am in the dark. I asked the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) what his amendment meant. I am sure I don't know myself. Although I am a layman, I suppose I may be credited with having a little common sense. Perhaps I may not be as sharp as a lawyer, but I am perfectly willing at all times to pick up men around this Board who make statements about men who are acting honestly. I do not like to see men acting simply from a lawyer's standpoint, who will cross-question and refer to fellowmembers in a manner that is perfectly outrageous. I was one of the first men who stood on the floor of this Board of Aldermen at the time when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and its powers were a subject of discussion here. I trust that I may be excused from referring to this, because it is one of my pet hobbies. One of the arguments I used at the time was that I did not see why the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council should not have the powers they had had in the past. I believe in the Board of Aldermen retaining its powers, and that is why I will vote for this ordinance today. But I am willing to give the gentleman an opportunity to furnish us with a little information, if he can give us any today

or between now and next Monday. I am perfectly willing to have the whole matter put over to Monday.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, in order not to let the matter rest with the quotation that the alderman made from my remarks, I certainly must deny any knowledge of having said that any one automobile was of a better model than another. I said, I think, that I had very little knowledge about the subject, but that I was very much interested in it and desired to look into the matter further than I have done. If I said "one" I did not mean one, I meant that the ones which were a nuisance should be eliminated, not that we should pick out one as the proper one. I certainly did not intend to put myself in that position, and I think the alderman misunderstood what I said. I put it the other way. As far as I am personally concerned, I don't know that I would object to this amendment, but I think it entirely unnecessary. I think the regulation as framed is sufficient, and rather than delay the matter I prefer to see immediate action taken. I would rather see it go through today.

Ald. McDONALD in the Chair.

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, early in the session this year we gave a hearing on the question of automobiles. It is true that it was only a short hearing, lasting probably about two hours. We had Mr. Wardwell before the Committee representing one system of automobiles, and a Mr. Hyde representing another system. Both of those gentlemen stated before the committee distinctly that they did not ask for an exclusive franchise from the city of Boston. They simply wanted the right to have their vehicles go through our city, having public carriages for the use of which they might ask a fare or compensation of some kind. Now, those have been the only two companies that have come before the board. It is true that I did suggest that there should be some regulation of this automobile business and that, for the interest of the public, the board should have something to say relating to the granting of franchises to automobiles, run by electricity, steam or gasoline. But, Mr. Chairman, as that ordinance stands today if the board passes it can then come in and grant a franchise to one concern, and one only.

That is clear enough on the face of it. I am willing to vote for an ordinance, and the amendment that has been offered here today is an amendment that covers my ideas—namely, that no one company shall be allowed in here to the exclusion of others. There is nothing wrong in that. We don't want to allow one particular corporation to come in, saying that there shall be no other. If we make a general regulation, the matter is then within the hands of the Board, which can at all times by a majority vote give a franchise to whoever applies properly, for the purpose of running automobiles. There is nothing wrong in the amendment; it seems perfectly clear. I am ready and willing to vote for an ordinance. There certainly should be some ordinance—

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman where he gets his interpretation of that ordinance, to the effect that it will allow an exclusive privilege to any particular automobile company? Where does he get that in the original ordinance?

Ald. BARRY—"No person shall in any streets use any vehicle other than."

That means that only one company might be given permission by this Board, as I interpret it. Well, let it be as it may, I will ask any man sitting around this Board if the amendment offered by Ald. Colby is not in the direct line of protecting a petitioner who may come here and ask for the right to run automobiles?

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman, if the amend-

ment is adopted, how we can prevent a company with an automobile which is run, we will say, by gasoline, one which is liable to explosion at any time, being placed in the streets of Boston? If the amendment is adopted, will not any company, no matter what kind of an automobile it may run, dangerous or otherwise, feel that it has the right to come to the Board of Aldermen and get a franchise?

Ald. BARRY—The Chair will answer that question by saying that it is within the hands of the majority of this board to grant a franchise. It takes a majority vote to pass it. It certainly is within the hands of the Board; but what I want to know is, where is the objection to this amendment? I fail to see it. It affords a fair protection to all parties, says that there shall be no preference, and it shows to the citizens of this city that we have no preference in favor of any company, but are ready to receive and welcome that which is the best. I certainly have no preference.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, this automobile question is a problem which is now upon us. It seems to me that this board is acting wisely in considering some method of regulating the automobiles which will be thrust upon the city of Boston in the near future in large numbers. I fail to see, Mr. Chairman, in the original draft of that regulation, where we say that we will give a franchise to one automobile company and refuse it to another. I fail to see wherein the Chairman of this Board or the gentlemen from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) have any right to get up here and say, or assume to say, what this board will do in the way of granting franchises in the future if this regulation prevails; and I fail to see why the alderman from Wd. 12 should say that this ordinance is to be passed by seven votes, eight votes or six votes, here today. How does he know how I am going to vote? How does he know how others who have spoken on the matter are going to vote? I think those matters had better be left out of the debate entirely. I have considered this subject quite fully in my own mind. It was brought up, as the alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Erick) has said, by a suggestion of the Chairman of this board at the time of the hearings on automobiles. I think the Board at that time was almost unanimous in its opinion that there should be some regulation of the use of automobiles in the streets of Boston.

I believe the amendment offered by Ald. Colby will do more to retard business than to do justice to the automobile companies, that if adopted it will practically kill the effect of the whole ordinance. We will then have no option but to permit any kind of automobile to be used in our streets, whether it be proper or not. I have seen automobiles that went through the streets with a puffing noise, emitting smoke and steam. Now I, as a member of this board, will never vote to give an automobile of that description the right to pass through our streets. At the same time, I say here and now on this floor that I will not refuse my vote to any automobile which, in my opinion, it is feasible to use upon our streets without danger to the public, to horses and others using the streets. There are several kinds of automobiles. The electric automobile is all right; the gasoline automobiles may be all right; and compressed air automobiles are coming into use. I don't believe any of us who are favoring this regulation here tonight propose to make any exceptions at all in favor of any one company, giving it special rights in the streets of Boston. I sincerely hope that this regulation will pass today. As I have said before, it has been carefully drafted by the Corporation Counsel, has been considered by us at several meetings, and I think

it is all right. I hope it will pass here today, and when the vote is taken I ask that it be taken by yeas and nays.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I am very glad that the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen sees fit to take advantage of his right to get on the floor and talk on this question of automobiles. It is a question that I know he has been interested in for some time. But I am very sorry that he has talked so much and said so very little that might give us any information on the question of automobiles. I fail to see anything in this ordinance or regulation of the Board which would lead anybody with ordinary intelligence to believe that any one special or particular kind of automobile was being favored, and I don't believe that any member of this board will be insane enough to pledge himself to any one style of automobile. I think the remarks of the gentlemen around the Board who are clamoring that one particular class of automobiles is being favored by this ordinance are mistaken, and that they should read the ordinance before making any such statement.

Ald. FRESHO—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me very singular that there should be so much of a fight on the part of certain gentlemen who were very anxious to get a plan through at the early part of the year when this automobile question was really in its infancy, to give the rights in certain streets to one particular company. In regard to this general regulation, of course all these permits will have to be signed by the Mayor. There is a safeguard. For myself, it looks to me as though this amendment was put in, as has been stated by Ald. Doyle, more to cast suspicion than anything else. I will state frankly that I am not in favor of any one system and will not be. I believe in giving to everybody a chance to live, and I will favor giving to any proper parties a chance to try their automobiles on the streets.

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, I don't desire to convey the impression that I believe any member of the Board is going to cast a vote which will allow one single corporation to do all the business in the city. I don't believe that. But if there is a fair amendment it is the amendment offered by Mr. Colby, which clearly shows to the public that we do not desire to grant this privilege to any one corporation, that it is left optional with this board to grant the privilege of running any proper system of automobiles in our streets.

Chairman BARRY in the Chair.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, what is the use of talking about matters having been before the committee and having been carefully considered, when the alderman from Dorchester gets up and says that there is no possibility of construing the ordinance he has reported as giving in any way an exclusive right? It shows on the face of it that it needs a little more consideration than it has had up to date, because when an ordinance says that no other system shall be used except such as is approved, it certainly means that all we would have to do is to approve system No 1 and stop.

It doesn't require a very extensive education to read the English language when it is as plain as that. Now, I say that that is not what we intend to do. We do not intend to stop at any one system. We intend to say that if any man has a system we will give him a chance, provided he complies with our regulations. As a matter of fact, when the alderman from Dorchester states his position we seem to agree. There does not seem to be any variance. He says he is willing to vote for any system that is right. Of course, no one system can be picked out today as the best system, because there have been millions put into this business, there are numerous systems, each having its good points, and no one system combines them all. The fact is that the whole thing is

in its infancy. There is not a company in existence today that is certain but what something will turn up within a year which will make it throw over its vehicles for something else. I have studied this matter myself sufficiently to examine the patents of different companies, to see what they claim, and I am perfectly confident, with the ingenuity and capital that is being put into the business, that we are simply in the infancy of it. Nobody can say that any one system will be the only system. I say the ordinances we are passing should be broad enough so that they will not be subject to criticism. I say that there are rumors floating around, that you have just as I have heard, that something has been going on. We all have to stand the brunt of those rumors, as individuals—I have to bear my share here the same as the other eleven members; and I have simply offered an amendment which says that we will not give to any one company or person the exclusive right. It does not say that we have got to give to every person that comes in the right to run these vehicles in our streets. It does provide that we shall not give the exclusive right to any one person or set of persons; and if any member of the board gets up and says that that is unfair, I must say that I am surprised. It seems to me a perfectly fair proposition.

As to any talk about interest, I want simply to stake my reputation, professional and otherwise on the fact that I have no interest, absolutely none, in any one scheme or set of schemes in connection with this matter. I simply want to leave it in such a way that hereafter we will not be subjected to misconstruction of our action. So long as it is left in such a way that one system may be accepted, to the exclusion of other systems, we place ourselves in a position that we are apt to regret. All I ask is that when a man comes here and shows that his system is all right, that it is free from dangerous elements, he shall be given a chance. I don't think there is a member of the Board who will maintain that I am not perfectly right about that. Now, if I am right, let us have the courage of our convictions. Let the regulation and the amendment go to the Committee on Ordinances, and let them pass upon it, giving what Alderman Adams says is wanted—a simple, plain, fair, everyday regulation, which will protect citizens and give to everybody a fair show. That is all I am interested in.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, if this amendment offered by Ald. Colby is adopted, it simply stultifies the whole Board. It simply implies that this Board cannot consider questions fairly, that we would be partial to one or another automobile company. Now I ask the alderman why he should not put that amendment on to other regulations? We have a right in this Board to reject any and all applications for telephones, for instance, in the streets of Boston, for street railway locations of different kinds. Now, why should not that amendment be added to other ordinances, which this Board has the privilege of considering? Why should the alderman bring this up at this time and imply indirectly that this Board is striving to frame an ordinance and to be partial in the administration of that ordinance. I fail to see any good ground for his bringing that in today and pushing it as he has, as long as he has. I think the ordinance is all right, and that this Board can be fair and impartial. I think future Boards should not be hampered by any such amendments as are proposed here. Let them use their own judgment, and if it is not demonstrated that this ordinance is fair and impartial, the public, our constituents, to whom we are responsible, will not have to submit to our acts very long.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, one more statement and I am done. The alderman says that this amendment will hamper them. If that is so, that is what I want. I don't know what he means, but he says

that nothing should be put into the regulation which would hamper them. I don't want to misquote him, but those are certainly the words he used. We want to put in something here that will be fair and square; and if anything of that sort is considered as a hamper, I give the alderman notice that I will ask for the adoption of such an amendment whenever anything of this kind, in connection with the granting of franchises, comes up.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I have always been opposed to trusts, because they have injured the business interests of the country. Now, if this amendment offered by the alderman from Dorchester is to give the exclusive right to one company to run automobiles in Boston, I am opposed to it. I shall vote for the amendment offered by the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), for the simple reason that it throws safeguards around these automobiles. Not only that, but if we have the power to regulate the charges for riding automobiles, if that question comes before us, if the business is in the hands of one company the people of Boston will not fare very well, whereas, if we have competition in automobiles in the city the people will be better served. I am sure if this matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances they would bring before this board a strong ordinance in regard to automobiles. I stated at the last meeting of the Board that I was most decidedly in favor of having some ironclad ordinance brought in here for our vote, and I certainly believe, sir, that this whole matter should be gone over thoroughly, letting everybody who has automobiles and can bring them here to Boston have the benefit of an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do. I say that would be for the benefit of the public, and that we should do it.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, just a moment. It seems to me that certain members around this Board, from their talk, are inclined to think that other members favor trusts and believe in certain individuals coming in and getting exclusive franchises for the use of automobiles in the city of Boston, and the members supposed to have those ideas are held up as something terrible, awful. Now, there seems to be a diversity of opinion among the lawyers. Ald. Adams quotes an eminent lawyer, who says this will cover the ground, every exigency that may arise in the automobile question. The alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) infers from his interpretation of the law, that it will not cover the ground. Now, we are simply in the dark on this question. It has been before us for three or four months; and some of the gentlemen say that they would like to go further into the details of the question. They are as fully aware as I am that it has been in the Committee on Public Improvements for the last four months, and that if it goes back to the Committee on Ordinances it will probably be buried there for four months more. It seems to me simply a question of trying to shelve this subject, in which we are all interested as members of this Board. I, for one, surely will not vote to grant a franchise to any one company. I think such a statement as that is ridiculous. I think the regulation which has been submitted will cover the situation, and I shall consequently vote for it as originally presented.

Ald. Colby's motion to refer the regulation and his proposed amendment to the Committee on Ordinances (Ald.) was declared carried.

Ald. BRICK doubted the vote. The roll was called, and the motion was lost, yeas 6, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day McDonald, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, DIXON, Doyle, Fresho—6.

The question came on the adoption of Ald. Colby's amendment, and Ald. Adams called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, the arguments we have had here this afternoon have left the matter somewhat in doubt in my mind. I shall vote against the amendment offered by Ald. Colby and shall at the same time vote against the original proposition. I have also asked for some delay on this question, in order that I might look into it with more attention than I have been able to give to it since it has been presented to the Board. I can see no reason for any great haste in the matter. We are to meet again, I understand, next Monday, and perhaps at that time I may be prepared to vote for the proposition. Whether I do or not, the votes are here and the gentlemen who favor the regulation will suffer nothing by allowing the matter to be delayed. I trust that the whole proposition will be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, under ordinary circumstances I would be very glad, very willing to grant the simple request of the alderman from Wd. 6, but, owing to the method in which this debate has been conducted, the way this whole matter has been handled by the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) I am going to insist here today on a vote. I hate to do it, because I would like to grant a favor to the alderman from Wd. 6; but, as I say, I insist on this matter coming to a vote here today.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I was not so foolish, when we really come right down to business, as to expect that my amendment would be adopted or would be referred to the Committee on Ordinances. I did not expect it. I knew I was talking on a forlorn hope. But I did want to give the aldermen in this combination of seven an opportunity to do the square thing. That is all there is to it. I say, after the remarks that have been made here and the remarks that have been made outside—and I don't have to quote them; you know them just as well as I do—it was incumbent upon this Board to put themselves in a position where they should be above criticism. We are not above suspicion—we do not any of us claim that we are; but we could put ourselves above criticism. Even if we do the straight thing right through the year we will be suspected—I will agree to that.

If we were absolutely square and honest in everything, from the first of January to the 31st of December, we would be suspected. I understand that perfectly well. That cannot be helped, cannot be avoided. But we might put ourselves where we could not be criticised. The only possible argument that has been adduced against my suggestion has been advanced by Ald. Adams. He did make one suggestion which all of us who have occasion to argue cases or talk upon any matter, use—that is, that we ought not to allow ourselves to be put in a stultifying position; that we ought to stand up and say to the minority here that we do not propose to pass anything which looks as though anybody could question us, which looks as though we doubted ourselves. That is a good argument, but it does not help matters, because you are in it now, you are already in it, and how are you going to get out of it? I am referring to myself the same as to the others—we are all in it. Everybody is asking what it all means, and is watching. That is perfectly right. They elected us, and it is perfectly right that they should follow our actions and see how matters are going. I say, people having gotten into a position where they are talking about us, that it is perfectly right and proper to consider an amendment that would stop this talk—because it is perfectly well known to a number of people that there are stories floating around that we are trying to do something for the bene-

fit of certain individuals. I say, let us put ourselves in a position where we cannot benefit individuals—make ourselves honest. I don't say now that anybody has a scheme. I don't know of anything of the sort, and don't pretend to say so. I simply say that there is a rumor floating around.

Now, I say, let us kill the rumor, so that nobody can say that any ground for it existed; because if we pass an ordinance which might allow the exclusive right or franchise to any one system we cannot say that the rumor is not true; but if we adopt an amendment which will absolutely prohibit anything of the sort we can say "There is the regulation; you can read it and see that it isn't so." However, if the big seven can afford to go out and take a contrary position before the people of the city, all right. I have offered my suggestion, and people know where I stand. I don't suppose very many people follow it anyway, but there is some talk around and some people are following the situation, and, as I say, I have done my duty. I do not propose to talk against this much more, because it does no good. I have been in a Board where there were five against seven, but the division was on party lines and it was good fun. The five against seven was all right and did not disturb me in the least. But I admit that this kind of five against seven galls me a good deal.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. It seems to me the gentleman is discussing "seven and five" a little too much and that he had better confine his remarks to the question.

Ald. COLBY—Well, I supposed it would rub not, and I don't suppose it is in order. If not, I will stop. But I have done what I intended to do—placed the matter fairly before the public, so that my position may be understood. If the public, after reading the whole thing, believe that the right thing has been done, I have no objection. We are all friendly, and I know that there will be no personal feeling between us because of this—not the slightest. I believe our personal relations will be as pleasant as ever. But I have given notice that I am not satisfied with the way things are going here, and that is all I expected to do. Frankly, while I shall vote for my amendment today, I am half-hearted about it, because I don't know that the amendment is in the shape that I would want it. It is drawn hastily. I wanted it sent to the Committee on Ordinances, so that it might be considered. That motion having been defeated, I presume I shall vote for my amendment. I want it distinctly understood, as a lawyer, that I do not say my amendment is in proper shape to go through. But I have explained what I have in mind, and I think the idea is all right. I feel that you will grasp the idea, and that is all I wish.

Ald. FRESH—Mr. Chairman, I don't think certain members of the Board should keep throwing suspicion on the others. I am willing to take my stand and vote the alderman down. He says that everybody is following our actions, and I am willing that they should follow them. But I don't think the aldermen should cast suspicion on his fellow members. If there are seven here, there are also five, and the five seem to be as united as the seven. I don't believe in a man constantly rising here and throwing out suspicion, giving the idea that he is the only one who believes in reform, that he is the only one who has the true idea in matters coming before this body. His attitude reminds me of a remark made by Thaddeus Stevens, referred to by Congressman McCall in his book, where Stevens is quoted as saying that there is a certain class of men who go about with an air of superiority, who make reform a trade or profession rather than a principle.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I am getting about sick of this, but I must say a

word or two. That is the roughest attack I have ever had made upon me—I don't know but what I shall resign now. (Laughter.) Posing as a reformer—better than somebody else! That really is laughable. I haven't said anything about reform. I haven't said that the minority of five are better than anybody else, and I don't claim that for a minute. They are made of the same kind of clay as the seven, for all I know, and I certainly claim no superiority at all. But you must remember that we are not in a position to originate very much. We are simply here to take our medicine, and if objecting to the doses that are given to us is evidence of being a reformer, I am a reformer. I am sorry that it belittles me in the eyes—

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. None of the gentlemen are talking germane to the question and I object to this discussion going on. The debate should be confined to the question before the house.

The CHAIRMAN—Latitude has been allowed every member, and I am simply extending the same courtesy to Ald. Colby that has been extended to others.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I assume that we are all getting a little away from the main question. But it is just as well to have a good, plain understanding about this thing now as at any other time. So I have departed a little from the strict rules of parliamentary procedure as I am perfectly aware. But the remarks of the alderman from Charlestown were really such that a little latitude in answering them is excusable, because if a gentleman who has had, I think, seven years of experience in deliberative bodies—

Ald. PRESHO—Nine.

Ald. COLBY—That is worse (Laughter)—gets up here and says that people who object to certain action on business principles are reformers and are crying "I am holler than thou!" the members to whom he refers should certainly have the right to say at least a word in reply. I had not heard anything of that kind until the alderman from Charlestown brought it out. If he thinks by doing that to befog the issue—because there is a real issue here—I am satisfied. But I believe there are people who follow the proceedings of this board who will be able to discern the real merits of this question, who will look at it in a proper way, and I am willing to let it go at that.

Ald. Colby's amendment was rejected—yeas 5, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Codman, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

The regulation as reported was adopted, Ald. Adams calling for the yeas and nays—yeas 7, nays 5—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Ald. Adams moved to reconsider, trusting that the same would not prevail. The motion to reconsider was declared carried. Ald. Adams doubted the vote, the roll was called, and reconsideration was lost—yeas 5, nays 7—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—7.

(8) Report on an order (referred today) for a loan of \$100,000 for various municipal purposes—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order transmitted to the Council without alteration.

(9) Ald. McDonald, for the Committee on Fire Dept. (Ald.), submitted a report on the message of the Mayor (referred June 12), relative to site and engine house for Engine Company No. 22—that they have consulted with the Corporation Counsel and find that the selection of a site is for

the City Council to determine, and accordingly recommend reference to the joint committee on Fire Dept.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE.

Ald. DAY submitted the following:  
City of Boston, in the year 1899.  
An Ordinance Relative to the Space Between Buildings.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 1.—Section 34 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: "Provided, however, that the alteration of, or erection of an addition to, an existing building shall be allowed at a width as great as the existing building."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, July 3, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking action on the petition of the West End Street Railway company for a location for tracks on Talbot avenue.

ADJOURNMENT ORDER.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, does that make it impossible to take up any other business at that time?

The CHAIRMAN—The Board will convene for all business that may come before them on that day.

Ald. BRICK—Then, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman who offered the order what its purpose is?

The CHAIRMAN—If the gentleman will bear with the Chair a moment, he will have it read. The Chair will say at this time that if the meeting of the Board of Aldermen was called for any other time than the third day of July, we could vote to consider one subject, but as the rules provide that all meetings shall be on Monday, it is then within the province of the Board to take up any other business that may come before it. The question is on the passage of the order. The hearing referred to will be in regard to Talbot Ave.

The order was declared passed. Ald. Brick doubted the vote, the roll was called, and the order was rejected, yeas 5, nays 5;

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Presho—5.

Before the roll was completed, Ald. Codman asked for information about the order.

The CHAIRMAN—The Board is now solving a doubt, and that is not in order.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that a member of this Board can obtain information at any time.

The CHAIRMAN—Not while the roll is being called. The clerk had proceeded to call the roll. The order has been read distinctly, at least twice, so that every member of the Board should know what it is, and when a doubt is being solved nothing else is in order. It is within the province of the gentleman to move a reconsideration.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, do I understand the Chair to say that he will entertain a motion to reconsider during the solving of a doubt?

The CHAIRMAN—After the doubt is solved and a motion is declared carried or defeated, it is then within the province of the gentleman to move a reconsideration.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I rose for information. I could not vote intelligently unless I got the information. Do I understand the Chair to rule, under such circumstances, that I cannot have the information?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would say that the presiding officer is only one and that it is within the power of every mem-

ber to provide himself with that information. But the rule is that while the roll is being called the gentleman must find some other way of ascertaining what he wants to know.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, do you rule that way?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair so rules. The vote stood 5 to 5, and it is not a vote.

#### REMOVAL OF POLE.

Ald. O'TOOLE presented the petition of E. F. Loomis, et als, for the removal of unused pole of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Ruggles St.

In connection with the above Ald. O'Toole offered an order—That the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. be directed to remove its unused pole located on Ruggles St. on the easterly side of and near the railroad bridge crossing said street.

Passed.

#### RESOLUTION ENDORSING CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Ad. BERWIN offered the following:—  
June 29, 1899.

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen regret exceedingly the resignation of the Hon. Andrew J. Bailey from the position of Corporation Counsel.

The Board of Aldermen has the greatest confidence in his ability as a lawyer, and while we may differ from him at times, we nevertheless respect his opinions, and we earnestly request that he withdraw his resignation.

The resolution was read a second time and the question came on its passage?

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote for this resolution. What I said at the last meeting of the Board I said in an impersonal manner. I believe that the Corporation Counsel, under the existing situation of affairs, is too near the Mayor. That will apply to his predecessors as well as to Mr. Bailey. I think something should be done by the Legislature to remedy that, and it was on that basis that I made my remarks.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I regret exceedingly the resignation of the Hon. Andrew J. Bailey from the very important position that he has occupied for so many years—and with all the criticisms that have been passed from time to time in regard to his ability—all must acknowledge that he has been the most successful lawyer that the city has ever had to represent them before the Committees of the great and general Court. He is a whole-souled man—ever of a genial and happy frame of mind—his honest countenance, his firmness have won for him a host of friends in the community where he has always lived. Now if we had a Philadelphia lawyer in the place, he might puzzle us, but Mr. Bailey has never tried to do that; he answers all communications from this Board with becoming dignity, and while we may not agree with him on all matters because they do not coincide with our views, perhaps, I always recognize that he sends us what is his honest opinion of the law—and I respect them. The city must acknowledge that he has been a faithful public servant, and I trust he will remain for many years in the service of the city.

The resolution was adopted; yeas, 12; nays, 0.

#### INVESTIGATION OF POLICE DEPT.

Ald. BRICK called up No. 2, special assignment, viz:—

2. Ordered, That the Aldermanic Committee on Police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary, in its opinion, to improve the administration of the Police Department of the city, and what amendments, if any, should be made to such laws as come

within the special cognizance of the Board of Police; and that said committee be authorized to give public hearings, if necessary, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, unless the alderman who introduced the order can give some reasons to this board why it should pass, I would move its indefinite postponement.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, after the statement of the gentleman who offered this that "there was going to be a hot time in the old town," it strikes me that he should either give some reasons for proceeding under the order or some reason why he wishes now to back down. It is evident that he does not desire to go ahead and if there were any good reasons which prompted him to start an investigation he owes it to the Board—so that it may appear that he was not using the Board to advertise himself or to get even with anybody—to explain his attitude and to remove the imputations upon the Board of Police, if there are no grounds for them, or, if there are, to tell us what they are and let us go ahead and see if we cannot investigate.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, the alderman from the same section of the city which I have the honor in part to represent, previous to coming into this board knew what my feelings were in regard to that particular number on the calendar now under consideration. I am not here prepared today to present to this board my reasons for the passage of the order. The evidence which I have been accumulating and which I have under consideration I shall offer to the board at the proper time. I have no favors to ask of any members of the board—particularly of that combination which has been referred to in the newspapers—as regards any delay in my action upon this matter. I have certain rights as a member of this board. If the board sees fit to assign the matter until I wish to take it up, very well; if the board sees fit to defeat the order, I shall introduce it again at the proper time and give reasons why it should pass.

I am asking no favors; I am not seeking newspaper notoriety. I am not in any way responsible for the statements that have got into the newspapers other than those I have publicly made in this Board. As I have said before, I am not yet ready to offer the testimony I am accumulating to the Board; and if the Board is unwilling to allow the matter to be longer delayed it can take such action as it sees fit. I want the members of the Board to understand that I am asking no courtesies at their hands. This is a simple proposition, and I am not seeking any capital in connection with it. The Board can do as it pleases in the matter. Whatever it does will be no accommodation or favor to me. If the order is voted down, I will introduce it again when I get ready.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I infer from the remarks of the gentleman who introduced the order that he is honest in his purpose, and intends in the future to introduce some evidence. I have no desire to cut him off, and I will withdraw my motion to indefinitely postpone.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I move that it be assigned to two weeks from next Monday.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this will not go over for two weeks. I, as well as the alderman from Wd. 6, (Ald. Berwin), desire a little light on this subject. The gentleman from Wd. 6 no doubt introduced the order into the Board in good faith. No doubt, he is investigating the matter. But it has been on the calendar for four or five weeks, and I think it is time that something was done with it. I don't know anything to the detriment of the Police Department of Boston. Certain newspapers, however, have seen fit to publish certain interviews with certain aldermen in regard to the Police Depart-

ment, and I think the proper thing to do is to have this assigned to next Monday, instead of two weeks from then. I think that would be a step in the right direction. I trust that it will not go over for two weeks.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I merely make that motion as a matter of courtesy to the alderman from Wd. 6, who has the matter in charge. It is no doubt a comprehensive question and he is looking into it carefully, but is not ready to report to the board. By assigning it to two weeks from next Monday we will certainly give him ample time, and when that time arrives I am sure the alderman from Wd. 6 will be ready to state his reasons to the Board why the order should be passed. If not, he can withdraw the order. At all events, as the matter is entirely in his hands, he having introduced the resolution, we ought in courtesy to allow him sufficient time to look into the matter.

Ald. BRICK—Of course, whether the Board of Police is a state department or not, is sometimes a question, by reason of the department being under state control; but certainly the three men up there are gentlemen, and it seems as though this matter ought not to be on the calendar at every meeting and postponed from time to time. Neither does it seem that a member of this board should introduce, either in pique or for any personal reason, a matter into the board, unless he intends to pursue it.

The gentleman stated when he offered the order that when he got ready there would be a hot time. Now, if there is any information he has which warrants the position he has taken, he should give us the benefit of it, should tell us what it is. If there is nothing, if he does not desire to pursue or tell us the charges, he should withdraw the order from the calendar, so that it shall not continually appear before us.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope we will allow the alderman time for preparation and that at the end of two weeks he will be able to give us some of his conclusions as he will then have had quite a long time to look into the subject.

The motion to assign the order to two weeks was declared carried.

Ald. Dixon doubted the vote. The roll was called, and the order was assigned for two weeks from next Monday, yeas 5, nays 3:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—3.

Nays—Ald. Brick Dixon, Doyle—3.

**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 3 o'clock, on motion of Ald. Adams, to meet on Monday, July 3, at 3 o'clock P. M.

**IN COMMON COUNCIL.**

Thursday, June 29, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

**SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS—CENTRAL STATION.**

The following was received:  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to provide additional primary school accommodations in the section of Wd. 23 known as Central Station. Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy,  
Mayor.

City of Boston, in School Committee,  
June 12, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, Feb. 14, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to provide school accommodations of the primary grade at that section of Wd. 23 known as Central Station, report that while they realize the importance of school facilities keeping pace with the development of this section of the city, they are yet constrained to state that there are no funds at their disposal to meet the cost of a new building as suggested. They hope, however, to be able to provide the desired accommodations at no distant date, and recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that this matter will receive their favorable consideration at the earliest opportunity.

For the Committee,  
E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:  
Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

**MOTION TO TAKE RECESS.**

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I move a recess of fifteen minutes.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope that motion will not prevail, unless the gentleman can give some good reason for it. There seems to be no special cause for it now.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, although he does not intend to deter any gentleman from making a motion, that it might be well not to press the motion at this time.

Mr. Martin of Wd. 15 withdrew his motion.

**NEW SCHOOL, WARD 17.**

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new primary schoolhouse in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed Sts., Wd. 17.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
in School Committee,  
June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings to whom was referred—Mar. 28—a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of selecting a site and erecting thereon a new Primary Schoolhouse in the vicinity of Thorndike and Reed Sts., Wd. 17, report that this proposition has been brought to the attention of the School Committee a number of times; and your committee fully appreciate the efforts of the residents of this section to obtain additional school accommodations which are undoubtedly needed, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee will take the necessary steps towards the selection of a site and the erection of a building as soon as an appropriation for the purpose can be obtained.

For the Committee,  
E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:  
Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

## SCHOOL BUILDING—LEON ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To The Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication received from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon St., Wd. 19.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston.  
In School Committee.

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, Mar. 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor requesting the School Committee to take such steps as may be necessary for the erection of a building for kindergarten and primary school purposes on the site of the present school building on Leon St., Wd. 19, report that the necessity of replacing the present Ira Allen School house, referred to, by a new and modern building has long been recognized, and numerous efforts have been made to bring about the desired result. Your committee gave this matter very earnest consideration some months ago, but arrived at the conclusion that it would be wiser to obtain a better and more conveniently located site in the Sherwin District than to rebuild on the present Leon St. lot. An appropriation to cover the cost of a new building is now available, the architects have been selected by this Board, and your committee understand that favorable action has been taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and by both branches of the City Council with regard to providing an appropriation to cover the cost of a new site. Your committee recommend that the information contained in the foregoing report be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

For the Committee,  
E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor?

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

## SCHOOLHOUSE BYRON ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a schoolhouse in the vicinity of Byron St., Wd. 1. Very respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston, In School Committee,  
June 13, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, March 28, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to consider the advisability of purchasing land and erecting a schoolhouse thereon in the vicinity of Byron St., Wd. 1, the expense of the same to be taken from the sum set aside by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for the purpose of building new schools, report that in consideration of the somewhat limited amount available for new school accommodations during the current year, and the urgent necessities existing in various sections of the city for additional facilities, your committee felt that they could not consistently favor the proposition in question this year. They hope, however, to be able to give this

matter renewed consideration early next year, and recommend that the Common Council be so informed.

For the Committee,

E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio, Sec'y.  
Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

## PLAYGROUND, TILESTON SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting the committee to lay out and construct as a park and playground a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston.  
In School Committee,

June 13, 1899.

The Committee on the North Division, to whom was referred, May 23, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the School Committee lay out and construct as a park and playground, a portion of the yard of the Tileston School, Dorchester District, which is not now used for any purpose, report that the proposition meets with their cordial approval, but they are not aware of any funds within the control of the School Committee which can be drawn upon to meet the cost of the suggested improvements. They therefore recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that there is no objection on the part of this Board to the proposed use of the unoccupied portion of the Tileston School lot until such time as it may be required for school purposes, provided that all expense in connection with this matter be assumed by the Common Council. For the Committee,

Emily A. Fifield, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

## REPAIR OF CHAPMAN SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, June 16, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to give a public hearing in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman Schoolhouse.

Yours respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston.

In School Committee,  
June 13, 1899.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred—Mar. 28—a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to give a public hearing to the citizens of East Boston in regard to the necessity of repairs and alterations in the Chapman Schoolhouse, report that inasmuch as it is proposed to begin the construction of a new building in place of the Chapman Schoolhouse, at an early date, no further action is necessary on the communication referred.

For the Committee,

Thos. F. Strange, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

**POLICE OFFICER—ORCHARD PARK.**

The following was received:  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, June 29, 1899.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in regard to your order requesting them to station an officer at Orchard Park, Wd. 17. Yours respectfully,  
 Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Police Department,  
 Office of the Board of Police,  
 June 21, 1899.

Honorable Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir—We have received this morning:

"Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to station an officer on duty on Orchard Park, Wd. 17."

In Common Council, June 15, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Daniel J. Kiley, President."

which you referred to us for such action as is considered proper. In reply I desire to say that the Board of Police will communicate with the captain of this district and will request him to station an officer on duty at Orchard Park, Wd. 17, for the present. I remain, very respectfully,

Robert F. Clark, Chairman.

Placed on file.

**WIRES ON BROADWAY.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, June 29, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires in reply to your order requesting information as to "whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground."

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor:

Sir—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following order passed by the Common Council June 15th, 1899:

"Ordered: That the Wire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council whether any action can be taken to oblige the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground, in order to prevent further injury to the trees on that thoroughfare.

I respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

Chapter 454, acts of 1894, authorizes the Commissioner of Wires to cause to be removed from above the surface of the streets all wires with the exception of the long distance telephone wires and the trolley wires of the Boston Elevated Railway Company within the district south of Dover and Berkeley Sts., which includes that portion of the city proper. This act does not give him authority to order the removal of any wires or cables outside that district until after January 1st, 1900.

Chapter 249, acts of 1893, authorizes him to remove from at least two miles of streets, avenues and highways, within any portion of the city of Boston, all wires, with the exception of those before mentioned, it being the purpose and intention of this act to cause the removal from 20 miles of streets, avenues and highways outside the prescribed district of all overhead wires prior to the first day of January in the year 1910. At any time after January 1st, 1900, the Commissioner of Wires can order the Boston Elevated Railway Company to place its cables on Broadway, South Boston, underground, providing that public interests will be best served by so doing.

Inasmuch as the amount of streets which are to be cleared of poles and wires is limited to two miles per year, it will require careful consideration on the part of the Wire Commissioner as to where this work shall first begin. The purpose and intention of this act would seem to be that portion of the city where large numbers of wires are located which would prove to be an obstruction to the Fire Department in the performance of its duties, and where they are in a measure a menace to life and property, should be first attended to; and there are a great many streets within the city limits that contain more overhead wires which are in a worse condition at the present time than those in Broadway, South Boston.

The location of the poles owned by the Boston Elevated Railway Company was granted by the Board of Aldermen. It was impossible to support the wires on these poles without interfering with the trees, in many cases without fastening them thereto. These fastenings are of an unreliable nature and cannot be depended on; they frequently give way and let the wires come in contact with the branches, abrading the insulation and often shortening the life of the trees very materially. These feeders, however, are a necessary adjunct to that portion of the street railway, which cannot be operated without them, and there is no authority vested in the Wire Commissioner to cause their removal at this time. Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Flood,  
 Commissioner of Wires.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13.

**PARK NEAR COLUMBIA ROAD.**

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, June 29, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the said Board "to lay out a park and a playground southeast of the Columbia Road, and to consider the feasibility of providing in connection therewith, if possible, a suitable house for beach bathing purposes."

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

June 26, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir—In reply to the request of the Common Council of June 15th, that we submit a report in relation to the matter of a park or playground in the territory southeast of Columbia Road and providing in connection therewith a suitable house for beach bathing purposes, we beg to say that the land in question is a margin of salt marsh, irregular in form, bordering on extensive flats and undefended from the tides which cover it for considerable periods each month, and that to make the ground available for the purposes mentioned would require a large expenditure of money for which no appropriation is available.

This location is so near the L St. bathhouse as to make it undesirable to establish another bathing place here.

Yours respectfully,

Laban Pratt, Chairman pro. tem.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Giblein of Wd. 15.

**PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of June 15, requesting Board of Estimate and Apportionment to transfer the appropriation for the dam at Wood Island flats to an appropriation for reconstruction of sewers in East Boston.

Placed on file.

2. Communication from School Committee stating its intention to replace the present Chapman schoolhouse by an entirely new building, the plans for which are now being drawn and will be completed at an early date.

Placed on file.

3. Communication from School Committee stating that the selection of a proper site for a new schoolhouse in the Dorchester Centre District is now under consideration, and that it is the intention of said committee to provide the additional accommodations asked for as soon as the required funds for the purpose can be obtained.

Placed on file.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 13 to take up Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive together, viz:—

4. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Bridget C. Flanagan, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget C. Flanagan and Benjamin Lancy the sum of \$354, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Samoset St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 619.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles E. Lee, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to E. Heber Richardson the sum of \$70.40, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Westover St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 223.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles P. George, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles P. George the sum of \$124.70, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of two estates on Litchfield St., Brighton, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 65.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Clara Flad, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William A. Flaisted the sum of \$29.03, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cornell St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2486, fol. 600.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Sophronia N. Herrick, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sophronia N. Herrick the sum of \$111.97, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 610.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Therese Kluge et al., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Wilfred Bolster the sum of \$44.03, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on the corner of Columbus Ave. and Sarsfield St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2410, fol. 433.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Boston Penny Savings Bank et al., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to the Boston Penny Savings Bank the sum of \$93.70, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Allston terrace for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 367.

Reports severally accepted, orders severally passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

11. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of John Morrison, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to him to build a wooden building in rear of 39 Sumner St., Wd. 2, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used as a coal pocket.

Report accepted; order passed, in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the City Messenger be instructed to remove the flag-pole now in Monmouth Sq., and relocate it at the junction of Saratoga and Bayswater Sts., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Mr. BATTIS of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, I would like to have this order assigned to our next meeting.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, while this is a matter outside of my own ward I feel called upon to object to the assignment of it to the next meeting of the Council. As I understand it, the residents in that vicinity do not want the flag-pole there now, and the residents around the square to which it is proposed to remove the pole do desire it. I have here a letter from Peter Morrison, chairman of the Republican Ward Committee, which was written to Alderman Day, in which he says:—

E. Boston, June 29, 1899.

My Dear Alderman:—

I have been requested by a number of residents on Monmouth St. to have the flagstaff in Monmouth Sq. removed and the electric light pole placed in its former position, and hope you will do all you can to make the change. Yours truly,

Peter Morrison.

I hope the matter will not be assigned, but that the member from Wd. 1 will allow it to go on its passage tonight. I can see no real reason for objecting to it. An electric light in the middle of that square now would be of far more benefit to the people in that vicinity than the flag pole, particularly as they are all on record as not desiring the pole. Ex-Alderman Gove, Ex-Councilman Wall, Ex-Representative Day and Ex-Councilman Leighton and many others have signed a petition in favor of the removal of this pole, and they all live in that vicinity—mostly all Republicans. I hope, Mr. President, that that will have some weight with this Council.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, without doubting my friend from Wd. 2, I have received several letters today, the signers saying that they wish to have that pole stay there. Now, if our friend the alderman wants a pole down in his district he can, being so near the Mayor, get a pole down there. He can take care of that all right. I intend, with all due respect to my friend Peter Morrison—whom I think I am as close to as any one, and who has said nothing to me about this matter—to favor the assignment of this order. I want the members of this body to give me an assignment for one week, to look into it, and if the people interested are then satisfied to take the pole out, I will vote for it.

The order was assigned to the next meeting.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of \$500 to be expended for the completion of the Public Landing, Dorchester Bay.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move you, sir, the reference of No. 13 to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I hope this order will not be referred to the Committee on Finance. It is merely a customary order, requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to provide a certain sum of money. This \$500 is very much needed. The work is now being done and cannot be completed without this amount of money, and I hope the order will not be referred to that committee.

The question came on reference.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to ask the gentleman who last spoke whether or not this money is being expended and is to be expended by the Bath Department?

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this matter will not be referred. There has been \$1000, as I understand it, appropriated for a public landing there. It has nothing whatever to do with the Bath Department; and the public landing is now about half finished and cannot be finished within the \$1000. As it is, it is of no use. Unless the \$500 is appropriated, it will stay there in an unfinished state.

Mr. HUBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I can see no reason for referring this to the Committee on Finance. This is simply a question of requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate \$500 to finish this landing. The work has been commenced and I see no reason why it should not be finished. I hope the order will not be referred to the committee.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, my only object in desiring No. 13 referred to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council is that I believe all expenditures of money or orders calling for them should be considered by some committee. As the Committee on Finance is appointed for the purpose of considering financial matters, I think that is the proper committee to refer this order to.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I am obliged at this time to disagree with the previous speaker, and say I don't think, as a matter of fact, that my opposition to this order or anybody's opposition to it would be that it should be considered by a committee for the simple reason that this is only a request. My purpose in going into this is that, if the bath department is expending that money and has expended \$1000 and will expend \$500, I intend to vote against it if my vote is the only vote in the Council. I am not satisfied in that matter yet, although I don't doubt Mr. Wells of Wd. 16. But I do want to say that I desire to be better satisfied that the bath department is not going to expend this money in the way they have other money, before I can vote for the order.

Mr. WELLS—Mr. President, I will acknowledge that I cannot say for a surety that the bath department is not doing this public landing. But the money was appropriated in the first appropriation bill and has nothing whatever to do with bathing facilities. This is simply a public landing for boats to land there, and I see no reason why the department should do the work.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, that the appropriation of \$1000 made previously in the year by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, has been spent under the supervision of the Bath Department.

Mr. HARVEY—While I was not before aware that that money was being spent by the Bath Department, I will say now that if the case was not as urgent as it

is I should be tempted to vote with the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) against the Bath Department expending the money. But as it is, I hardly see the necessity of opposing the order. If they are expending it, I am willing to say that it is being spent judiciously and in a good cause.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, this Council is on record as having said that the bath department cannot expend money judiciously for anything. There is no guaranty that after this \$500 is appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, it will be used out in Dorchester; it will be more apt to be used down in Wd. 6, to take care of additional heaters for the coming political fight. I will say frankly that notwithstanding my feelings toward the bath department, if I could be made to feel satisfied that this money would go out there and be expended for that landing, out of respect for the Dorchester members of this Council, I would sacrifice my feeling and vote for it—but I have an impression that they are being jollied. The bath department is quite cramped at the present time. They need money. They will get it, it is true, if His Honor the Mayor has an opportunity to get into anybody. I want to say that until I am better satisfied that if the board of Apportionment appropriates this money it will be used on that landing, I will not vote for it. If I am satisfied of that, I will vote for it; otherwise I will dissent, if I am the only member.

The question came on reference of the matter to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, as the bath department has control of all floats, public baths and landings, and bath houses—and I might say public convenience stations—and as it is a fact that the Repairs Division does all their work, as \$1000 has been appropriated for the building of this landing, it does not surprise me one bit that they are in here asking for \$500 more. I sincerely hope that it will be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance was declared carried. Mr. Hibbard of Wd. 24 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, but before the result was ascertained the Chair declared the doubt solved, and declared the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance lost.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this Council will not even vote to request the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate that \$500. I want to say that the bath department of Boston is today being conducted in an incompetent manner, and, in short, I want to say one thing, that at a certain bath in Roxbury which is open today a swimming instructor fell overboard, and only for the help of a fireman in an adjoining house he would have been drowned. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. WATSON—Now, Mr. President, and fellow members, how can they do anything judiciously if they are incompetent? I do not believe they ought to even have the use of that money, and I sincerely trust that this will be voted down.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, if it is in order at this time, I would like to offer an amendment, which will possibly cover the objections which the gentleman has raised. I move to amend the order so that it will read that they be requested to provide "the sum of \$500, to be expended by the bath department for the construction only of the public landing, Dorchester Bay."

At the request of the President, Mr. Harvey reduced his amendment to writing.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I think, after the amendment offered by the gentleman from Dorchester, that I am perfectly willing to withdraw my objection.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I am opposed to the amendment offered by the gentleman in the second division, principally on the ground that it is offensive and insulting in its language, and perfectly nonsensical in every particular. I maintain, Mr. President, that an order providing that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$500, to be expended for the completion of the Public Landing, Dorchester Bay, is explicit enough, and that the insertion of the word "only" is thoroughly childish, foolish and nonsensical. I am opposed to the amendment and hope that it will not be adopted. It has been said that the bath department is incompetent to spend the money entrusted to it, and that the members of the Council are on record as saying so. That statement, made by the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson), I do not concur with. It may be possible that some members of the Council have placed themselves on record in that line, but I wish to say that I am one of the members of this Council, and that I am proud to say that there are several other members of this Council, who believe that the bath department is competent to expend money entrusted to their charge.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I think the gentleman who preceded me let the cat out of the bag. I think the bath department needs \$500 somewhere in the Ninth Congressional District. Now, I am in the position of saying that I would vote against this thing, and of again saying that I would withdraw my objection after the amendment had been offered. I think that is a proper amendment. However childish or foolish it may be, it matters not to me. A proper course of procedure is sometimes brought about by apparent foolishness. I desire to say, also, Mr. President, that although perhaps all the members of the Council did not vote to say that the bath department is not competent to expend money, I will say that all but a very few did so vote. I stand corrected to that extent. I hope that the order, as amended, will be passed.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, it seems to me that a good way to close up this matter with satisfaction to all, and to have the thing definitely settled and in the right way, would be to have it referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I make that motion, to refer it to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The motion was declared carried. Mr. Hibbard of Wd. 24 doubted the vote and asked for verification by a rising vote. The Council stood divided, but before the result was ascertained definitely the Chair declared the doubt solved, and declared the motion to refer to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment lost.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment, and it was declared not adopted. Mr. Hickey of Wd. 2 doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the amendment was adopted, 24 members voting in the affirmative, 8 in the negative.

The order, as amended, was read a second time and passed. Mr. Hibbard of Wd. 24 moved to reconsider: lost. Sent up.

14. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to place North End Playground and North End Beach in proper condition for use during the present summer months.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That the expense attending engrossing resolutions on the death of

the late Hon. John H. Sullivan be charged to City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

16. An ordinance relative to the ward-room for Wd. 1.

Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 1, Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section 4 by striking out, in the eighth line of said section, the words, "Chapman School-house, Tutaw St.," and inserting in place thereof the words "Emerson School-house, Prescott St."

The PRESIDENT—Under the rules the Chair will refer No. 16 to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would ask the Chair to refer to the specific rule which requires that this shall be referred to the Committee on Ordinances?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will call the attention of the gentleman to the rule which provides for the reference of all matters to the appropriate committee, or, in other words, for the reference of all ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I would move a suspension of the rules that this ordinance may go upon its passage tonight. I would ask your attention and the attention of the Council to No. .. on the calendar—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that this order has been referred, under the rule, to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. HICKEY—Well, Mr. President, as a matter of courtesy, I will ask the Chair to withdraw that reference.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Hickey asks for the withdrawal of the matter from the Committee on Ordinances. Is there any objection?

(Several members objected.)

The PRESIDENT—There being objections, the Chair will declare the matter referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

17. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Chairman of the Trustees for Children relative to the crowded condition of the Parental School and the need of authorizing the sale of the Marcella St. Home property. The passage of the following order is urged in said message:—

Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be authorized to transfer to the Board of Street Commissioners the Marcella St. Home property, the same being no longer used as an institution for children, and that said Board of Street Commissioners be authorized, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to sell the same for such price, and upon such terms, as they may deem advantageous.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, on the part of the Common Council, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18.

18. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of thirteen hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department in installing an electric plant at the Dover-St. bath-house; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that further reading of the matter be dispensed with and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The PRESIDENT—Does the Chair understand the gentleman to refer to the Joint Committee on Finance?

Mr. WATSON—No. The Committee of the Common Council. I desire to correct myself. I meant to refer it to the Com-

mittee on Finance on the part of the Common Council.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to amend the motion made by the gentleman from Wd. 13, to provide that it be referred to that Committee with instructions to report back at the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is somewhat in doubt as to whether that motion is susceptible to such an amendment, and would rule the amendment out of order.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, that is a motion that is not only made in the other branch of this government, but is a motion that I have heard made time and again at the State House, and I doubt very much if the Chair is correct in his ruling. A motion has been made to refer this matter to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council. I merely move to amend the motion so that the Committee shall report back at the next meeting of the Council. If I am out of order, I am content to be so.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I think I can give some information to the gentleman from Wd. 2 by saying that in the other branch the Chair does not recognize a motion to refer with instructions to report back at a certain date. He puts the motion as being simply to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements, or to any other committee, and does not say that they shall report it back at a certain time, although that is sometimes understood, it being a fact that he does not consider it proper.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to be entirely fair in this matter, and while he understands that it is the custom in the upper branch to refer matters with the understanding that they will be referred back, he understands that it is true that such a motion is there recognized as being entirely unparliamentary.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I respectfully ask for information as to what length of time the rules of this Council allow committees to consider a matter before reporting back any matter which is referred to them?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair understands that the rules provide that they shall report back within four weeks.

19. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council was carried.

Ordered, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500), formerly appropriated for a wall at Evergreen Cemetery and now lying unappropriated in the City Treasury, be, and hereby is, appropriated for a fence at the Evergreen Cemetery.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

20. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, that the additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Water Department in extension of the water mains; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move that the reading of the matter be dispensed with and that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 12 if he embodies printing the document in his motion?

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Yes, sir.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President,

this is a subject of which I wish to confess at the outset that I have no particular knowledge. But I wish to call the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that in connection with every order on the calendar there is a question of right or wrong. This \$25,000 that is to be expended by the water department in connection with the extension of water mains is needed imperatively or not needed at all, and it seems to me that a motion to assign should not be made now, unless some good reason is given for it. It seems to me that some member of the Council might know about this matter and be able to explain it, although I do not know about it myself.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the representative of this branch on that board, that the \$25,000 appropriated in the order No. 20 on the calendar is for the high service of buildings needing fire sprinkling service.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that No. 20 on the calendar will not be assigned, because if there is one department out of all the departments of the city of Boston we can trust money with, it is the water department. I believe there is the only man who is capable of running a department, of all the heads of departments; and I sincerely hope that the members of the City Council will realize that at the head of the water department they have a man who knows his business, and a man who is capable of administering any kind of business, irrespective of what it is. I sincerely hope that the matter will not be assigned.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, as a representative of Wd. 5, from which the head of the water department comes, I trust and sincerely hope that this Council will not assign this matter, but will pass this order for an appropriation of \$25,000 in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Here is a man whose integrity and ability cannot be questioned—the head of the water department. I hope that the order will be passed tonight.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, I have nothing at all to say against the gentleman who is at the head of the water department. But here is an order expending \$25,000, and I must confess that I have not had a chance yet to look into the matter at all to see whether it is necessary or not. Of course we expect almost any kind of an order coming from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to go through the Board of Aldermen. It goes through there as though it were greased. But when it comes to the Common Council it seems to me on a good many matters the best thing we can do is to assign them at least until the next meeting, or until we can find out where we are at.

Almost six months of the year have gone by, and now, when we are about breaking up for the summer, in come half a dozen orders from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and I understand that there are more to follow which came to the Board of Aldermen today. I don't believe it is essential for the welfare of the city of Boston that this order should be passed tonight. I think that we might consider it for at least one or two weeks. If the Mayor of the city has seen fit to hold the matter back since the first of the year, it seems to me he can well afford to let it rest for one or two weeks longer, in order that some members of this body at least can have a chance to look into it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to take this time—perhaps it is perfectly proper now that the Chair should state it—to say that this \$25,000 authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is to be spent outside of the debt limit in accordance with statute law.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that the matter will not be assigned. One particular reason is this, if we adjourn very soon—which we are likely to, this matter will not come back to us until we come back here next fall. Another reason seems to be that the presiding officer of this body, being a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, voted there to approve of this order and gave to it his signature. It seems to me that that should satisfy the members that the order is all right, and I don't know why my friend from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) will not agree to that. I hope the matter will not be assigned but will be passed this evening.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I am glad to discover that the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) had no particular reason in asking for the assignment of this matter outside of his general antagonism to the democratic party and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I am glad too, Mr. President, that I objected to the assignment of this order, because it has, after all, brought out some information that may prompt the members of the Council to pass the order tonight and not assign it. I am of the opinion, after the debate tonight, that Mr. Murphy is a candidate for Mayor of Boston. It seems to me from the remarks of the gentleman—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to speak to the question before the body.

Mr. HICKEY—from Wd. 13 and the gentleman from Wd. 5—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to refrain from speaking while the Chair makes a ruling. The Chair will rule that the question being on assignment the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 2 at this time are not in order, and will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question before the Council, which is on assignment.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I would remind the Chair that the question was also on assignment when the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan) and the gentleman from Wd. 5 (Mr. Gibbons) both passed their eulogies on Mr. Murphy to this body, and I want to go on record tonight as one who has no antagonism to Mr. Murphy, but as one who disbelieves the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 13, that he is the only head of a department in the city of Boston who knows how to manage his department, as saying a few words upon the matter. I am glad that the Chair has permitted me to make the statement after all. The statement of our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment shows clearly that the money asked for in No. 20 on the calendar is a necessity, and I believe that our representative on that Board should be ready at all times to tell this body what he knows about what goes on in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and not accepting from a member a motion to assign a matter until that matter has been explained to this body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will allow no reflections—

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I have concluded my speech.

The motion to assign was put, and the Chair being in doubt a rising vote was ordered. The Council stood divided and the motion to assign was declared carried, 22 voting in the affirmative and 17 in the negative.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 27, nays 35.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Chamberlain, Cuddy, Emery, Fenton, Gibley, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftvith, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Miller, Moore, O'Brien, Peck, Rolland, Simpson, Stone, Walker, Winsloe, Wood—27.

Nays—Bagley, Battis, Bordman, Bradley,

Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Flynn, Gibbons, Harvey, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Linehan, Madden, Martin, Mildram, Mulcahy, Newhall, Rice, Sanderson, Stockton, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—35.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bennett, Casey, Donovan, Eddy, Horrigan, Leonard, Logan, McInerney, Nangle, Roemer, Stevens, Wells—13.

The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The communication accompanying the order was placed on file.

21. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz.:

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$9,600) for asphaltting Charles St., from Fruit St. to Allen St., which amount is hereby appropriated for said purpose; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I would respectfully move that the reading of No. 21 on the calendar be dispensed with, and that the president of this body, as our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, be invited to give us an account of the facts in reference to it.

The PRESIDENT—There being objection, the Chair will direct the clerk to read No. 21. If there is no objection, the communication will be placed on file.

The order was given its first reading.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the council and particularly for the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Hickey) that this appropriation is for a piece of street in front of the Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chair in what ward that improvement will be? (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that he understands it is in Wd. 8. (Laughter.)

The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

22. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz.:

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated, the Trustees of the City Hospital be and hereby are authorized an additional sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for new buildings, which amount is appropriated for said purpose, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

23. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, June 22, the same coming down without alteration, viz.:

Ordered, That the order approved June 16, 1898, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend \$71,000 for a new ferry-boat, to take the place of the "East Boston," and appropriating for said purpose the sum of \$57,500 received from the United States government for the said ferry-boat and the sum of \$13,500 from the loan authorized by chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895, be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to receive from the United States government the sum of \$57,500, received from the United

States government and from no other party the gunboats "East Boston" and "Governor Russell," being the former ferry-boats "East Boston" and "William E. Russell," which were purchased from the city by the United States government and converted by it into gunboats for use during the late Spanish war, and to reit the same for use as ferry-boats; that the sum of \$57.5, received from the United States government for the ferry-boat "East Boston," be appropriated toward meeting the expense of purchasing said gunboats and refitting them for use as ferry-boats, not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$10,000), be charged to the appropriation for new ferry landing, authorized by chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I move that the reading of No. 23 be dispensed with.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I move that No. 23 be referred to the Committee on Finance on the part of the Council.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that that order will not be referred to the Committee on Finance. The order is plain enough. We all understand what it is, and there is no doubt that the Ferry Department needs the boat.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I hope this will not be referred to the Committee on Finance. While in general I am in favor of referring matters to committees, I think this order should be passed tonight. I understand that these boats are to be sold by the government in the near future, and I think it advisable that we pass this order. If the Ferry Department needs them, there is no question that they can buy them cheaply.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, as a member from East Boston, I, too, hope that this matter will not be assigned to any future meeting of the Council. I was a member of the Council last year, when this body voted unanimously to tender to the United States Government the use of these boats, and I feel that it would be a poor return for the patriotic spirit shown by the people of that district at the outbreak of the Spanish War now that the war is over to expect them to go on with the present crippled condition of the department. I hope no assignment will be had of the matter, but, inasmuch as the boats were bought directly from the United States Government, in connection with which there is no loophole for corruption of any kind, and, inasmuch as the Ferry Department is in a very poor condition, on account of being crippled for lack of boats—although in as good condition as it could be with any superintendent—I hope the order will not be assigned.

Mr. WELLS—Mr. President, as there seems to be an objection to reference, I will withdraw my motion.

The motion being withdrawn, the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and the communication accompanying the order was placed on file.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### PLAYGROUND, MORSE FIELD.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 24, assignment, viz:—

24. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land on Geneva Ave., between Olney St. and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and known as "Morse Field," for temporary playground purposes, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I hope this order will be defeated for

the reasons I stated two weeks ago—that the department cannot afford to pay \$200 for this playground. That is the amount that the Councilman from Wd. 24 stated he believed was required. This district has plenty of places for the boys to play without trying to eripple that department by drawing \$200 from its treasury; and, as the money will all have to come out of the laborers of the department if the order is passed, I sincerely hope that the council will refuse to pass it tonight.

Mr. FLYNN of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I think if the members of the Council understood the financial condition of that department there would be no doubt that the order would be defeated. The appropriation for the department this year is smaller than it has been for a good many years, and even as large as it has been in the past men have had to lose from two to three and even four weeks without pay in some years. At the last of last year they were 17 weeks without any money. All of this money comes out of the laborers of the department—not out of Mr. Dogue or anyone else, but the laborers. I don't see how they can afford to appropriate any money for this playground. They haven't money enough now to run the department as it ought to be run and to do the work that they ought to do, and I sincerely hope that the order will be defeated.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope the Council will grant this privilege to that section. It is something that the children of the laborers themselves ask for. It is in a very thickly populated section, where there is no room except on the street. I hope the Council will pass the order tonight. It certainly is a necessity in that section that they have some place to go, and it is a section that does not call for very much.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this order will be passed here tonight. Every other part of the city of Boston has a playground, and Dorchester has only one playground—away out at Neponset. All we ask is that a small amount of money be taken from that department to hire a small lot of land for the children, and it seems to me that this antagonism for playgrounds for Dorchester should be done away with. We should have a playground for our children to amuse themselves on, the same as children of other sections of the city.

Mr. FLYNN—Mr. President, I don't feel badly because they want a playground in Dorchester—that is not what I am talking about. In regard to my friend from Wd. 20 saying this is for the laborers' children, I think bread and butter is better than a playground, because bread and butter are necessities. I think there ought to be some other way of providing the money for a playground instead of taking it from the laboring men. It is not Mr. Dogue, the head of the department, but the laborers who will lose the money. I think that they cannot afford it. I am probably as well acquainted with the department as any man in the Council, and acquainted with many of the men there. I know the condition of the department and the trials they have to go through with, and have had to go through with for the last two or three years. They have not had the money to run the department as it should be run and I don't see how it is going to be any great benefit to that department to take away still more money from them. It simply means a little pleasure and a good deal of hardship for these men. I think if the members understood this as well as I do they would feel the same as I do.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I am somewhat surprised that there should be opposition to the hiring of a playground simply because it is located in Dorchester. I would like to say to the gentlemen who have opposed this, partially upon that ground, that Wd. 20 has

not a playground within its limits; and I venture to say that in the wards which the gentlemen come from they have more playgrounds and parks than we have. There was a time when Dorchester lots were open to the public, but in the past few years they have been built over and fenced in, and today the children of Dorchester have no better place to play than those of the North End—namely, the street. I hope that the opposition which has come forward here will be withdrawn and that the children will be allowed to have a playground in that section of Dorchester, which is now fast becoming very thickly settled. The people who live there are mostly laboring people, and it is their children who will reap the benefit of such an appropriation. It is certainly far better to pay a small sum for a playground in the summer than it is to compel these same laborers to pay innumerable doctor's bills in the winter time. This land is particularly well adapted to the purposes of a playground, and I certainly hope that the order will go through. I have no doubt that Alderman McDonald looked into the matter very thoroughly, and without doubt he took a good deal of advice in regard to it before he offered the order.

Mr. BRENNAN of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I do not want to appear as antagonizing the hiring of a playground. There is nobody in this Council who is more in favor of playgrounds than I am. I wish to say to the gentleman from Wd. 20 that the boys in my district have further to go to a playground than those in his district have to go to Franklin Field or to the Locust St. ball ground, to get a playground, and we haven't any place where the boys can go and play baseball unless they play in the street. I know that the boys in the vicinity of this "Morse field" have not got more than a thousand yards to go to the most to be in Franklin Park or Franklin Field. I know the location very well and I know that it is not a very thickly populated section. I know that there is plenty of opportunity for the boys to play, and I know, also, that the appropriation for the department of public grounds cannot afford to have this money taken out of it. If there is any other place that the gentleman from Wd. 20, or from any other ward, can find an appropriation for this purpose, I am perfectly satisfied to vote for it, but I cannot see how they can vote to take this money from the appropriation of the department of public grounds. I know myself that the appropriation for the department of public grounds this year is smaller than it has been in past years, and I know that last year almost every man in the department was forced to take a vacation, with loss of pay, simply because the appropriation was so small. I do not desire to see that occur this year and that is why I oppose this order.

On motion of Mr. Flynn, the order was amended by striking out, at the end thereof, the words "public grounds department" and inserting in place thereof the words "park department."

The order, as amended, was passed. Sent up.

Later in the session Mr. Walker of Wd. 25 moved that the action on No. 24 be reconsidered.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, I suppose a word of explanation is in order. The shape in which this order is left is rather inconsistent. It provides, as amended and passed, that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to spend the money of another department—the Park Department. Now, this body has no right to do that—has no right to provide for the appropriation of any department's money, for that matter, and least of all to change over money from one department to another. That, of course, belongs to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. If reconsideration prevails, I would like to offer an amendment along that line.

The motion to reconsider was carried, and Mr. Walker of Wd. 25 submitted the following:—

Moved that No. 24 on the calendar be amended by striking out the words "the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire" and inserting instead thereof the words "Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$200 for hiring," also to strike out the words "the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Park Department."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, owing to the absence of the Councilmen who are interested in this matter, I move that it be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I hope that assignment will not prevail. I hope the Councilman will withdraw his objection to having it acted upon tonight. The gentleman who objected before is here at the present time. This is simply asking the Board of Apportionment to pass on the matter and is not taking away the money from a department. For that reason I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion.

Mr. CONNOLLY—Mr. President, I desire to withdraw the motion. I did not see the gentleman from Wd. 20.

Mr. Walker's amendment was adopted, and the order as amended was passed.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration, trusting that it will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—Reconsideration having already been had, it is not again in order.

Mr. WALKER—The order as amended has not been reconsidered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to say that no motion or order is susceptible of more than one reconsideration, under the rules.

25. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay, on Monday, July 3, in part compensation for their services.

Passed in concurrence.

26. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to rescind the order passed by it requiring the use of lanterns on bicycles entering the park system of Boston.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, I had the pleasure of appearing before the board of park commissioners as a remonstrant against this regulation. I do not intend to recite here the facts relative to the advantages and disadvantages of a lantern, but I do believe that there are portions of history connected with this movement that might as well be made public. I would like first to call your attention to the fact that when this regulation was first proposed, the evident purpose was to railroad it through the commission without the remonstrants having any opportunity to be heard at all. I learned of the fact that there was to be a hearing, and asked permission to have an evening session, when I could secure enough parties who are interested in the proceedings to remonstrate. That, it seems, was not granted me, but I appeared at the hearing, and there were a number of other wheelmen who also appeared. There are several particularly interesting facts in regard to that hearing that I desire to speak of. In all cases heretofore where legislation has been asked to institute laws requiring vehicles to carry lamps, the parties who have fathered the legislation, or who have introduced it, have been parties interested in the sale of lanterns or in the manufacture of the same. Now, in this particu-

lar hearing there were two parsons present to represent the petitioner. I found that the principal petitioner was the owner of a bicycle paper, I found that the attorney representing the petitioner was an ex-editor of that paper; and I found that the sole witness that they produced at that hearing was a reporter upon that paper.

I further found that one-third of the entire advertising of that paper consisted at that time of bicycle lamp ads.—full-page and half-page ads. I find by further comparison of that paper with other bicycle sheets—taking, for instance, the L. A. W. Bulletin, which has a circulation of 60,000—that this is not true of other bicycle sheets, the entire lamp advertisement of the L. A. W. Bulletin amounting to about one third of one column. Now, in all cases where there is a public demand for legislation, it is logical to say that there must be some cause, and in this instance the cause should be accidents in the park system. To determine whether or not there were a series of accidents in the park system, I made inquiry at the Police Headquarters, and was advised by them that they did not know of a single instance in the park system of an accident which was occasioned through the fact that the wheelman did not carry a lantern, and I most earnestly protest against the passage of any law which shall inflict this upon the wheelmen, believing that there is not an actual public demand for the same.

The order was passed in concurrence.

27. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to convey to the United States government the land on Long Island required by the War Department for an enlargement of the parcel of land on said island already owned by the United States government and used for military purposes, at a price of \$1200 per acre.

The PRESIDENT—Under the rules, the Chair will refer the order to the Committee on Public Lands.

28. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment June 27, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered: That this Board having received a communication from the Mayor requesting the making of loan appropriations for the following purposes, and having prepared the following loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deem the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz:—

Building Department.

Filing cases and alterations in connection with same..... \$3,500

Engineering Department.

Faneuil Hall Building, reconstruction additional..... 8,000

Street Department.

Congress St. Bridge, reconstruction 10,000  
Street Improvements, General..... 75,000

Wire Department.

For carrying out the provisions of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, additional..... 3,500

\$100,000

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, Wd. 12, moved that the message and order be printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The question came on assignment to the next meeting.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, this is another matter which I have not had an opportunity to look into, but I feel that perhaps our President, as a member of the Board of Apportionment, and having signed the order, may be able to give us sufficient information to enable us to vote upon this intelligently tonight. As I take it, it is an order for loans which may be matters of great necessity and which may be imperative that the Council should pass the order tonight. I respectfully ask for the statement by the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the Clerk to read the order for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 2, it being self-explanatory.

(The Clerk read the order, as printed above.)

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that assignment will prevail. The inconsistency of the gentleman from Wd. 2 strikes me very forcibly. When there was an order introduced here the first part of the year asking for a verbatim report of the meetings of the Board of Apportionment he opposed it, but he stands here now demanding information on financial orders.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, before speaking on the merits of the question before this body, I would ask you to permit me to digress for a moment and to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 13 who has just resumed his seat. I did not oppose, Mr. President—

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question. The question is on assignment.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 2 to confine himself as much as possible to the question before the house. The Chair is unable to rule, from the remarks which he has heard the gentleman make, that the gentleman is not confining himself to the question at the present time.

Mr. HICKEY—I respectfully rise to a question of personal privilege. My question of personal privilege is this—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair ruled that the gentleman from Wd. 2 is in order.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I did not so understand. I want to reply to the gentleman from Wd. 13, and to tell him that I did not vote against publishing the proceedings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; but I stood here—and the minutes of the Council will bear me out in this statement—and said that I believed the city record was of sufficient importance to the members of the Council to be the means of publishing those proceedings. I also said that the reporters were admitted, and that the proceedings of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment were made known to the public, but that they were made known after the lapse of a day or two. I do not—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is willing to allow all reasonable latitude, but will once more ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is on assignment.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I am opposed to the assignment of this order, for two particular reasons. In the first place, I asked the Chair for a statement in reference to this order, for the reason that I did not believe that the members of the Council knew enough of it from hearing it read by the clerk. Moreover, on hearing it read a second time, I was able to catch that some part of it was for the work at Faneuil Hall. That appropriation must be a necessity, Mr. President. I hope that the matter will not be assigned.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, as the representative of the Council upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that the loan bill now before the Council comprises several items, amount-

ing in the aggregate to several hundred thousand dollars, of which \$75,000 is for street improvements, \$3500 for filing cases for the building department and alterations in connection with the same, \$8000 for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, in addition to what has already been appropriated, and \$3500 to make good an expected deficiency in the wire department. The question is on assignment.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hardly think it is wise to pass an order appropriating \$100,000 without giving it some investigation. One argument that has been advanced against the Common Council is that in the past it has passed appropriation orders without giving them proper consideration and without giving them proper investigation. It seems to me that it is hardly consistent for any one to seek more power for the Common Council, and at the same time to ask that matters of this kind, involving so much money as this order does, should be passed when they come up without investigation, but simply upon asking the President of this body to give us an idea of what it is, I believe that we should go slow on matters of this kind. I was in favor of assigning the order appropriating \$25,000 for the water department—not but that I have the greatest respect for Mr. Murphy. I have the greatest respect for him, and also have great respect for several heads of departments, as well as Mr. Murphy; but I believe that it is our duty to look into matters of this kind, to see whether they are wise or unwise, and not to rush matters through—especially matters of this size. I am in favor of assignment, and I hope it will prevail.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was declared carried, 37 members voting in the affirmative, 10 in the negative. Mr. Mulcahy further doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by the yeas and nays. The question was put on ordering the yeas and nays and they were declared not ordered. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote on ordering the yeas and nays, and asked for a rising vote, but before the result was ascertained definitely the President declared the yeas and nays not ordered.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

By direction of the President, the clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brauer, Eroderick, Carroll, Chamberlain, Connolly, Cuddy, Donahue, Doyle, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Killey, Kleim, Leftovich, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—60.  
Absent—Badaracco, Bennett, Bordman, Casey, Collins, Curley, Doherty, Donovan, Eddy, Horrigan, Leonard, Naugle, Newhall, Stevens, Sullivan—15.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, July 13, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, I hope that order will not pass, but that the Council will adjourn over for the summer. It seems to me that we are getting along pretty well into the warm weather, and that it is about time that we voted to take the usual summer recess. If there is anything of importance that comes up during

the summer, we will be subject to the call of the Chair.

The order was read a second time, and was declared passed. Mr. Hickey doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was passed, 28 members voting in the affirmative, 8 in the negative. Mr. Peck moved to reconsider; lost.

#### TARGET PRACTICE FOR MILITIA.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24, for Mr. Boardman of Wd. 10, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to furnish the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston during the present season, at an expense not exceeding four thousand dollars; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the gentleman offering that order that in the annual maintenance order \$4000 was included in the appropriation for the public buildings department for rifle and target practice for the volunteer militia.

The order was read a second time, and was passed. Sent up.

#### PLAYGROUND—WD. 23.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order that the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to explain to this Council why they do not purchase land for a playground in Wd. 23, as provided by law.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CONDITION OF CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order. That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to at once put the Central Avenue bridge, Wd. 24, in a safe condition for public travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAIR OF RIVER STREET.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order. That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to request the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to repair the pavement between their tracks from Pierce Sq. to Hyde Park line on River St., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### WORK ON NORTH FERRY.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the work on the North Ferry, Boston side, to be prosecuted at night as well as in the day time, so that the same may be completed with as little delay as possible.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS, Wd. 1.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the following amounts for street improvements in Wd. 1: \$1500 for completion of Princeton St., \$10,000 for resurfacing Trenton St., \$10,000 for resurfacing Falcon St.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### ORDERS OFFERED FOR OTHER COUNCILMEN.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to offer two orders for Councilman McInerney and a resolution and order of my own.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he will not hereafter permit the presentation by one councilman of orders for another councilman when the other councilman is present himself. The Chair will direct the Clerk to read Mr. Cuddy's resolution and order.

THANKS TO BOARD OF POLICE.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered the following:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Common Council of the city of Boston be, and they hereby are, extended to the Board of Police for its courtesy in tendering to said members the use of the Police Boat "Guardian" on the occasion of their late visit to the warships in Boston Harbor.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Common Council be hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolve to the Board of Police.

Passed.

SEATS ON COMMON.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the seats on the Tremont St. mall of the Boston Common.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

COLD WATER, WD. 9 GYMNASIUM.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish cold water at the fountain situated in the building now occupied by the Wd. 9 gymnasium on Harrison Ave.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PAY OF FIREMEN.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That any member of the Fire Department who may contract sickness while in the discharge of his duty shall be allowed 10 days full pay and 30 days half pay thereafter, and any member who may be injured while in the performance of his duty shall be allowed 30 days' full pay and 30 days' half pay thereafter, unless in either case said member shall be sooner fully recovered.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 25.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Farrington Ave. and Highgate St., Wd. 25.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

RULES GOVERNING PARK UNIFORMS

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24, for Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through

His Honor the Mayor, to report to this Council as soon as convenient, the rules governing the buying and wearing of park uniforms in their department.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Harvey.

TRANSFER TO CITY HOSPITAL.

Mr. HARVEY, for Mr. Watson, offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from some fund, or make a new appropriation of \$25,000 to City Hospital Department in order that the four wards now closed may be open to patients.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Harvey.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING VISIT OF SQUADRON.

Mr. HARVEY, for Mr. Watson, offered the following:—

"Resolved, That the Common Council conveys to Admiral William T. Sampson, his officers and his men, its sincere regret that, for some reason as yet unexplained, the Chief Executive of this city failed to properly and officially receive our distinguished naval visitors on the occasion of their recent sojourn in this harbor for the first time since their gallant service in the war with Spain.

"Resolved, That the Common Council offers its profoundest apologies to Admiral Sampson, commander of the squadron, for its inability to officially atone for a conspicuous and unusual omission of municipal courtesy.

"Resolved, That the Common Council unreservedly approves of the semi-official visit made to the squadron by members of the City Council on Wednesday, June 21, and in doing so expresses the unqualified disapproval of the action of the Mayor in going outside of the jurisdiction of his position in order to prevent that visit and to humiliate this body as individuals and as a legislative branch of the city government.

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council are hereby extended for the City of Boston to Ensign Bennett, U. S. N., Secretary to Admiral Sampson, for the kind and courteous attention which he paid to the visiting members of both branches.

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted by the Clerk of the Common Council to Admiral Sampson, to the Navy Department at Washington and to the Mayor of Boston."

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24.

The clerk was about to read an order presented by Mr. Harvey when Mr. Moore of Wd. 10 rose to a point of order that there was no quorum present.

The President decided that the point was well taken, and the Council adjourned at 9.38 o'clock, p. m., to meet on Thursday, July 13, at 7.45 o'clock, p. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 3, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent, Ald. Codman.

The board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

## Building Dept., Aid.

Charles Homer, for leave to project a barber pole at 201 Ruggles St., Wd. 19.  
Morris Peyster, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 1109 Washington St., Wd. 9.

## Claims.

Mrs. Sarah R. Baker, for payment to John H. Weston of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on east side of Mascot St.

## Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Ancient Order of Hibernians, for the use of Faneuil Hall May 7 to 12 inclusive, 1900.

## Lamps.

William Murphy and others, for public lamps on Roswell St., Roxbury.  
George Zittel, Jr., and others, for public lamps on Durant Ave., Roxbury.

## Licenses.

Marclano Tranfaglia for a permit for Pauline and Nora Tranfaglia, children under 15 years, to appear at the Boston Theatre in "The Girl in the Moon."

## Memorial Day.

Reports of expenses on Memorial Day of following G.A.R. Posts:-

Joseph Hooker Post 23.  
Dahlgren Post 2.  
Washington Post 32.

## Public Improvements.

A. G. Latour, for transfer of permit granted to A. Ladd at corner of Tremont and Elliot Sts.

Frank Rogers, for leave to maintain a bootblack stand in Franklin Ave.

John Lepore, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 31 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for sidewalks of artificial stone, viz.:-

W. M. Brummett, 14 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.  
Joseph Green, 27 Dundee St., Wd. 10.  
Mary E. Whipple, 10 and 12 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.

Catherine D. McMorrow, 6 and 8 Vale St., Wd. 15.

Alexander M. Glennie, 16 and 17 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.

Joseph Shoolman, 112-116 Chelsea St. and 1-3 Prospect St., Wd. 3.

M. C. Shea, 15 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.

## Railroads.

West End Street Railway Co., for a location for double tracks on Main St., Charlestown, from a point near Cambridge St. to a point near Mishawum St.

West End Street Railway Co., for a location for double tracks in place of existing single track in Western Ave., Brighton.

## Building Department.

Collas, Whitman & Co., for leave to build a wooden addition at 329 Marginal St., Wd. 2.

## HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double tracks on Talbot Ave., from Blue Hill Ave. to the tracks of said company on Washington and Norfolk Sts., Dorchester, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. McDonald. Later in the session, on motion of Ald. McDonald, the reference to the Committee on Public Improvements was rescinded and the matter was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

## PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

2. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to furnish the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston, during the present season, at an expense not exceeding four thousand dollars; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Buildings Department.

Referred to the Committee on Armories, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

3. The following order was sent up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the following amounts for street improvements in Wd. 1:

\$1,500 for completion of Princeton St.  
\$10,000 for resurfacing Trenton St.  
\$10,000 for resurfacing Falcon St.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the (A) Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire (B) the lot of land on Geneva Ave., between Olney St., and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and known as Morse Field, for temporary playground purposes; (C) the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The foregoing order, which was passed by this Board June 12, comes up concurred with these amendments: Strike out all between A and B and insert in place thereof, "Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate the sum of \$200 for hiring," and strike out all between C and D.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide the sum of (\$500) five hundred dollars, to be expended (A) for the completion (B) of the Public Landing, Dorchester Bay.

The foregoing order, which was passed by this Board June 26, comes up concurred with this amendment:

At A insert "by the Bath Department," and at B insert "only."

Passed in concurrence.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to act on Nos. 6 and 7 together, viz.:-  
Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor.

6. Austin Bigelow, Thomas A. Dunn, Charles E. House and Thomas F. Malone, to be Constables for the term ending April 30, 1900.

7. William M. Robinson, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee Ald. Berwin and Dixon. Whole number of ballots, 11, yes 10, no 1, and the several appointments were confirmed.

## PROJECTION OF SIGNS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. Aid., submitted a report on the petition of James A. Watson and Co. for leave to project a sign at 11 Change Ave.

and Corn Ct., Wd. 7.—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of The New England Mutoscope Co. for leave to project a sign at No. 11 Tremont Row.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the board voted to suspend the rules, and grant leave on the usual conditions.

Ald. DOYLE presented the petition of John Bonnowro for leave to project a sign at 46 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

On motion of Ald. Doyle, the Board voted to suspend the rules, and grant leave on the usual conditions.

#### MINORS' LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that licenses be granted to 20 newsboys and 5 bootblacks.

Report accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. (recommitted April 12) for leave to erect poles in Gladstone and Walley Sts.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Gladstone St., Wd. 1, four, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; Walley St., Wd. 1, 1, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter, width of sidewalk, 8 ft. Date of plan, March 17, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### TALBOT AVE. TRACKS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today) for a location for double tracks on Talbot Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Talbot Ave., from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Blue Hill Ave., to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington St. and Norfolk St., with necessary curves, cross-overs and connections; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated May 22, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said accept-

ance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, on Talbot Ave., from Blue Hill Ave. to Washington St. and Norfolk St., with necessary connections with existing system of said company.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the city of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### MILL POND NUISANCE.

Ald. McDONALD submitted the petition of M. V. Dunning and others for the abatement of the Mill Pond nuisance in Wd. 2., and in connection with the same offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to grant a hearing on the nuisance at Mill Pond in Wd. 2., as per petition.

Passed.

#### EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Transit Commissioners be requested to prepare plans for the construction of a tunnel to East Boston in accordance with decision of the Supreme Court recently rendered and that they be further requested to commence the construction of said tunnel at the earliest date possible, in order that the citizens of East Boston may be properly and quickly provided with rapid transit.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to trim a tree in front of 319 West Fourth St., Wd. 13; the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### USE OF AUSTIN SCHOOL.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, as we are not going into Public Improvements, I would like to ask unanimous consent to have a

matter taken out from that committee. The order reads:—

“Ordered, That the Austin schoolhouse on Paris St., East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee Feb. 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee, the use of said building for school purposes being again required.”

Now, Mr. Chairman, they are tearing down the Chapman schoolhouse in that district, and they need this school in order to provide for the children while it is being rebuilt. This order should be passed at once, and I ask unanimous consent to have it withdrawn from the committee and brought before the board for action.

The board voted to withdraw the order from the committee on Public Improve-

ments, and the order was passed. Sent down.

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NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order— That when this board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, July 17, 1899, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that all hearings assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration of all votes taken today, trusting the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Fresho, at 3:30 P. M., to meet on Monday, July 17, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON

## Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, July 12, 1899.

Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Codman.

The Clerk read the call as follows:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 10, 1899.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber on Wednesday, July 12th, at 1 P.M., for the purpose of acting upon the question of adopting a site for a new engine house for the use of Engine Company No. 22.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## SITE FOR ENGINE CO. 22.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a copy of an opinion given by the Corporation Counsel to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to the order for the purchase of a site for Engine Company No. 22. It appears by this opinion that the appropriation has taken effect, but that the Fire Commissioner has not authority to expend it until the proposed site is approved by vote of the City Council. The option for the purchase of this parcel of land was originally secured by the Board of Apportionment to run for the term of 40 days; it has already been once renewed for ten days, and I have now secured a second extension of the option up to July 20th, and it probably cannot be further renewed.

The unanimous conclusion of the Board of Apportionment was that this site was the most economical one available, and in view of the necessity of deciding this matter one way or the other, owing to the near expiration of the option, I respectfully ask the Board of Aldermen to take action upon it. I transmit herewith a draft of a suitable order for this purpose, and I desire to call attention to the fact that, as the appropriation has gone into effect and can be expended only for the purchase of this particular parcel of land, it will be necessary to rescind the appropriation order and pass a new one before action could be taken looking to the purchase of any other site. In view of the past difficulties which have been encountered in attempting to select a site for this engine company, I feel that it is almost hopeless to attempt to secure favorable action upon any other site this year, and that if the City Council is unwilling to approve the site in question, the present unfortunate conditions, under which a large amount of valuable property is exposed unnecessarily to extra fire risk, will be indefinitely continued. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Law Department,  
73 Tremont St.

Boston, July 6, 1899.

Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Gentlemen:—In reply to your inquiry as to "whether the order passed by the Board on May 22, authorizing the Fire Commissioner to expend for the purchase of land on Warren Ave. adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the northeast side, containing a lot 7500 feet, and to erect an engine house thereon, the amount of \$55,000 received for the engine house on Dartmouth St., formerly used by engine 22, takes effect 30 days from its sub-

mission to the City Council," I have to say that, I find from an inspection of the records that the order did not pass through either branch of the City Council, but became an appropriation for the purpose stated by the expiration of 30 days, under the provisions of Chapter 434, Act of 1898.

I add further, to prevent any misunderstanding, that this order cannot give the Fire Commissioner power to purchase the land or to erect the engine house. The City Council has the power of determining where its buildings shall be placed, and if the order had passed through each branch without any alteration being made in it, I should construe it as being an approval of the site stated in the order, and as giving the Commissioner the said power, but as it is, he will not have such authority until the City Council has given it.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey,  
Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston,

In Board of Aldermen,

July 12, 1899.

Ordered—That the City Council hereby approves as a site for an engine house the lot of land on Warren Ave. adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the northeast side, and containing about seventy-five hundred square feet, and authorizes the Fire Commissioner to purchase the said land for said purpose.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of this matter to the Joint Committee on Fire Department. I understand that that committee is to have a meeting tomorrow, and, inasmuch as the other order has been referred to that Committee, I think it is only fair that it should consider this order.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I feel that the time has come when the Board should express some decided opinion one way or the other as to what it proposes to do with this engine house site. I am well aware that there has been an order referred to the Joint Committee, but it seems to me this is a matter which requires the action of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council, and I wish that we might do something here today which would be final one way or the other, so far as this Board is concerned, and then let the Council act upon it tomorrow night. This is rather an important matter, and as time passes by people owning property in that vicinity are beginning to ask whether or not they are to have adequate protection. Personally I will not vote for the order sent in by the Mayor. I do not believe in that site at the price it is proposed to pay for it, and when the merits of the matter come up for discussion I propose to have something to say. I do not intend to cast reflections on the Joint Committee on Fire Department and am perfectly willing to let the matter go there, except that it will make some delay. I understand there is a meeting of the Committee tomorrow, and even if they report to the Common Council Thursday night the matter will then have to wait until another meeting of the Board before it can be passed upon. I hope the Committee on Fire Department will not consider that we are trampling on any of its prerogatives or rights if we take some action today, letting the Council act on the matter tomorrow night. Still, if the members of the Board insist that it is a proper thing to refer the order to the Committee, I have no serious objections, except that it will occasion several weeks' more delay in the matter, and personally I would like it passed upon one way or the other today. If the order which now stands before us is to be passed by the Board, let us pass it now, so that it will go to the Council tomorrow night. If we are to reject it, let us reject it now, and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment can then go out and try to show a little

better real estate knowledge than they have shown up to date.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I admire the position taken by His Honor the Mayor in calling the Board together to-day, for I believe the people of the Back Bay should have an engine house there as soon as possible. In order to state the matter as it stands before the Fire Department Committee, I will say that the communication was first referred by the Board to the Committee on Public Improvements on the 22d of May. It remained in the Committee on Public Improvements until the 9th day of June, if I am not mistaken, and was referred at that time to the Committee on Fire Department. On the 23d of June the Committee on Fire Department was called together and decided to visit the several sites suggested on the 27th of June. The Committee met on the 29th of June at a special meeting held on that day, which we all remember, to make a report, no doubt, on the selection of a site for the purpose, when a legal question presented itself and we were obliged to ask the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. He decided that the subject should be referred to the Joint Committee on Fire Department. The Common Council has not concurred in the reference as yet, as I understand it, and so, anticipating the action of the Common Council tomorrow evening, the Committee on Fire Department will meet tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock to look into the matter, and will be able to report as to the site on next Monday, if the committee can come to any conclusion. Personally I stand ready to report a site here at this meeting, but it would not be a report from the Fire Department Committee. It would be a report from myself alone. So it will be necessary, of course, to wait until the joint committee meets. We have done everything possible in the matter, Mr. Chairman, and we cannot act until the subject matter is legally before us.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the alderman, that he is laboring under a mistake. Either branch can refer a subject to a committee, and the committee can report to that branch upon it and it can then be considered. The rules stand in this wise, that either body can refer directly a subject matter to a joint committee for consideration.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I will say that I read carefully Rule 8 of the Rules and Orders of the City Council, which provides in regard to matters being referred to the different committees. Now, as we have referred that matter to the Joint Fire Department committee, it certainly stands to reason under the rules, as I interpret them, that it should go to the Joint Committee, when the Common Council concurs in the reference. Of course, our order might go to the Common Council and they might lay it on the table or possibly refer it to another committee, and we would therefore be unable under the ruling of the Corporation Counsel to have the joint committee on Fire Department act on the matter at all. It is for that reason, sir, that I refused to call a meeting of the joint committee on Fire Department until I could see my way clear, under rule 8 of the joint rules of the City Council. Now, in regard to the sites referred to here in the communication from His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I wish to say that I am decidedly opposed to that site. I have looked the ground over carefully, and have a site in mind, which I do not wish to mention now, because I think it would be taking undue advantage of the Joint Committee on Fire Department, and I will give my opinion as to a site to that committee. There are several locations, and I have always believed that the people who lived in a locality the year around are the best judges of

the site for an engine house. I have visited several engine houses in Boston, and I must say that in the past the best locations for engine houses in the city of Boston have not been secured. I know of only two good places in Boston where engine houses are located—down in Fort Hill Sq., where they have plenty of room around the engine house, and out in Roxbury, at the corner of Quincy St. There may be a few others. I am decidedly opposed to the recommendations of His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment because I believe the engine house site should be selected at the corner of two streets, where there will be plenty of room and light, and where the house will be an ornament to the neighborhood. I will refrain from entering into any long debate on this subject, waiting until the question is fairly before the City Council.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the alderman, who is chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire Department, that rule 8 of the joint rules reads as follows:—

“Either branch of the City Council may commit or recommit to a joint committee.”

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the issue here is extremely narrow, and I don't see what there is before the Committee except this: From the information we now have it appears that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has taken certain action, and has appropriated money for a certain site. The only question now is, will the City Council approve the action of that Board? That is all there is to it. It would make no difference if the Committee had the matter before them for a month and had all the facts. It is not a question now of whether there is a better site, but the question is simply this—will the city council approve that order? Now, why cannot we act upon this proposition? We know whether we will approve it or not, and let us act. If the city council will not approve the proposition submitted, let it take action on its own account. But there is no need of referring this to any committee, because the committee cannot assist us. It has come down to this, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has taken action in favor of a certain site, and it now comes before us for our approval. If we approve it, all right, that ends it. If we do not approve it, the matter still remains open, remaining as it has been until we take some action.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, do I understand that this matter is now in the Committee on Fire Department or in the hands of this Board?

The CHAIRMAN—The subject referred to in the communication from His Honor the Mayor and the subject now in the hands of the Joint Committee on Fire Department are practically one and the same. The Mayor has called the attention of the Board to the fact that he has received an additional option, in connection with this land referred to.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, can this Board take any action today, without waiting for the action of the Committee on Fire Department?

The CHAIRMAN—It is in the power of the Board to take action upon this matter at any time, it being a new order.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Board who lives in that district, I am very anxious that something should be done in the way of getting an engine house for that section of the city. Whether or not we do anything today I suppose depends somewhat on whether the Committee on Fire Department wants to report today or not.

Ald. Presho's motion, that the communication and order be referred to the Committee on Fire Department, was declared carried.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I most respectfully doubt that vote. My purpose is

th's: If you refer this to the Joint Committee you simply tie it up so much longer. Now, you have kept it tied up there about a year. It is not fair to property owners. They are entitled to some protection. The engine they had there has been taken away. You know today as well as you will know a week or a month from today what you are going to do with the order. Now, why not come out squarely today and say what we are going to do with it, without referring it to the committee? If it is referred to the committee, the committee can give no assistance. It is not for the committee to recommend another site. The whole question is, will the committee recommend that we accept that site up there? I suppose most of the members of the Board have heard enough about the matter so that, with all due respect to the Committee on Fire Department, they will have opinions of their own to express when the time comes. Why is it not well to express our opinions today on the merits of the order, rather than to have the matter tied up? I hope the roll call will develop the fact that a majority of the members of the Board are willing to have the issue decided right here.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I think this should go to the Joint Committee on Fire Department. It is a subject matter that they have been examining into. As far as the site selected by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is concerned, I am at perfect liberty to say this afternoon that if it comes to a vote I shall be recorded against selecting that site. If the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) desires that brought up, that is the way I will vote on the question this afternoon.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, that is the only issue there is here. The Committee cannot recommend a site—it is not within their power. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment has recommended a certain site. The only question is whether we shall approve or disapprove that action. That is the only issue. The alderman will appreciate the fact that, no matter how many hearings or investigations are given in the matter, it comes down to that one issue. We might as well decide that issue here as anywhere else. For instance, if it should appear on a vote here that a majority of the members are not in favor of the Warren Ave. site, that settles it, because it is a matter that requires concurrent action, and any action the Council might take thereafter would make no difference. If we disapprove the site, that settles it. It will then be for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to find some site that we will accept, and it seems to me the sooner we get to that point the better.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I made the motion to refer because I thought the sooner the matter was referred to the Committee of both branches to look into the quicker we would be able to arrive at some decision. I think the City Council should name some good site, which can be procured at a reasonable figure. However, if the question comes on the Warren Ave. site, I shall vote against it, because I don't think it is a proper site.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I think the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) has the right idea of this subject. I think if this matter goes today to the Committee on Fire Department things will simply go along the same as they have for several months. My opinion is that if we can take the Yarmouth St. site and save \$20,000, we should vote for that site, rather than for the one on Warren Ave. But I hope this will not go to the Committee. I want to vote upon the matter one way or the other this afternoon. I think we can expedite matters in that way rather than by referring it to the Committee on Fire Department.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing and ready to vote on this matter here today. I am free to say that I am opposed to the Warren Ave. site on account of the cost as compared with other sites which are equally good. It seems to me, however, that Ald. Colby is mistaken in his opinion when he says that the Board has nothing to do with the selecting of another site. If I understand the matter correctly the city council has the selecting of this site. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment can appropriate any sum of money it sees fit for a site, but we have a right to use our judgment in the selection of the site—just the same as the School Committee pick out different school lots, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the money to purchase them with. I think it is within our province to select the site, and I believe it is the duty of the Committee on Fire Department to investigate the matter and report to this body or the City Council.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to vote on this matter today myself, but I don't want to vote against this site on Warren Ave. until I find that there is some better site. I was opposed at the start to this site on Warren Ave., because I thought we might be able to get a location at the corner of Dartmouth St. and Warren Ave., near the High School. But I have since learned on good authority that we cannot take that on account of its being held by the School Committee for school purposes. I think if we could get that site it would be much better than the one they are now looking at or talking about. But if we cannot get that, as it seems, I think we ought to hold this until the best site is picked out. I don't think it is fair to vote this order down today. Let it go over to Monday, or for a week or ten days, and have a hearing.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, certainly the Committee on Fire Department can consider what is the best site, and under the new law passed the 15th of May, and approved by His Excellency the Governor, we can pick out the site and can instruct the Street Commissioners of Boston to seize it under that law. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment will then have absolutely nothing to do in the matter except that His Honor the Mayor would be obliged to approve of the doings of the Street Commissioners under that act, as I read it.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I understand the law as Alderman McDonald does, that the City Council can pick out the site; but I see no reason why we should not take a vote this afternoon. As a member of the Committee, I am ready to vote against the site selected by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Committee has examined the different sites, some of the members have expressed their opinion as rather against this site, and I see no reason why we should not vote upon this matter now.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, in regard to the remarks of Alderman Adams as to the opinion of the Corporation Council in this particular matter, I will simply say that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has gone so far as to set apart the money for this particular purpose, this particular site. Now, we can either reject or approve this order today. If we reject it, we can then go to work and consider other sites. On the other hand, if we refer this to the Joint Committee, whatever that committee does will amount to nothing. As presented to us today, the question simply comes on that particular site, and we can vote to reject it or approve it today as well as at any time. That is the point. If we reject it, the Joint Committee will still have the matter before it and can find a site if it wants to. I will say to the Alderman from my section of the city that I don't

think the city will have any difficulty, as long as it stands ready to pay twice the assessed valuation, in obtaining a suitable lot for an engine house. I live up in that section, and I know there is plenty of land that can be bought for twice its assessed valuation. There is no difficulty whatever in doing it. Let us put ourselves on record one way or the other on this site. If this is killed, the Committee can start out tomorrow and find another site.

The motion to refer to the Joint Committee on Fire Department was lost, yeas 5, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Colby, Day, O'Toole, Presho—6.

The question came on the passage of the order as submitted in the communication.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this matter will not be passed upon this afternoon. The Committee on Fire Department has the matter under consideration, and I hardly think it will expedite matters to take any action one way or the other at this time. If the committee is to meet tomorrow, and decides to report unfavorably upon the site at present suggested, it can, at the same time, if it sees fit, make recommendations to the Common Council that might perhaps appeal to its judgment. As I have said before, our action upon the matter one way or the other will simply settle the question of the Warren Avenue site, upon which I am not prepared to vote intelligently today, although I would vote for the passage of the order rather than vote against it. I say that without prejudice to whatever future action I might take in the matter. My judgment, as given to the members of this Board, is to take no action on the matter until the Committee on Fire Department has considered the entire subject. If that committee reports back that the present site is not a desirable one and recommends some other site, I will perhaps be able to vote on the matter then with a great deal more intelligence and satisfaction than I could this afternoon.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope the matter may come to a vote this afternoon, for this reason, that I have very little information in the matter and whatever information I have I have had to go around for. It seemed almost impossible, from the time the matter has been introduced, for me to get any information, until I went to the Assessors' office myself and got the data. I found that the suggested site is assessed for \$18,600, and that the price to be paid for it is \$38,000. Now, that does not look like a very businesslike transaction, does not look quite right.

There are innuendoes circulating around that do not surround this with favor, and I hope the site will be rejected and a new site picked out.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to call attention to the fact that the matter was referred to the aldermanic committee on Fire Department, that they investigated it, looked the sites over, and that four out of the five members have stood up and said they were willing to vote against the site. It seems to me that that is sufficient.

The order was read a second time, and the CHAIRMAN—The order goes over to the next meeting.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I will ask a suspension of the rule that the order may be put upon its passage today. I don't know that it is possible to do so, but I think we ought to get at this matter just as speedily as possible. We know the issue now, and I am free to say that I think this order ought to be rejected. I have a good deal of confidence in the idea of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but when we add to that the opinion of one man who is supposed to be one of the shrewdest real estate men in this town, who comes in and says that this site meets with his hearty approval, that the price is too much but that, taking everything into consideration, the city had better buy it, I say that is not fair business judgment. He admits that the price is too large. It is proposed to pay \$5 a foot for the land, and land on Tremont St., with a building on it, brought but \$5.50 a square foot recently, and this land in question is on another street where it will never be as valuable as land on Tremont St. Then the other objection to it is the location of the engine house, getting it away from the Back Bay District.

It ought to be brought just as near the corner of Columbus Ave. and Dartmouth St. as it is possible to do it. There are other sites, it seems to me, that can be had for no more than they are paying for that which will be more available. Certainly I don't think the City Council needs to worry very much about this lot. I guess even if the option on it expires it will be possible to pick it up at almost any time in the future for the price the City proposes to give for it now. There is no need of worrying about that. If the whole Back Bay and South End are canvassed they can then go back and find this lot for sale, and the parties ready to sell it for the price stated. So there is no need of the slightest anxiety in that direction. I hope this order will be defeated.

The rule was declared suspended, Ald. Berwin doubted the vote, the roll was called, and the Board refused to suspend the rule—Yeas 7, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Dixon, Doyle—4.

Adjourned at 1:39 P.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Monday, July 17, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, July 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

## SEATS ON COMMON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 11, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds in relation to your order requesting him to replace the seats on the Tremont St. Mall of the Boston Common.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Public Grounds Department,  
City Greenhouses, E. Cottage St.,  
Dorchester, July 10, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir: In reply to the enclosed order from the Common Council dated June 29, 1899, "that the Supt. of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to replace the seats on the Tremont St. Mall of the Boston Common," I beg to submit enclosed copies of correspondence on this subject with the assurance that I have no reason to change my opinion in regard to the inexpediency of placing seats on this mall.

I remain your obedient servant,  
Wm. Doogue, Supt.  
Feb. 23, 1899.

Nathaniel Robinson, Esq., Mayor's Office,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:—I beg to call to your notice the inclosed clipping from this morning's Herald in regard to the matter of seats on the Tremont St. mall, about which of late I have had many complaints. This same experience was repeated on the Public Garden, and I even went so far as to have seats specially painted to be used for women and children only, but the tramps and gentlemen of leisure monopolized them the same as they are doing on the Common. I dislike to trouble His Honor about such trifles and would ask you for some suggestion in regard to the matter as the complaints are becoming of daily occurrence. Very truly yours,

William Doogue, Supt.  
Feb. 25th, 1899.

William Doogue, Esq., Supt. Public  
Grounds, East Cottage St., Boston.

Dear Sir:—In reference to your letter of the 23rd I asked you some time since to put in these seats for the convenience of the ladies who requested them, but I think this was before the tracks were taken off Tremont St. I now desire you to use your own discretion as to whether or not it is best for these seats to remain. If they are simply used for loafing places I agree with you that they had better be removed. Yours truly,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Department.

## ADDITIONAL BAND CONCERTS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 3, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Music Commissioners in reply to orders of your body requesting them to give band concerts in the square in Massachusetts Ave., between Tremont St. and Shawmut Ave., in Frank-

lin Sq., Wd. 12, and in Pierce Sq., Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Department of Music.  
Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, City of Boston:—

Dear Sir: In reference to the two orders passed by the Common Council requesting the Music Commission to provide concerts in Pierce Sq., Dorchester, and in the square on Massachusetts Ave., between Tremont St. and Shawmut Ave., I beg to say that the Music Commissioners regret their inability to give the concert in either place. The Massachusetts Ave. district, being so far in town, the Commissioners feel that the concerts on the Common Sunday afternoons, will have to answer for the people in that locality. The Dorchester district will have a concert during the season, but the Commissioners feel that it should be in a more thickly populated district than Pierce Sq., and have therefore located it in Hancock Sq., where a greater number of people may enjoy it.

The Commissioners would be glad to provide at these places and many others if the appropriation at their disposal would permit it. They very much regret their inability to do so, and have made the best disposal of the funds for summer concerts that their judgment suggested. I enclose a list of the concerts as fixed upon for the season.

Yours very respectfully,

M. J. Dwyer, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Music Department.

## ERECTION OF WOODEN BUILDINGS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 6, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my approval an order granting authority to the joint standing committee on Building Department during the annual recess of the Common Council to allow the erection of wooden buildings and wooden additions upon such terms and conditions as said committee may deem expedient. While there are precedents for this action, I do not see any sufficient reason for falling to make such permits subject to approval by the Mayor, thus giving a committee of the City Council greater power than the City Council itself possesses. Permits of this character, if passed by the City Council, cannot take effect until approved by the Mayor or passed over his veto, and if this somewhat extraordinary power is to be given to a committee in order that the public may not be inconvenienced during the recess of the Common Council, it seems to me that it should be provided that the approval of the Mayor should be necessary to give effect to such votes passed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Building Department, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd 18.

Thursday, July 13, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## PRINTING PLANT OPERATIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the report of a committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operation of the Printing Department for the last financial year. This committee consisted of one member of the Merchants Municipal Committee, selected by that body, and three well-known master printers, and their report finds that the

printing plant made a net profit of over \$900 for the last financial year, after charging off 10 p. c. for depreciation.

I feel that the Superintendent of Printing and all who have been connected with the work of the office are to be congratulated upon the handsome showing made by the plant during the second year of its operation. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Boston, June 15, 1899.

His Honor, Mayor Josiah Quincy, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir.—The committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operations of the Printing Department of the City of Boston for the financial year ending on January 31, 1899, beg leave to submit the following report:—

All charges for work done during the past year have been made on the basis of the old contract in force at the time the work was taken over by the printing plant, and, while this basis was high at that time, it is more nearly correct now when all the larger printing establishments in Boston are on a nine-hour basis, which materially increases the cost of production. It is presumed that had the work continued under contract there would have been a provision for a material increase in price in the event of the adoption of nine hours.

By the unanimous desire of the other members of the committee, Mr. Thomas P. Nichols of Lynn, a member of the Boston Master Printers' Club, investigated the details of the work of the plant, including a careful examination of every charge for work done, the amount of stock on hand, and the work in process on the first day of February, and Mr. William Franklin Hall was engaged as an accountant to examine the financial condition. Mr. Hall's report is herewith appended, and is incorporated as a part of this report.

One item of this report is, in the opinion of your committee, wrongly placed. The 11-23 of the cost of extraordinary repairs (see Mr. Hall's report), amounting to nine hundred and six dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$906.27), which Mr. Hall has added to the cost of the plant, should either be charged to the expenses of the past year or (which would be more fair) be made a separate account, to be included in the expenses of the next year, thus leaving the actual value of the plant, as it should stand on the books, at forty-three thousand and nine dollars and eleven cents (\$43,009.11).

No charge was made by the plant for storage. Under the old contract there was an annual charge of nine hundred dollars (\$900). Adding this saving to the profit for the year, as shown by Mr. Hall's report, the net profit would be nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-one dollars and twenty-six cents (\$9951.26). If we deduct from this amount the 11-23 of the cost of extraordinary expenses, thus charging the whole cost into the running expenses of the past year, the net result would be nine thousand and forty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$9044.99) profit.

The errors in charges referred to by Mr. Hall are such as are liable to occur in any establishment, and aggregate a total of less than two hundred dollars (\$200) for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. Curtis, Chairman.

Frederick Mills.

Thos. P. Nichols.

Geo. H. Ellis.

REPORT ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE PLANT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1899. BY WM. FRANKLIN HALL, ACCOUNTANT.

The financial condition of the Plant on the first day of February, 1898, was as follows:—

Assets.	
Plant .....	\$42,031 03
Stock on hand, including unfinished work.....	5,473 00
Cash .....	449 64
Stamps .....	5 01
Uncollected accounts:—	
For printing.....	\$14,971 06
“ rent .....	316 66
“ heat and power.....	344 66
	15,632 38
Total .....	\$63,506 45

Liabilities.	
Unpaid bills for stock and materials .....	\$7,422 23
Pay-roll, accrued but not paid .....	674 00
Reserve for depreciation on Plant, 10 per cent.....	4,203 10
Total .....	\$12,299 42
Surplus .....	\$51,291 03
Exhibit of Operations for the Year Ending January 31, 1899.	

Total charges to departments for printing etc.....	\$120,920 50
Printing sundry documents chargeable to appropriation.....	22,542 04
Total .....	\$143,471 63

Cost of Carrying on the Plant.

Stock:—	
Amount on hand	
February 1, 1898... ..	\$5,473 00
Purchases .....	15,971 64
	\$21,444 64
Less stock on hand at close of year.....	4,875 91
	\$17,068 73
Ruling, numbering, etc.....	15,847 76
Pay-rolls for labor and services .....	72,711 04
Press-room supplies.....	1,156 25
Electros, cuts and engravings.	2,998 44
Outside printing.....	251 85
Stamped envelopes and stamps .....	9,785 12
Stationery .....	1,172 23
Repairs and alterations.....	988 66
Insurance .....	738 00
Rent .....	\$4,696 24
Less for underletting .....	1,644 96
	3,051 28
Sundry miscellaneous expenses .....	2,236 99
Accounts written off.....	182 57
Depreciation on Plant, 10 per cent.....	3,782 79
Total .....	134,921 71
Gain on printing, etc.....	\$9,549 22
To which add:—	
Heat and power sold.....	\$2,505 39
Costing .....	2,004 05
Net gain on heat and power.....	\$501 84
Entire gain for the year.....	\$9,051 26

#### Plant.

This account stood charged February 1, 1898, with cost of plant.....	\$42,031 03
Four new presses have been purchased during the year, costing.....	7,400 00
Extraordinary expenses have been incurred incident to a re-arrangement of the office, taking in more room, which required changing partitions, etc., amounting to....	\$1,894 93
As the lease of the premises now occupied expires January 1, 1900, this expense is apportioned over twenty-three months, —11-23 of this amount is carried forward and 12-23 charged in the expenses of the year ending January 31, 1899. Deduct 12-23 of	\$1,894 93
	983 66

Leaves to add to Plant.....	\$906 27	
Office furniture has been purchased during the year, the amount of which is added to Plant .....	680 50	
Type, etc., purchased and added to Plant .....	2,583 47	
		4,170 24
Total .....	\$43,601 27	
Three presses have been sold for.....		1,790 00
Leaving cost of Plant now.....	\$51,991 27	
There has been reserved for depreciation on Plant:		
10% in 1897.....	4,203 10	
10% in 1898.....	3,787 79	
		7,985 89
Which, if deducted, would leave actual the value of Plant as it stands now on the book.....		\$43,915 38

Financial Condition January 31, 1899.

Assets.		
Plant, as it stands on the books.....	\$51,991 27	
Stock on hand, including unfinished work .....	4,373 91	
Unearned Insurance Premiums.....	369 00	
Accounts Receivable uncollected.....	22,560 99	
Total .....	\$79,295 17	
Liabilities.		
Accounts Payable.....	\$7,457 34	
Pay Roll, accrued but not paid.....	911 50	
City Treasurer.....	891 93	
Appropriation .....	1,618 22	
Reserve for depreciation on Plant .....	7,985 89	
Total.....	\$18,864 88	
Surplus .....	\$60,342 29	
Surplus February 1, 1898.....	\$51,291 03	
Added as a result of operations during the year ending January 31, 1899.....	9,051 26	
Total .....	\$60,342 29	

The work of examining the affairs of the Plant has been done in the following manner, viz:—

Mr. Thomas P. Nichols has examined all the charges made for work done, with particular reference to the schedule of rates in force when the Plant was established, and with the exception of a few errors, some in excess and others of undercharges, the charges are all made correctly. He also examined the schedule of stock on hand and the value of unfinished work, and the figures which he made upon these matters have been used in making up the accounts.

After Mr. Nichols had performed his part of the work, as indicated above, the books and accounts were examined by myself and my assistant, and I am prepared to say that the statements made in this report are fully substantiated by the records upon the books of the Plant, and that the accounts are correctly kept and exhibit clearly the operations carried on.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wm. Franklin Hall,  
Accountant and Auditor.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. s.

POWER HOUSE, LONG ISLAND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting yesterday making an additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for new power house and equipment at the almshouse, Long Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
July 12, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Department for almshouse, Long Island, new power house and equipment; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The communication was sent up.

The PRESIDENT—The question comes on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The Chair desires to state to the Council, as its representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that the ten thousand dollars provided by this order is in addition to the sixty thousand dollars appropriated earlier in the year for the construction of a power house and equipment of the same for the pauper institutions at Long Island. Proposals have been advertised and bids submitted for the construction of said power house and equipment of the same, and the Trustees of the pauper institutions found that they were unable to construct it for less than seventy thousand dollars, requiring the additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars which you have before you tonight for consideration.

The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent down.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That the Austin Schoolhouse on Paris St., East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee Feb. 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee, the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Transit Commissioners be requested to prepare plans for the construction of a tunnel to East Boston, in accordance with decision of the Supreme Court, recently rendered, and that they be further requested to commence the construction of said tunnel at the earliest date possible, in order that the citizens of East Boston may be properly and quickly provided with rapid transit.

Passed in concurrence.

PARK, COLUMBIA ROAD.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 3, assignment, viz:—

3. Message of Mayor transmitting communication from Board of Park Commissioners relative to park and playground southeast of Columbia road. (City Document 116.)

Placed on file.

UNDERGROUND CABLES, BROADWAY

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, assignment, viz:—

4. Message of Mayor transmitting communication from Commissioner of Wires in regard to placing the cables of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, on Broadway, under ground. (City Document 117.)

Placed on file.

## LOAN FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, assignment, viz:—

5. Ordered, That this Board having received a communication from the Mayor requesting the making of loan appropriations for the following purposes, and having prepared the following loan appropriation order, making such appropriations to be met by loan, and for such purposes as this Board deem the public necessity or convenience require, do hereby pass the same; and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz:—

Building Department.	
Filing cases and alterations in connection with same.....	\$3,500
Engineering Department.	
Faneuil Hall Building, reconstruction additional.....	8,000
Street Department.	
Congress-street Bridge, reconstruction.....	10,000
Street Improvements, general.....	75,000
Wire Department.	
For carrying out the provisions of chapter 454 of the Acts of 1894, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, additional.....	3,500
	\$100,000

The question came on passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

On motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 the reading of the order was dispensed with, and the question came upon its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. ARMISTEAD, Wd. 11—Mr. President, in connection with No. 5 on the calendar I would like to ask the Council's representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment what disposition, or what decision he arrived at in regard to that order when it came before that body. I ask particularly in relation to the part referring to the engineering department. If my memory serves me aright, I think that the Council's representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment moved to amend that by striking out "\$8000" and inserting "\$6000" instead. On that point I desire at this time some information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state in response to the gentleman from Wd. 11, that, knowing that the calculations or the estimate for the wiring of Faneuil Hall were made, not in competition, but exclusively by the Electrical Construction Division, and feeling that the amount was excessive, the Chair made the motion to reduce the amount to \$6000, which motion was defeated, and the Chair then voted against the entire amount.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair if it would be in order to ask for a division of the order?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the only province of the City Council is to reduce or strike out.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I then move to amend by striking out, in the fifth line, "\$8000," and inserting in place thereof "\$6000."

The amendment was adopted.

The PRESIDENT—Does the Chair understand the gentleman to reduce the total amount from \$100,000 to \$98,000?

Mr. WATSON—Yes, sir.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will consider that amendment as a part of the original amendment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of this body, I would respectfully ask for an assignment of that question to the next meeting. When that

order was put through by last year's City Government, I did all in my power to pass the \$80,000 appropriation. We were then given to understand that \$80,000 would cover everything, and at the time the electrical construction work was done, I used every endeavor there was in my power to see that that work was open to competition. It has not been. Now, I would respectfully ask that that be postponed, so that we can look into it and ascertain something in regard to it.

The PRESIDENT—Does the Chair understand the gentleman from Wd. 11 to make a motion to postpone, or to assign?

Mr. STEVENS—To assign it to the next meeting—the whole question.

The question came on assignment of the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that assignment will not prevail. I think the action of our representative on the Board of Apportionment was proper and right, and for that reason I introduced the amendment reducing by \$2000 the amount appropriated for finishing Faneuil Hall, the same as the amendment which he offered in the Board of Apportionment. It is true that the member from Wd. 11 last year did fight and vote for the \$80,000 appropriation. I voted for it, too—much against my own protest. I felt that the amount was too small, but they all said "no; this is all we want." I want to say here and now that it will cost a full \$50,000 more to fix up the Ancients' club room. I was into the building today. It is certainly being fitted up in magnificent shape. It is certainly fire proof. The fire proofing is in gold dollars, almost, fellow members. I want to say that when this building is completed, the only way for the City of Boston to get back their money is to go and charge that gang of liquor samplers some rental for the use of the club room. I sincerely trust that assignment will not prevail, but that this order will go through as amended, tonight, and that we will get that place fitted up in time for them to welcome their English friends there.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, some time ago we were called upon to appropriate \$23,000 to entirely fix up Faneuil Hall. In the wisdom of this body that amount was cut down to \$15,000—the other members probably knowing as well as I did that a request for \$8000 would come in later. Now, the gentlemen who voted at that time to reduce the sum from \$23,000 to \$15,000 thought that \$15,000 would be sufficient to complete it. If they thought so at that time they certainly have had no reason to change their minds up to this time, and in order to be consistent, they should vote to strike out this whole business. Those making the estimate of the funds necessary to place Faneuil Hall in a safe and fire-proof condition were supposed to have been capable of using better judgment than perhaps many of us in the council, and on their advice, after considerable wrangling, we voted \$80,000, believing that that was sufficient to place the building in a fire-proof and safe condition. I certainly believed so. Now, every time that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment wants to get through a few orders here in the City Government, they tack a little more on to Faneuil Hall, knowing that there is a sentiment in favor of Faneuil Hall. Let me give you a little piece of history. Three years ago His Honor the Mayor was a guest of the Sons of the American Revolution at the Hotel Vendome. At that meeting he committed himself to the repairing of Faneuil Hall. He waited before he put any order into this body until such time as he had some other axe to grind, and then he tacked on Faneuil Hall, because he thought he would take advantage of the same sentiment which I state prevails today. It went through, and everything else goes through in just the same way. Now, I would like very much to see the \$8000 stricken out entirely.

It will be wired all right, anyway. However, if that is impossible I shall agree with my friend Watson here and let it go as \$6000, although I think that is about \$6000 too much.

The question came on assignment. Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I voted last year with my colleague from Wd. 11 for the \$15,000, because I thought at that time it was a sufficient sum. I shall vote tonight with my friend who offered the amendment to reduce to \$6000, because I consider that amount to be sufficient. I agree with the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Howard) when he says there is a disposition on the part of the administration, whenever it wants a little extra money, to ask for it in connection with an item for Faneuil Hall, which the Mayor very well knows is a popular thing, and if there is any possible chance of getting the money the fellows will not dare to vote against anything for Faneuil Hall. We are not opposed to the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall, but we are opposed to the lavish expenditure of the city's money for that purpose, taking money out of the city treasury from the taxpayers of Boston under the pretense of using it for Faneuil Hall reconstruction, although it is used for other purposes. Using it for Faneuil Hall is one thing. Using it for something else is another thing. This is the idea that I desire to bring before this Council. I don't believe that the \$3000 is necessary; \$6000 is an adequate sum, and I believe that when the members of this Council vote that amount, as my friend in the second division says, Faneuil Hall will be wired. While I should like to agree with the motion of my colleague from Wd. 11 to have this matter assigned, I am so eager to see it go through that I trust assignment will not prevail.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I desire to rise to a point of information. I would like to know, if this amount of money is appropriated for this purpose tonight, if the electrical department has the privilege of going on constructing this without any competition?

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Miller) rose for information. The Chair desires to furnish the information.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I did not raise a point of order on the gentleman from Wd. 20.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 20, that the electrical construction division has furnished the estimate of the cost of doing the work and is to do the work, if the appropriation is passed. The question is now on assignment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that when the vote was taken on my amendment, the Chair declared it carried.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has declared it carried.

Mr. WATSON—I understood the question was on assignment of my amendment—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the question was on the assignment of the order as amended.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I beg the Chair's pardon. I was wrong.

The PRESIDENT—The question is now on the assignment of the order as amended.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I certainly will agree with my friend on the left, Mr. Stevens, on the question of assigning this order to the next meeting of the Common Council, for the simple reason that I don't think it is good business policy for this body to vote any sum of money belonging to the city and to the taxpayers of the city, where there is no competition. For that reason alone I shall certainly vote to have this matter assigned. I de-

sire that this shall come up in open competition, that competent men may figure on any contract of the size of \$6000. I hope the matter will be assigned to the next meeting of this body.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I am not in favor of assigning this matter. I think there is a possibility of the Council adjourning tonight for the summer, which means that this amount of money appropriated by the board of Estimate and Apportionment will become a law, without our taking any action upon it. I think we should take action upon these matters. I stand ready to vote the \$38,000.

The motion to assign was lost.

The order as amended was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

CAPT. BORDMAN'S FAREWELL.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the unanimous consent of the Council to allow Mr. Bordman at this time to make a statement to the Council.

Is there any objection? (No response.) There being no objection, the Chair will receive a paper from Mr. Bordman.

Mr. Bordman of Wd. 10 presented the following:—

Boston, July 13, 1899.

"Daniel J. Kiley, Esq., President Boston Common Council.

"Dear Sir—I hereby respectfully tender my resignation from the several committees of which I am a member, the same to take effect upon this date.

Very respectfully,  
John Bordman, Jr."

(Applause).

Mr. BORDMAN of Wd. 10—Mr. President and members of the Common Council, when the time to leave one's friends comes it is very hard to be pleasant and joyous, even when one feels that he is going into another sphere that appeals to his instincts as powerfully as does participation in municipal government. When I came here, Mr. President, in January, it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and pride, and perhaps the slightest tinge of chagrin because my friends had told me I had come into the "Rioters' Club." I am free and glad to say, Mr. President, that that has not been my experience. I find, and have found, that in coming into the Common Council I have come among gentlemen, among men whom I will always be glad to value and to hold in esteem as friends. I have found, Mr. President, that the Common Council is not made up of the commonly reputed men of lesser calibre. I have tried to show by my actions and by the measures that I have advocated, and have tried to carry through, this year, my appreciation of the composition of the Boston Common Council, and the fact that I feel that the people of Boston and the people of Massachusetts should show an appreciation of the Common Council and give to it its proper meed and measure of power. I congratulate you, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, on the prospects with which you will return next year,—upon the increased powers which will come to you; and I cannot but wish that they will continue and that the Common Council will assume its proper place as one of the three equal branches of the City Government,—the true form of representative government, in which each body is a check on the other. I hope I will be able to hear of that and to see the good work go on until that is the result. I wish to say in conclusion, Mr. President, that it is a most painful thing to me to sever my relations with every member of the Council. We have had pointed words in debate, but I know that when the heat of the contest has passed, mutual respect and esteem have been even stronger than before. My relations with all the members

of the Council have always been of the pleasantest; and, among all the relationships I shall leave tonight, there are none closer or dearer to me than those I have formed in this Council. I wish to feel that I go away with the good will and friendship of every man here, that we part as we should part, as men who come here to serve the interests of the city as best we may, and who consider it our duty not to divide into masses and parties, but to conserve the interests of the people whom we come here to represent. (Applause.)

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10 offered the following:—

Whereas, A communication has just been received notifying the Common Council of the resignation of John Bordman, Jr., of Wd. 10, from his committees, on account of his duties as captain of the volunteers now being recruited for the United States service.

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Boston takes this opportunity of expressing its heartfelt appreciation of having had the services up to the present time of one who has made a deep impression on his fellow members for his sociable and companionable qualities, coupled with an integrity of purpose and straightforwardness in debate which have endeared him to an unusual degree to the members of the Council.

Resolved, That Capt. John Bordman, Jr., takes with him the best wishes of his fellow members for the success of his future career.

The question came on the passage of the resolution.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I feel hardly competent tonight to say what I want to say, as I have come here feeling very badly because of the loss of my colleague from Wd. 10, who has served this Council in a faithful manner and who has been a pleasant and agreeable fellow member of all of us. It is with deep regret that I heard only a few days ago that he was about to sever his connection with this body. In that connection I offer these resolutions, and I certainly hope that someone who can say more than I can say will do so, as I am too full for utterance. I offer these resolutions.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I sincerely regret the departure of Mr. Bordman of Wd. 10. I know that he carries with him the best wishes of every member of this body. His ability and his courteous and pleasant demeanor at all times have endeared him to all of us; and I, for one, certainly desire to give him a hearty handshake and wish him a god-speed before he leaves us.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President and fellow members, this is a moment when I want to be taken absolutely seriously. I feel tonight almost as I felt when I lost my little girl—I feel that I am parting with an honest friend. I feel tonight, Mr. President, as though the city council of Boston might just as well be abolished. We are losing tonight, fellow members, the ablest member of either branch—a credit to his constituents and to the Hub of the Universe. John Bordman can do anything and do it well—from base ball to foot running, to debating, to fighting in the Philippine Islands. Mr. President, I am too full for utterance, and I will simply say, here and now, that I wish from the bottom of my heart godspeed and success to John Bordman.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I am very sure that every member of this Council appreciates the honor that has been conferred indirectly upon this body by the selection of Mr. Bordman as captain of one of the companies of the new regiment to be formed for service in the Philippines. I have watched Mr. Bordman's course this year very critically, per-

haps, inasmuch as he came from a ward so near my own, and I have been very much pleased with the stand he has taken in this Council. I wish at this time to publicly thank him for the assistance and help he has given me in debate upon the floor of this body. I do not think, Mr. President, that this is a time for long speeches. What is said had better be said in short statements and words that are nearest the heart. I am very sure that every member of this body wishes Mr. Bordman the greatest success, with a safe and speedy return to the only land under the sun—the land of the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, it is with great regret that I say good bye to our honored friend and Councilman from Wd. 10, Mr. Bordman. It was only tonight that I learned that he was to leave us so soon, and it is with regret that I say good-bye to him. My acquaintance with him commenced with the beginning of this year in this body. I wish to say that I have enjoyed his friendship very much, and feel that this body, his ward and the city at large meets with a great loss. We found him fair and courteous to all and always willing to seriously consider the opinion of all. In saying good bye to him I say godspeed to him with all my heart. I feel that he will do his duty faithfully in the new field of action to which he has been called by the U. S. government. We shall all watch his course with great interest and feel sure that we shall hear from him in the front ranks and that he will do his duty as faithfully there as he has here. I feel that I voice the sentiments of all when I say to him "God speed you, in your new field."

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, this matter comes to me as an entire and complete surprise, but I will not permit the occasion to pass without saying at least a word, and of saying good-bye and God-speed you to our good friend, Mr. Bordman. I wish to say that wherever the patriotism of John Bordman will lead him, he will have the best wishes of all the members of this Council. While I have never been able to agree with him in his political belief, I have always recognized in him a manly and honest opponent, and, with the other members of the Council, I wish him godspeed.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, when our friend from Wd. 10, Mr. Bordman, separates his connection with this body, the Council loses one of its brightest jewels. Although this is his first year, he has proved himself to be a tower of strength, a wise legislator, consistent in his views, and an able and fearless debater. As has been wisely said by a gentleman in the third division, long speeches are not necessary at this time. I shall not weary the patience of the Council with such, but I could not allow the passage of those resolutions without adding one word in regard to one whom I have learned to respect and honor. My connection with Mr. Bordman since January last has been pleasant in every respect, and all I have to say to him is that I am reminded at this time of words written by a man whose name I cannot remember, but they are these: "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind us is not to die." Captain Bordman, although you leave us, and leave us to enter a good cause, I believe that I speak the sentiment of all the gentlemen present tonight when I say that you will not die. We shall ever remember you and we shall trust that you will be prosperous in your new field.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, no words of mine can strengthen that resolution, but I rise at this time, sir, to say to Captain Bordman, "God speed you, and a safe return."

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the words of the gentlemen who have preceded me in regard to the resolutions which we are about to adopt tonight, con-

clusively prove that the resignation of our esteemed councilman from Wd. 10, Capt. Bordman, of the 26th regiment of infantry, United States Volunteers, is a matter of regret to every member of this body. From his entrance here, Capt. Bordman was a leader among us, and from the beginning he enjoyed the confidence and respect of all his colleagues. Tonight he leaves his political duties to assume much more hazardous ones in the military service of the United States, and I am sure that I can say, on behalf of every member of the Common Council, that we wish he may return safe and sound, laden with all the honors and successes of the East.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I, as one of the members of this Council, regret very much the withdrawal of our friend Bordman. I wish to coincide with all that has been said in regard to his character and so forth, and I wish him every success in the new departure which he has taken.

Mr. ATWOOD of Wd. 17—Mr. President, no member regrets more than I the departure of Capt. John Bordman. Knowing him as I have for several years, I wish to say that I have found him in every capacity the honest, frank, open-hearted man that he has proved himself to be in this body. As he leaves us to enter upon other fields—fields where he is sure to shine, as he has shone among us here in this Council Chamber—I wish to extend to him my hearty congratulation upon his success in receiving the appointment that he has, and, with the rest of the members of this body, I wish to say "God speed him in his new duties, and may every success attend him in that capacity."

The PRESIDENT—If the Chair may be pardoned the indulgence of a few words, the Chair desires to make a statement in connection with the resolutions. It is, indeed, with deep regret and with profound sorrow that the Chair learned but a few moments ago of the resignation of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Bordman of Wd. 10. The Chair has particularly a cause to feel a deep regret in his resignation, because, as chairman of the committee on legislative affairs of this body, he has been a most valuable assistant to the Chair in obtaining favorable legislation for the City Council of Boston this year—legislation which makes the City Council more of a potent factor in the municipal affairs of the city than it has been since the year 1885. The opening of the fiscal year of 1900 will see the abolishment of the Board of Apportionment, will see the return to the City Council of the powers of summoning witnesses and inquiring into the affairs of the departments of the city government and the expenditures of the public money. To no man in the Common Council or in Boston is more credit due than to Councilman Bordman of Wd. 10, our Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Affairs, for obtaining favorable action upon most of those most important matters.

On other matters of less importance, Councilman Bordman has been a valued legislator, an honest and representative citizen, always with a due regard to the city's welfare, and at the same time conscientious in the discharge of his duties as he saw them. The Chair is unable at this time to express the sentiments he feels in his heart over the departure of our esteemed colleague, but he will conclude by saying that he wishes that the hand of the Almighty may guide him in his new career in a distant land, where he is to fight under the Stars and Stripes against a common enemy, and may that protecting hand of God follow him and guide him to a safe return to his native heath.

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I move you that this Council take a recess of five minutes, to tender a reception to our honored friend, Captain Bordman.

The motion was carried, and the Council took a recess, for the purpose stated, after which it was called to order by the President.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I move you that a committee be appointed to escort Mr. Bordman to the 9:25 train from the Fitchburg station, which train I understand he is to leave on.

The motion was carried, and the Chair appointed as said Committee Messrs. Miller of Wd. 20, Hickey of Wd. 2, Nangle of Wd. 19, Sanderson of Wd. 25, Doherty of Wd. 3 and Moore of Wd. 10.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the Committee to assemble in the area in front of the speaker's desk, and in charge of the City Messenger to escort Captain Bordman to the train, seeing that he arrives there safely.

(The Committee assembled in front of the speaker's desk, and attended to the duty assigned them.)

The resignation of Captain Bordman was placed on file.

#### RELOCATION OF FLAGPOLE.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 6, assignment, viz:—

6. Ordered, That the City Messenger be instructed to remove the flagpole in Monmouth Sq., and relocate it at the junction of Saratoga and Bayswater Sts., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I move you that that order be indefinitely postponed. In the absence of our friend from Wd. 2, who has been called away on the pleasant duty which has been assigned him, I would say that he would be favorable to allowing that disposition to be made of that order.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was carried.

#### RULES CONCERNING PARK UNIFORMS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz:—

7. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this Council, as soon as convenient, the rules governing the buying and wearing of park uniforms in their department.

Passed.

#### TRANSFER TO OPEN HOSPITAL WARDS.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz:—

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from some fund, or make a new appropriation of \$25,000 to City Hospital Department, in order that the four wards now closed may be opened to patients.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, owing to being called away at the last meeting of the Council, I wish to thank Councilman Doherty, who introduced this order for me. At this time I desire to say a word, and only a word, about the request which I have made in this order. I do not know how many people in Boston know that four wards of our great institution, the City Hospital, are closed to the public—not because of the want of repair, but because of the want of money to pay the help. I have talked with one of the trustees of that institution, and he informs me that \$25,000 would open those wards, and that it was an absolute necessity. I know of at least 12 cases within

two weeks that have been refused admittance to the City Hospital because of the fact that they had no room. Now, Mr. President, we are having free public baths and squandering the public money. We are having two band concerts in one particular spot, taking all of the people's money, and I think it is high time that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment did one creditable thing, and that is to transfer \$25,000 to that worthy institution.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING VISIT OF FLEET.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz:—

9. Resolved, That the Common Council hereby conveys to Admiral Sampson, his officers and men, its sincere regret that, for some reason as yet unexplained, the Chief Executive of this city failed to properly and officially receive our distinguished naval visitors on the occasion of their recent sojourn in this harbor for the first time since their gallant service in the war with Spain.

Resolved, That the Common Council offers its profound apologies to Admiral Sampson, commander of the squadron, for its inability to officially atone for a conspicuous and unusual omission of municipal courtesy.

Resolved, That the Common Council unreservedly and officially approves of the semi-official visit made to the squadron on Wednesday, June 21, by members of the City Council, and in doing so expresses its unqualified disapproval of the action of the Mayor in going outside of the jurisdiction of his position in order to prevent that visit and to humiliate this body as individuals and as a legislative branch of the city government.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council are hereby extended for the City of Boston to Ensign Bennett, U.S.N., secretary to Admiral Sampson, for his kind and courteous attention which he paid to the visiting members of both branches.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted by the Clerk of the Common Council to Admiral Sampson, to the Navy Department at Washington, and to the Mayor of Boston.

Q. on ordering above orders and resolves to a second reading.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I move that the reading be dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Armistead.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—I object, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has recognized no member but Mr. Armistead.

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I move that the reading of No. 9 on the calendar be dispensed with.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDENT—There being objection, the Chair will direct the Clerk to read No. 9 on the calendar.

The Clerk read the order as printed above.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, in view of the fact that six members of the Council are absent, I doubt if there is a quorum here, and I move the assignment of that order to 10 o'clock.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I hope that motion will not prevail; it is probably the last meeting before the summer adjournment, and we want to get through. I think we had better dispose of this now, and that we can dispose of it now as well as any time. I hope that the motion to assign will not prevail.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I move the indefinite postponement of No. 9 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question comes on the motion to assign.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I am going to fight for these resolutions when the time comes, if there is but one vote for them. I will not compromise one iota on them with my vote. I will refuse to change the resolutions, so far as my vote will do it, or whether it will or not. I will refuse to take out one word, or one letter from a word. Mr. President, my purpose in assigning this until 10 o'clock was that I think the committee of six, which left to escort Capt. Boardman to the train, broke a quorum, and I serve notice now that if you undertake to defeat my resolution this evening, I will raise the question of no quorum.

The motion to assign the matter to ten o'clock was declared rejected. Mr. Watson doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign was rejected, four members voting in the affirmative, 13 in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on indefinite postponement.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I raise the question of no quorum on that last vote. There were but seventeen present.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman rise to a point of order?

Mr. WATSON—Yes, sir; that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. The question is on indefinite postponement.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, nearly a month has passed since Admiral Sampson entered the waters of our harbor, and it seems to me that we are going a great deal out of our way, if we pass these resolutions, in order to humiliate the Mayor. The Council at the last meeting passed resolutions thanking those who were instrumental in our paying a visit to the ships in the harbor. The gentleman from Wd. 18, in an interview in the Boston Post the next morning after our visit, discussed very freely the merits and demerits of the question. I think I am right in this statement, Mr. President, and I think the records will bear me out, when I state that no man in this body has opposed the Mayor of this city any more strongly than I, especially on matters which involved the financial interests of the city; but I honestly believe, Mr. President, with all due respect to the gentleman from Wd. 18, that these resolutions are insulting, humiliating and thoroughly undignified, and that, if passed, they will hurt the members of this Council in the eyes of the citizens of Boston much more than the gentleman at whom they are aimed. Mr. President, I most sincerely trust that the motion to indefinitely postpone will prevail.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, the reason why I made the motion to indefinitely postpone is because I consider these resolutions nothing but child's play. I did not oppose the passage of them because of any desire to antagonize my friend in the first division (Mr. Watson), but simply because I think they cast reflections, not upon the man whom he intended them to, but upon the citizens of Boston. That was my reason, and, solely my reason, for offering the motion to indefinitely postpone these resolutions.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to answer the gentleman from Wd. 12. I want to say to him, and to the gentleman from Wd. 4 as well, that our little trip down the harbor was child's play, and His Honor the Mayor took away our transportation in a childish way. I want to say that the opinion which I have this evening of the treatment which we received at the hands of the Chief Executive of this

city is the same as it was the day we came back from aboard the New York. I want to say that their opinions have changed—I don't know why. I want to say that they were indignant that day, and that insult upon insult, more than I ever could heap upon His Honor, was heaped upon him by many who are here tonight. I introduced these resolutions in good faith, and, notwithstanding the enormous pressure from all hands for the withdrawal of the resolutions, I am here tonight fighting for them, and I shall vote for them, I care not how many votes they receive. I want to say to the member from Wd. 12 that my insults are in writing, while he makes them verbally. He has stood on this floor and has insulted prominent men of the City of Boston—men whom I am not going to defend, because I believe a great deal he said. Nevertheless, they were insults, even if they were deserved. Now, Mr. President, I have said for two weeks that I do not care how many votes I got for these resolutions. I am going to vote for them, and I sincerely trust that somebody will be blind enough to follow me. (Laughter.)

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that these resolutions will be indefinitely postponed. I believe that it was beneath the dignity of this Council to pass those resolutions. I think the Mayor of a city like Boston should receive more respect from the City Council than for it to criticize his actions and apologize for them in matters which concern this Council not at all. It is within his jurisdiction to extend the courtesies of Boston to whomever he sees fit. He may have had good reasons of which we know nothing for not extending them to Admiral Sampson at that time. The resolutions speak about the trip being a semi-official trip. As I heard it talked about at the time, it was wholly an unofficial trip, got up by a few members of this body as a pleasure trip and as a chance to see the war vessels—and I understand that it was carried to a successful issue in spite of the opposition of the Mayor, and, perhaps, of the City Messenger Department. I sincerely trust that, in view of the insults in these resolutions, they will be indefinitely postponed.

The motion to indefinitely postpone the resolution was carried.

Mr. WATSON—All right. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider; lost.

WARREN AVE. ENGINE HOUSE SITE.

The PRESIDENT—Reports of committees are now in order.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I wish to submit a report of a committee and two orders.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that he has only called for reports of Committees and that only reports of committees are in order.

Mr. WATSON—Well, the orders are relative to the report of the Committee.

The PRESIDENT—Then, the Chair will receive the same.

The report and orders were received by the Clerk, the report being as follows:—

"The Committee on Fire Department, to whom were referred the message of the mayor and the order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum of \$55,000 for the purchase of land on Warren Ave. and the erection of an engine house thereon, having considered the subject, respectfully report no further action necessary."

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that unless the orders are submitted in connection with the report they cannot be submitted at this time. Does the Chair understand that they are submitted in connection with the report?

Mr. WATSON—No, they are not a part of that. Mr. Chairman.

The PRESIDENT—Then the Chair will direct the Clerk to return the papers to the gentleman who offered the orders.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The PRESIDENT—On that the Chair will rule that the appropriation made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has become operative, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 434 of the acts of 1898, and that in accordance with the acts of 1899, chapter 379, the powers of the City Council devolves upon the street commissioners. In making the ruling the Chair desires to read chapter 379 of the Acts of 1899:—

"Section 1. The city council of a city, or the inhabitants of a town at a town meeting regularly called for the purpose, may vote to take in fee any land within the limits of the city or town not appropriated to public uses, for the purpose of erecting thereon any building to be used for a public school, library or engine house, or for the enlargement of any lot taken or used for such purpose, but no land shall be so taken which will make the lot exceed in area one acre. Such vote shall contain a description of the land to be taken, sufficient for identification.

"Section 2. The mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town or a majority thereof, after the passage of any such vote, shall sign and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district of the county in which the land is situated, a statement that the city or town takes the land, giving the description aforesaid and the purpose for which the land is taken, and upon such recording the land so described shall be taken in fee for the city or town.

"Section 3. The city council of such city, or the selectmen of such town, shall agree with the persons sustaining damages to their property by the taking of land under this act, and the city or town shall pay the same, but of the parties are unable to agree the damages sustained shall on petition of either party be determined by a jury of the superior court of the county in which the land is situated, in the manner provided by law for determining damages sustained by the taking of land in laying out highways in such city or town, and judgment shall be entered, costs taxed and execution issued as in civil cases, but no petition for such damages shall be entertained after the expiration of two years from the date of the recording of the said statement.

"Section 4. The powers conferred upon and the duties to be performed by the city councils of cities under this act shall in the city of Boston be conferred upon and exercised by the board of street commissioners, but their action shall be subject to the approval of the mayor.

"Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The Chair will therefore direct the Clerk to transmit the paper to the City Clerk, inasmuch as the appropriation has become operative and the remainder of the order devolves upon the Board of Street Commissioners.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information. I desire to ask the Chair if this body has accepted the report of the Committee on Fire Department relative to the papers which I sent up to the Clerk?

The PRESIDENT—The Council has accepted the report of the Committee on Fire Department.

Mr. WATSON—I desire to ask the Chair, further, if he has decided that the selection of a site for an engine house for Engine 2 is the duty of this body together with the Board of Aldermen?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has decided, in accordance with the report of the Committee on Fire Department, that no action was necessary, that the law has been carried out, that the appropriation has become operative, owing to the lapse of thirty days, and that the balance of the

order devolves upon the Board of Street Commissioners to be carried out. The Chair has therefore directed the Clerk to transmit the paper to the City Clerk.

Later in the session, Mr. Watson said:—  
Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to read a letter I have received, which I should have introduced when I submitted the orders, from a dissenter from the report. I ask to be allowed to read the letter.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to submit the paper to the Clerk before reading. (The paper referred to was handed to the Clerk.) The Chair will rule the paper out.

#### RAINSFORD ISLAND INVESTIGATION.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 submitted the following:—

The special committee, appointed by both branches of the City Council to investigate certain charges made against the Board of Trustees of Children's Institutions with reference to their management of the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, have finished their hearings and respectfully submit the following report:

Mayor Quincy, in his statement on the appointment of the members of the unpaid boards, in the daily papers of June 15, 1897, guaranteed to the public trained intelligence for the performance of each function of these boards, including the Trustees for Children, who are in control of the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island. In investigating this latter institution, we have now fairly tried, after two years of costly experiment, the principle on which the free boards are based. The issues are clearly drawn between the City Government and the new school of reformers. The question to be answered, a question purely and simply of home rule, is whether the people of Boston are to have anything to do with their public institutions, or whether these are to be handed over to the so-called scientific influences which operate in this board. There were five distinct guarantees given to the public in Mayor Quincy's statement in behalf of the Board of Trustees for Children. First, the juvenile wards of the city were to be under the close supervision of persons who had a thorough training and experience in charity and philanthropy. Second, their intellects and minds were to be trained under the supervision of expert educators. Third, an expert in children's diseases was to be appointed to look after the sanitary interests of the institution and the health of its inmates. Fourth, this board should contain at least two business men, which would insure careful financial management, and finally, political affiliations were not to be considered in the making up of this board, for, said Mayor Quincy, "I am sure that party politics will in no way influence their actions."

In many instances these guarantees have not been sustained by facts. Your committee found the Superintendent of the Institution at Rainsford Island guilty of several grave errors of judgment. Among them may be mentioned the construction, in the attic of the main building, of a cell for the confinement of boys. This was located in such a position that in case of fire there would be no possibility of escape for the unfortunates who should happen to be confined there. Your committee consider this a most serious mistake and deserving of the gravest censure.

We find a wholesale system of impudent evasion of the civil service laws, in order to exclude Boston people from employment, which cannot be too severely criticized. By this system the trustees were enabled to make their own selections, on grounds predetermined upon, and to appoint their friends to places for which no justification can be found in the proper

economy of the institution, coupled with which was the policy of comparatively high salaries for the positions which they thus filled.

From the testimony of three of these individuals, appointed under these conditions, viz., "Baker, Athletic Instructor," "Fisher, Instructor of Military Drill," and "Davis, Assistant Superintendent," we learn that the duties of the three positions which they fill could be discharged by one person. Your committee recommend the discharge of two of these officers, namely, Messrs. Baker and Fisher. The educational interests of the institution we find seriously injured by the fads, theories and favoritism which are used in the management of the schools. We found five female teachers in charge of the schools, who, between vacations, weekly leave of absence and holidays, have been away from the institution about thirty weeks of the school year, and their work or influence during all this time has been in no way available for the instruction of the pupils or for the order and discipline of the institution. Your committee recommend a male teacher for principal, in order that there may be better discipline in the institution.

During the long period of summer vacation, places have been created for pupils of the Institute of Technology, viz., Leopold L. Cayvan, Irving Weeks and a certain young lady named Harriet Noyes, at salaries of \$35 and \$40 a month. It is believed that this course has been adopted by some of the trustees in order to make places at convenient times of the year for their friends. If it were necessary to give the boys at Rainsford Island instruction in chemistry, zoology, biology, vocal music, botany and drawing, as these young people profess to do, it would be best to insist on this instruction from the regular corps of teachers.

Your committee protest against the using of any public institution of this city as a place to exploit the latest fads and vagaries in education, as appears to be the case in this institution. We owe a duty to its inmates which would make such a course little short of criminal.

Your committee furthermore condemn the system which has been inaugurated, during the trustees' incumbency, at the House of Reformation, which seems to aim at giving the pupils an indefinite smattering of almost everything and recommends a closer adherence to the common sense methods of a common school education, which would be certain to insure a better economy in management as well as better results in general. Your committee also recommend that the term of vacation at the House of Reformation be as hitherto, that is to say, two weeks in the year.

How have the important functions of caring for the health of the inmates and looking after the sanitation of the institution been performed? In these matters your committee discovered a condition highly discreditably to every one directly responsible for the interests of the institution, and for the welfare of its inmates and its employees, which calls for the gravest censure.

Your committee found the conditions under which a number of employees were obliged to perform work at pauper salaries or for nothing so absolutely filthy as to be a serious menace to the health of everyone on the Island. We brought to the attention of the superintendent and trustees an open water tank, into which articles of old clothing and food refuse were thrown, from time to time, and allowed to remain there indefinitely, the water from which was drunk daily, at morning and evening, by the boys in two of the dormitories, and which in all probability was the mysterious source of fevers and other troubles which made their appearance in the Institution.

A few of the many instances of gross neglect of the health and welfare of the individual inmates will suffice here. A boy, one Gardella, incurred a serious injury to his left elbow, and was denied, for a period of about five weeks, the surgical treatment which he urgently needed.

A boy named Keller was sent to the Institution in December, 1897, suffering from a disease of one of the eyes, contracted through a cold, which threatened the ultimate loss of its sight. Notwithstanding that members of this boy's family made repeated requests for the special treatment and care which his case demanded, these requests were never granted until after the investigation, upon which your committee have the honor to report, had been started. The system of allowing a so-called band-master to have the care and dispensing of the medicine is nothing short of criminal negligence and cannot be too severely criticised.

The citizens and taxpayers of Boston are not prone to complain of the reasonable expenditure of the public funds for all proper purposes, and in view of the high assurances which have been given for the financial wisdom and business ability at the disposal of the unpaid board in charge of the House of Reformation, it might, perhaps, be expected that direction of the financial and business interests of the institution, might afford at least some redeeming feature. Yet no wise and honest business man could be found in public or private life to expend funds of any description in the manner in which the city's money has been applied at Rainsford Island within the last year. Many thousands of dollars have been squandered for which there are no practical results to show, and the facts indicate a financial recklessness and business incompetency which the most severe critic of the so-called unpaid boards could not have anticipated.

Your committee, by reason of other important duties, have not had the time to examine fully into this part of the work, but deem the subject so important that they respectfully recommend the appointment of a special committee, to examine all the bills for the repairs and additions at the House of Reformation, for the last and present fiscal year, and such other details of the financial management of that institution as may be deemed necessary, as, for instance, the hiring of a baker four months before she baked a loaf of bread, and the buying of yeast during a part of this time for the baking of 150 or more people and throwing it daily over the sea wall. Your committee find that the trustees, after six months costly experimenting, are baking the white bread for the institution at a cost to the city of over \$10 a month more than it costs to buy the bread in Boston, and that they are not yet able to bake the brown bread, but have to bring this bread from Boston.

The so-called athletic instructor, who does not instruct in athletics, but whose duty appears to consist in abusing and beating the boys, receives \$10 a month for doing work which was formerly performed by House Officer Leighton at a salary of \$35 per month. He is assisted in his duties by the so-called baker, who does not bake, and they jointly try to accomplish the work formerly done by Officer Leighton. This is a simple illustration of the many financial mistakes made by this board.

Your committee found, on investigation, many cases of severe cruelty, notwithstanding the stereotyped testimony of the paid subordinates of the trustees, whose utter lack of knowledge of law and reforming boys cannot be too severely criticised.

The many improvements which were made since the beginning of this investigation is evidence of the bad condition of the institution.

The re-establishment in a reformatory of a dark solitary cell for the confinement of these children, after the same had been abandoned in the Penal Institutions, and which is contrary to law, is, in the opinion of your committee, a step backward and a blot on the fair name of our honored city, and demands the most severe censure.

Mayor Quincy, who made the statement that political affiliations in making up the unpaid boards would in no way influence their action, has generously redeemed this promise by placing these boards in the hands of persons who, while representing no organized political party, show by their actions their lack of thorough knowledge necessary for membership on a board charged with such responsibilities.

To secure perfect adjustment and harmonious organization on the broadest principles of modern philanthropy educated and enlightened sympathizers with wage-earners were placed on the board of trustees to see that the interests of the employees should not be neglected. Nevertheless, citizens of Boston are employed at the House of Reformation at pauper salaries, under conditions which are a disgrace to the city and which cannot be wiped out too soon, while non-citizens, whose offices are not essential to the business of the institution, under the favor of the trustees, are employed at comparatively liberal salaries. Thousands of dollars belonging to the citizens have been wasted by the financiers of the board of trustees at the House of Reformation in the past year, while they may have saved a few hundred dollars to the city at the expense of nurturing in the institution a condition of white slavery, which cannot be otherwise than subversive, to a large extent, to the legitimate purposes of reform. Our honored city cannot afford to be placed in any of its departments in the position of a shylock which makes a pitiful commerce on human necessities, and any kind of reform must needs be spurious when it stoops to methods which perpetuate the errors which it is the aim of reform to obviate or remove.

Your committee is emphatically opposed to any administration of our public institutions by which they are not fully accessible to the common people through their duly accredited and elected representatives, and through other proper channels; and they are particularly opposed to such an administration as represented by the Trustees for Children.

In response to the public demand for better treatment of the unfortunate in our public institutions two years ago, the class who constituted the movement represented by the unpaid boards, so-called, came into the gap with the brightest possible endorsements from the chief executive and themselves. What are the results? We find this class eminently respectable and well-intentioned, but their aims and methods are fraught with insidious dangers. The civil-service law is not a law unto them, although among them are to be found some of its self-constituted guardians, and they hold the city ordinances in contempt.

The example which this body of pre-eminent and enlightened reformers give of disrespect for law and order in the community would be a serious menace to public morals if permitted to go unrebuked.

The Boston Herald's editorial of Feb. 6, 1899, warned the public that the free boards were likely to prove more expensive to the city than salaried heads of departments. Your committee believe that during the past year the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, under the charge of the Board of Children's Trustees, has cost to maintain a much larger sum of money than it would if under the charge of a paid official.

In the unpaid boards an expensive policy of foolish experiment is continually going

on. In the unpaid boards, instead of experts, as promised, we have amateurs.

Your committee have, with regret, compared the confusion of these boards with the orderly methods which prevail in the Penal Institutions Department.

Your committee would call special attention to the amazing methods by which testimony offered by the paid subordinates of the board was given to the committee. To those who were present at any of the public hearings given by the committee, it was evident from the manner in which they testified that the witnesses had been coached and instructed as to what they were to say.

At the last hearing, held in City Hall, paid subordinates, dependent upon the Trustees for employment, were called to state that the administration was perfect and that the boys were happy, in order to contradict an ex-watchman of the institution, who was compelled to leave because he would not shut his eyes to the facts and keep quiet. Under these circumstances your committee feel justified in stating that the greater part of the testimony presented by the Trustees is unreliable, especially so from those persons for whom individual members of the Board of Trustees had succeeded in finding places at the House of Reformation. Under these conditions it is almost impossible for the public at any time to find out what is going on at the institution. In order to insure proper responsibility, a wise, economic and safe administration, and freedom from theoretic vagaries in the management of children's institutions, your committee find that it will be necessary to have a paid agent or agents at the head of such institutions, and so respectfully recommend.

Frank J. Linehan,  
James H. Stone,  
David B. Chamberlain,  
William H. Cuddy,  
John Bordman, Jr.

(Aldermen Dixon and Brick dissent from the above report and reserve the right to submit a minority report.)

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Councilman Linehan.

#### ENTERTAINMENT OF L. A. W.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 12, for Mr. Peck, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the City of Boston to the League of American Wheelmen on the occasion of their annual meet in this city in the month of August next.

Passed. Sent up.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. SWEENEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council whether he has taken any action under the order passed by this Council on May 13 and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on May 22 relative to making an arrangement to allow each member of the Fire Department twelve hours leave of absence between his regular days off.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, WD. 21.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place an electric light at the corner of Lansing and Sherman Sts., Wd. 21.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF TOLMAN PL.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets,

through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put Tolman Pl. in suitable condition for travel by teams.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES, WARD 21.

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the dead trees on Warren St., between Holborn and Quincy Sts. and also on Circuit St., between Fountain and Herman Sts.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ADDITIONAL CONCERTS, MARINE PARK.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Commissioners of the Music Department be requested to provide additional Sunday evening band concerts at Marine Park, South Boston.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CROSSWALK, LAMARTINE STREET.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Superintendent of Streets to place a crosswalk on Lamartine St., at Mozart St., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### POLICE BOX, DIMOCK STREET.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Board of Police Commissioners to place a police patrol box at the corner of Dimock and Amory Sts., Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JULY FOURTH ORATION.

Mr. MCINERNEY, of Wd. 19, offered the following:—

Whereas, on July Fourth the Hon. Nathan Matthews, representing in an official capacity as orator of the day the city of Boston, having been appointed to such position by the Mayor; and who, in the course of his remarks at the official observance of the day at Tremont Temple, gave expression of opinions favorable to receiving unwillingly races in subjection denying the maxim of this Republic, "that government is by consent of the governed," and

Whereas, such utterances coming from the official Fourth of July orator, upholding Imperialism, Expansion and Trusts, has given the entire country the impression that his words are the real sentiments of the City Government of Boston, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the City Council of the city of Boston, do disapprove of these sentiments which are not expressive of the views of the people of Boston, in whole or in part, while on the contrary, we also disapprove of the tendency of the times to abandon the fundamental principles of this Republic, as wisely put forth by Washington, Jefferson, Monroe and Lincoln, and we believe that a colonial policy is dangerous to the welfare of the Republic because it means military and naval rule against the right of the citizen to govern;

Resolved, also, that we disapprove of the policy outlined by Mr. Matthews which would make this Republic an empire where classes would rule, where the sacredness of the ballot would be violated, and where the rights of American citizenship would be invaded, simply to gratify the greed of American and foreign capitalists who seek to make the masses subject to the classes;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the official records and copies be sent to the Hon. Nathan Matthews, Mayor Josiah Quincy, Hon. P. A. Collins, Hon. George S. Boutwell, President of the Anti-Imperialist League; Senators George F. Hoar and Henry Cabot Lodge, Congressmen Fitzgerald, Napphen, McCall, Sprague and Roberts, who represent Massachusetts in the National House, also the Boston press.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Wd. 12.

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LIGHTS ON PLEASURE VEHICLES IN PARKS.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a regulation requiring all pleasure vehicles used in the park system to be provided with suitable lights between sunset and sunrise on and after August 1st of the present year.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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CONCRETE WALKS, CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. MADDEN of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners

be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the concrete walks in the Training Field, Charlestown, in proper condition.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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ARC LAMPS, CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place arc lamps on the new bridge to Charlestown.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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SEATS IN CITY SQ.

Mr. MADDEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a sufficient number of seats around City Sq., Charlestown.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

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NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet subject to the call of the Chair.

Passed.

Adjourned at 9:27 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, July 17, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## PLAN OF POLE LOCATIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 5, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a plan showing pole locations on the West Boston temporary bridge, between Cambridge St., and the westerly draw, granted by the Cambridge Bridge Commission, at its meeting on July 1st, to the West End Street Railway Company, and would recommend that the same be placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## SIGN ON LAMP-POST VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 6, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith, without my signature, a vote passed by your Board, granting permission to the National Express Company to place a sign on an unused lamp-post on the corner of Franklin and Arch Sts., Wd. 7, for the reason that the granting of such permission is contrary to law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered, and the question came on granting permission the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission over the veto, the vote being: yeas 2, nays 7, as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Dixon—2.  
Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, McDonald, Presho—7.

## WHEELBARROW STAND—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 6, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Constantine Demara "to sell merchandise from a wheelbarrow or pushcart north side of Massachusetts Ave." Some seven years ago peddling within the business section of the city from pushcarts had so added to the congestion of travel and become so objectionable in many other ways that peddling within this section was prohibited by ordinance between the hours of eight A. M. and six P. M., and, so far as I am informed, this change has met with general approval. Mr. Demara now has the privilege, the same as other peddlers, of selling merchandise within the business section except between these hours, and the effect of granting this permit would be to allow him to peddle in the business section during the business hours of the day. If the petitioner is to be granted this privilege, it is reasonable to suppose that applications for the same privilege would be at once made by many hundred other peddlers, who could perhaps urge equally good reasons for having their request granted, and this would result in a return to the conditions existing previous to the adoption of this ordinance,

which I apprehend would meet with great objection on the part of our citizens.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the question came on granting permission the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission over the veto the vote being yeas 0, nays 12.

## ERECTION OF POLE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 10, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith my signature an order passed by your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Thomas F. Dockray to erect, maintain and use a wooden pole in the sidewalk in front of estate 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19, for the reason that the said order is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Doyle.

## USE OF VEHICLES—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 10, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the regulation passed by your Board striking out present Section 13 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, and substituting the following in place thereof:—

"Section 13. No person shall in any street use any vehicle, other than a railroad or a railway vehicle, or a vehicle of the Fire Department, or a vehicle drawn or pushed by an animal, or a vehicle of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen as not endangering the life or property of others."

I am unable to approve of this regulation for a number of reasons, some of them relating to the form of the proposal, and some to its substance.

Section 13 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations, as it now stands, contains only a provision limiting to a walk the speed at which an animal may be allowed to draw a vehicle over a draw-bridge. I am at a loss to understand why it should be proposed to introduce such a sweeping change in the law relating to the use of vehicles under the form of an amendment to this provision, particularly as the new regulation entirely omits the provision contained in the present section, and has no relation whatever to its subject matter. I am not aware of any reason for repealing the present prohibition against the driving of vehicles over a draw-bridge faster than a walk; yet such would be the result if I approved the proposed regulation. Amendments to ordinances or regulations should clearly relate to present provisions, and if such a regulation as that which has been passed by your Board is desirable at all, it should certainly be passed in some other form than as an amendment to Section 13 of Chapter 6.

A further objection to the proposed regulation is found in the fact that its terms are altogether too comprehensive; under it, the city departments could not use, without the approval of the Board of Aldermen, any vehicles not drawn by animals, and, unless a man is to be regarded as coming legally under the definition of an "animal," hand-carts would be barred off the streets unless they were of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen—and even if a man is legally an animal, it would be impossible under this regulation for anyone to ride a bicycle in the streets of the city unless it were "of a construction approved by the Board of Aldermen" as bicycles are neither "drawn or pushed." It hardly seems to me that such a result can be intended.

But my objection to the proposed regulation extends to the object which was doubtless in the minds of its framers. Under the provisions of Section 25 of Chapter 28, and of Section 15 of Chapter 53 of the Public Statutes, the Mayor and Aldermen of cities are given the power to make certain rules and regulations relative to the use of vehicles, and this proposed regulation is doubtless intended to be an exercise of such authority. On broad grounds, I cannot approve of the passage at the present time of any regulation which seeks to impose restrictions upon the use of our streets by automobiles, so-called, because, in the first place, it seems to me that this important subject should be, and doubtless will be, further dealt with by state legislation, and, secondly, that in any case, in the present preliminary stage of the development of automobiles, it would be unwise for the Board of Aldermen to exercise its powers. I believe that it would be much wiser to wait until developments in this line shall have proceeded further, and it will then be possible to frame a much fuller and wiser regulation than the one now before me.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments subject to approval and confirmation on the part of the Board:—

(1) Allen G. Boyd, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

(2) Andrew H. Dweley, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30th 1900.

(3) George C. Davis, George H. Hamlin and Francis E. Harrington, to be constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over, under the law.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz:—

1. Albert Geiger, two over Wellington St., from building 559 Columbus Ave., corner Wellington St., Wd. 12.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. John Lorgenfeld, one, from building corner Boston and Rawson Sts., Wd. 16.

Patrick Nolan appeared in behalf of his wife, Mrs. Mary F. Nolan, an adjoining owner, and objected to the granting of the petition, as the proposed bay window would project beyond his house line and shut out the light and air.

A remonstrance from Mrs. Mary F. Nolan, et als., was also presented.

There being no further objections the petition and remonstrance were referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., one over Columbus Ave. and one over Ruggles St., from building on the corner of said streets, Wd. 18.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

4. T. H. Connolly, two from building 2976-2978 Washington St., Wd. 22.

Not having advertised in accordance with law the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

5. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on East Second St., between M and L Sts., Wd. 14.

6. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wait St., Wd. 19.

7. For leave to erect poles on Wabon St., Wd. 21, Mansfield St., Wd. 25, and Top-liff St., Wd. 20; also to erect and to remove one pole on Washington St., corner Dudley St., Wd. 18.

8. For leave to erect and to remove poles on Centre St., Wd. 23.

9. For leave to erect five poles on King St., Wd. 24.

10. For leave to erect and to remove one pole each in Market St. and Western Ave., Wd. 25.

11. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect poles on Savin Hill Ave., Adams St., Dorchester Ave., St. Alphonsus St., Fellows St., and Mercer St.

12. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect poles on Joiner St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz:—

13. For leave to locate double tracks on Providence St. and St. James Ave., etc., and to use the overhead electric system on same.

14. For location for track at the corner of Washington and Roxbury Sts.

15. For leave to lay a curve track at the corner of Washington and Eustis Sts.

16. For a location for an extension of its tracks on Washington St., Dorchester, to Codman St.; also on Codman St. to Dorchester Ave.; with the right to use the overhead electric system on the same.

17. On petition of the West Roxbury & Rosindale Street Railway Company, to be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company at the Boston line at Spring St., and to use the cars of the last-named company on its line from Spring St. to Forest Hills.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

18. On petition of The Thompson & Norris Co. for leave to lay railroad tracks across Lincoln St., Brighton.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Samuel Katz, a sign, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Gus De Stefong, a barber sign, at 90½ Summer St., Wd. 7.

Wm. J. Simkins, a sign, at 210 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Frank Porcellin, a sign, at 95½ W. Springfield St., Wd. 12.

O'Brien Bros., one illuminated sign, at 152 Summer St., and one at 179 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Max Feldman, a sign, at 7 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Max Fishman, a sign, at 64 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Carmelo De Luca, a sign, at 965 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

M. I. Bornstein, an auction flag, at 1005 Washington St., Wd. 9.

John Paris, a sign, at 212 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Julius Neustadt, two key signs, at 47 Compton St., corner of Middlesex St., Wd. 9.

F. W. Lydston, a sign, at 49 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Max Feldman, V corner sign, 67 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Mrs. Adella McEnnis, illuminated sign 176 Friend St., Wd. 6.

#### Claims.

Catherine J. Lynch (three petitions), for payment to Sherman L. Whipple of balances remaining from tax sales of estates on the southwest side of Sixth St.

Mary G. Fuller, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Mt. Vernon St.

Charles W. Bates, for payment to Jos.

A. McCloskey of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Haskins St., Rox.

Henry Sheldon et als. (two petitions), for payment to Edward N. Eames of balances remaining from tax sales of estates on Cottage Terrace (lots 30 and 31).

Charles Rudolph, for compensation for damage caused by a city team backing into a plate glass window at 30 Bowdoin St., Wd. 6.

L. A. Ganong, for compensation for damage to her stock in trade caused by a city team backing into a window at 30 Bowdoin St., Wd. 6.

Fuller & Howard, for adjustment of their claim for damages on account of the loss of a horse caused by an alleged defect in the highway.

Charles D. Stewart, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in the highway cor. Causeway and Portland Sts.

The Robert G. Shaw Social Club, to be refunded \$300,—being the amount paid for a liquor license granted, but not issued by the Board of Police.

Norman F. Garland, to be paid for expenses incurred by him in an action against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

John Sullivan, to be refunded the amount of two sewer taxes paid by him under protest,—one against estate on Albany, Ince-land and Hudson Sts., the other against estate 166 W. Newton St.

Edmund T. Lamb, for compensation for damage to horse caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Road.

Daniel Collins, for compensation for damage to wagon at corner of E St. and Dorchester Ave.

Mary Doyle, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Ellingwood St.

William B. F. Whall et als., trustees (three petitions), to be paid balance remaining from tax sales of estates on Pleasant St., Charles and Washington Sts., and Charles, Spring and Washington Sts., West Roxbury.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect and to remove poles on Columbia Road, Wd. 20, and Glendale St., Wd. 16.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Forest Hills St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect and to remove poles on Alford St., Wd. 4.

For leave to attach wires to five trees on Montrose St., Wd. 21.

Petitions of the Brookline Gas Light Co., viz:—

For leave to erect six poles on Linden St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect and to remove poles on Cambridge St. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect one pole on Sparhawk St., Wd. 25.

Boston Elec. Light Co., for leave to erect poles in Maple St., Roxbury.

Western Union Telegraph Co., for leave to erect poles in Gove St., East Boston.

Faneuil Hall and County Buildings.

Henry W. Savage, for permission to lease part of the Old Court House.

Lamps.

Warren H. Gleason et als., for additional public lamps on Montclair Ave., Wd. 23.

William A. Long et als., for public lamps on Claybourne St., Wd. 20.

William J. Tyler et als., for public lamps on Dakota St., Wd. 20.

Penfield B. Goodsell et als., for public lamps leading east from No. 20 So. Margin St.

Licenses.

W. C. Blodgett, for a license for dramatic, operatic and variety entertainments at the Dudley St. Opera House, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

W. C. Blodgett, for musical and dancing entertainments at Orienta Hall, 2152 Washington St., Roxbury, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

W. C. Blodgett, for license for musical and dancing entertainments at Palladio Hall, 54 Warren St., Roxbury, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

G. N. Hatch & Co., for a license for an exhibition of the kinetoscope, at 997 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

L. B. Walker, Nickleodeon, for vaudeville entertainments and exhibitions of freaks at 51-3 Hanover St., for season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Railroads.

Boston Elevated Ry. Co., that the Board approve a location of its route in Washington St., Rox., between Townsend and Bartlett Sts.

Norfolk Suburban St. Ry. Co., for leave to lay tracks, and to use the overhead electric system thereon, in River St., Washington St., and Adams St., and to make certain changes in the tracks of the West Roxbury & Roslindale St. Ry. Co.

The Thompson & Norris Co., for leave to lay a single track at grade across Everett St., Brighton.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses of:—

John A. Andrew Post 15, G. A. R.

Thos. G. Stevenson Post 26, G. A. R.

Robert A. Bell Post 134, G. A. R.

Ninth Regt. Infy., M. V. M.

Gen. R. S. McKenzie Garrison, R. A. & N. U.

Public Improvements.

S. Bresth, for leave to enlarge a bulkhead opening at 17 Norman st., Wd. 8.

Augustus P. Loring, trustee, for leave to construct areas in the sidewalk at Shoe and Leather Exchange in Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

Albert C. Burrage, for leave to place a 1¼ in. pipe under and across sidewalk at 2951 Washington St., Wd. 22.

James W. Tufts, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 94 Portland St., Wd. 6.

D. Doyle, for leave to place a 1¼ in. pipe under and across sidewalk at 3430 Washington St., Wd. 23.

J. Franklin Fuller, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 84 Kingston St., Wd. 7.

George Wigglesworth et als., for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 417-425 Washington St.

Franck Shute, Tr., for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 168 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Frank Ward, for leave to insert brass letters in sidewalk at 39 Main St.

George R. Cavanagh, for leave to move a wooden building along G. Ninth St., Wd. 11.

H. S. Angus, for leave to move a wooden building from 2-4 Ipswich place, Wd. 2, to Everett St.

Clarence E. Snow, for leave to construct an area in front of estate cor. Boston and Rawson Sts., Wd. 16.

Vincent Marino, for leave to erect a stand with a sign thereon at 13 Maverick Sq., E. B.

Michael F. Milley, for leave to maintain a night lunch wagon at corner of Atlantic Ave. and Summer St.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

I. Levin, 20-26 Morris St., Wd. 1.

Ellen Lonergan, 571 E. Third St., Wd. 11.

Watson & Waite, 472-476 E. Third St., Wd. 11.

Margaret Filtzibibbon, 40 Middle St., Wd. 15.

Edward Tracy, 11-17 Vale St., Wd. 15.

Alexander Gaertner, 1181-1189 Tremont St., Wd. 13.

Carl F. Monk, Spencer St., near Park St., Wd. 20.

A. D. Gould, 364-366 Quincy St., Wd. 20.

Lucia W. Maling, 321 Washington St., Wd. 20.

Ruth M. Clapp, 140-142 Stanwood St., Wd. 20.

Francis W. Kittredge, 301 cor. Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21.

Patrick Manning, 360 Centre St. and on Forbes St., Wd. 22.

Quincy & Boston Street Railway Co., southerly side of Neponset Ave.

His Honor the Mayor.

The Social Alliance, for certain reforms in the celebrations by the city of the Fourth of July.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

19. Notice of the indefinite postponement of the order of this Board of June 22, instructing the City Messenger to remove the flag-pole now in Monmouth Sq., and to relocate it at the junction of Saratoga and Bayswater Sts., East Boston.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that that comes back again to the Board of Aldermen simply because the councilmen from my ward are engaged in a small, petty game of politics. It is something that I don't care to take any part in, and I do not ask this Board to do anything further in the matter. It would be very easy for me to explain to the people on the square why they should not have an electric light instead of a flagpole, and I can explain to the people of Orient Heights why they cannot have the flagpole they have been trying to get for two years. It is too trivial to take up the time of the Board with, and I am perfectly willing to have this go on file.

The notice was placed on file.

20. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That the additional sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Pauper Institutions Department for Almshouse, Long Island, new power house and equipment; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

21. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from some fund, or make a new appropriation of \$25,000 to City Hospital Department, in order that the four wards now closed may be opened to patients.

Passed in concurrence.

22. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to extend the courtesies of the City of Boston to the League of American Wheelmen, on the occasion of their annual meet in this city in the month of August next.

Passed in concurrence.

23. Report of the Committee on Fire Department, no further action necessary, on the message of the Mayor and the order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum of \$55,000 for the purchase of land on Warren Ave., and the erection of an engine-house thereon.

The report was laid upon the table.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the report before the Board from the lower branch I dissented from, but by some mistake the protest was not received. If the Board decides that no action is necessary, we surrender all our powers, and admit that the City Council is not capable of selecting an engine house site, which is a very simple matter.

Corporation Counsel Bailey has been assailed unjustly in the past for rendering opinions favorable to His Honor—he certainly cannot be accused on the subject matter before us of giving a favorable opinion to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Mr. Bailey's opinion is an honest opinion. The City Council have been protesting about all their powers be-

ing taken away from them, and the first opportunity, without any protest whatsoever, they surrender their powers in this matter to the Street Commissioners—the lower branch at least. It requires some talent to expound the law. Not understanding the technicalities of the law your Committee on Fire Dept. sent for the Corporation Counsel on the 29th of June, and his opinion was that the City Council could recommend the site. I was under the impression that under chapter 379 of the Acts of 1899 it deprived the City Council of that power, but Mr. Bailey stated that it was not so. From that moment his decision was law, and your committee acted accordingly, and on last Thursday afternoon your committee went forth on their errand and visited every site mentioned in the communication from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, but could not agree. Your committee did not stop there. To the credit of Councilman Moore of Wd. 10 and Councilman Stevens of Wd. 11, a majority of your committee present selected the best site in the district without the knowledge of any real estate expert, and no man in Boston had a chance to bond it—the city would get its money's worth under the circumstances. No doubt there has been a great increase in the value of that property since Thursday last. To save any further delay, I have prepared the following order, which can be accepted or not, but in the opinion of a majority of the Fire Dept. Committee, present on Thursday last, this is the best site, and contains 3900 feet of land, twice the number of feet that is contained in the River St. Engine House, and almost as many feet as is contained in the Fort Hill Engine House within a minute's ride of the old site, and by long odds away ahead of the Warren Ave. site, which contains 7500 feet, 3500 feet of which you are buying at \$5 per foot, which will be waste land. If the city requires any land of that kind, they can purchase it in Dorchester for less than a dollar a foot, but I do not believe in unloading on the city an engine house site that the citizens of the Back Bay do not want, and insisting that they shall take that particular spot or go without an engine house. I trust the tax-payers of the Back Bay will resent this imposition, and in order to obtain what they ought to have, as the city is so poor, raise a popular subscription, contributing, as our good friend Henry M. Whitney contributed in another matter. A suitable and central site can be selected for this engine house, and I shall introduce the order on my own responsibility at the proper time, but believe a majority of the members of the Committee favor the order. I now move, Mr. Chairman, that this report of the Committee on Fire Department be laid upon the table, and it would be the duty, it seems to me, of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to request the City Council to rescind that order, instead of the Board concurring with the lower branch. I move that that report be laid upon the table.

24. The order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making a loan of \$100,000 for various municipal purposes, which was transmitted by this Board on June 25 to the Common Council without alteration,—comes up amended by changing the amount in the item "Faneuil Hall Building, reconstruction, additional, \$38000" to \$60000, and by changing the total from \$100,000 to \$98,000.

The Board voted to nonconcur and adhere to former action.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 25, unfinished business, viz.:

25. Action on the appointment of Charles E. Spaulding, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Day and Colman, Whole

number of ballots cast 12; yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

**ENGINE HOUSE SITE, WARREN AVE.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 26, unfinished business, viz.:

26. Message from the Mayor, transmitting the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Council hereby approves as a site for an engine-house the lot of land on Warren Ave., adjoining the English High and Latin School building on the northeast side, and containing about seventy-five hundred square feet, and authorizes the Fire Commissioner to purchase the said land for said purpose.

Ald. McDONALD offered the following as a substitute:—

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be requested under Chap. 379 of the Acts of 1899, to take the following site, hereby recommended by the City Council, and that the Fire Commissioner proceed forthwith to erect an engine house thereon, 131-3-5-7 Appleton St., 76-8-80 Dartmouth St., containing 3900 feet, more or less.

The whole matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. McDonald.

**PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.**

On the following petitions, viz.:

Francis G. Sager, to project a bay-window from building 48 Bartlett St. and 36 Elm St., over the corner of said streets, Wd. 3; and

Howard C. Woodbury, to project metal cornice and sign from building 250 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, July 31, at 3 P.M., when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.**

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting its 172d location and agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

**USE OF SCHOOLHOUSE.**

The following was received:—

City of Boston, In School Committee,  
June 29, 1899.

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of the Shurtleif Schoolhouse for children's entertainments, July 4, 1899.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Sent down.

**SCHOOL BASEMENT FOR WARD ROOM.**

The following was received:—

City of Boston, In School Committee,  
June 29, 1899.

Ordered, That the City Council be granted the use of a room in the basement of the Emerson Schoolhouse for ward room purposes, provided that the same be without expense to this Board.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Sent down.

**SALE OF OIL.**

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Gilmore Electric Co. for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 625 East First St., South Boston—approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

**CONSTABLES' BONDS.**

After having been duly approved by the City Treasurer the constable's bonds of

Austin Bigelow and Thomas A. Dunn were submitted to the Board.

Approved by the Board.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

Report on the petition of Marcelano Tranfoglia (referred July 3), for a permit to allow Pauline and Nora Tranfoglia, children under fifteen years, to appear at the Boston Theatre in "The Girl in the Moon"—That leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

Also reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 55 newsboys, 14 boot-blacks and one pedler.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

**STATE AID.**

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of July, 1899, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature for said payment.

Report accepted; order passed.

**PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.**

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

O'Brien Bros (referred today), for leave to project one illuminated sign at 152 Summer St. and one at 179 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Edward J. Keeler (referred June 26), for leave to project a druggist's mortar at 1567 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

Allard Bros. (referred June 29), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 19 Tremont St., Wd. 6.

Morris Peyser (referred July 3), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 1109 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Joseph P. Jones (referred June 26), for leave to project a barber pole at 58 Falmouth St., Wd. 10.

Alexander Sholton (referred June 26), for leave to project a barber pole at 47 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Charles Homer (referred July 3), for leave to project a barber pole at 291 Ruggles St., Wd. 19.

William L. Rugg (referred June 29), for leave to project a sign at 326 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Lewis Zona (referred June 29), for leave to project a sign at 152½ Castle St., Wd. 9.

Bates Dental Company (referred June 26), for leave to project a sign at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

W. S. Lung & Co. (referred June 26), for leave to project a sign at 28-30 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Alexander Cava (referred June 29), for leave to project a sign at 24 Tremont Row.

Alexander Cava (referred June 26), for leave to project a lamp at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Young Ladies' Catholic Association (referred June 26), for leave to project two transparencies—one over Columbia Road at Upham's Corner, and one at Eaton St., opposite St. Peter's Church.

James Harmon (referred June 26), for leave to project two bay windows from building 733-735 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

A. T. Rogers (referred June 26), for leave to project three bay windows from building on Huntington Ave., corner Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

L. J. Lyons (referred June 26), for leave to project two bay windows from building on Huntington Ave., corner Kenwood road, Wd. 19.

Eugene H. Smith (referred June 26), for

leave to project one bay window from building 233 Dartmouth St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2.) Reports that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw on the following petitions:—

Raphael Nazzaro (referred June 26), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 472 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

F. O. Lyon (referred June 26), for leave to project a sign at 16 Merchants Row, Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, petitioners given leave to withdraw.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CODMAN offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree in front of estate of George R. Nazro, 182 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 224 Ashmont St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing on Norfolk St., near Thetford Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove dead tree in front of No. 560 Broadway, and that the expense of the same be charged to Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed, under suspension of the rule.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR G. A. R. MEN.

The CHAIRMAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct officers and Boards in charge of departments to allow employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic leave of absence without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Philadelphia in September.

Passed. Sent down.

#### EARLIER PAYMENTS OF SATURDAY.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the City Treasurer, through His Honor the Mayor, be and hereby is requested to provide for earlier and more expeditious payments on Saturdays of the employees of the various departments of the city, now paid on weekly pay-rolls at City Hall.

Passed. Sent down.

#### ASPHALTING GOVE STREET.

Ald. DAY offered an order: That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan order a sum sufficient to asphalt Gove St., from Meridian St. to Chelsea St., and Paris St., from Meridian St. to the Gymnasium.

Passed. Sent down.

#### LIGHTING OF BRIDGE DRAW.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to have the necessary repairs made so that the draw at the Meridian St. Bridge will be lighted as formerly; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Bridge Division; the light to be furnished free by the Boston Elevated Railway Company as formerly.

Passed.

#### LEAVE FOR MILITIAMEN.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order: That

His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees who are members of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, during the time spent in performing military duty required by the Commonwealth.

Passed.

#### PAYMENT TO FAMILY OF CLERK OSBORNE.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:—

Ordered, by authority of chapter 411 of the Acts of the Legislature of the current year, that there be paid to S. Alice Osborne, widow of Theodore M. Osborne, late assistant clerk for equity business of the Superior Court in the County of Suffolk, for her use and that of her children, the remainder of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the current year, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I ask a suspension of the rule so that that order may pass today. This matter was entirely gone over at the Legislature when the authority was given to the city to pass the order. If there is any case at all in which these payments to the families of deceased employees are warranted, it is the case of Mr. Osborne. He was a clerk of the Equity Session and was the first clerk appointed after the equity powers had been transferred from the Supreme Court to the Superior Court. He was a man of unflinching courtesy and was especially dear to the younger members of the bar. He would have eventually found his way on to the bench, but his health had been very bad for several years preceding his death, and he left very little property. His health was run down, largely as the result of his efforts in getting the equity division of the Court in proper running order, and I would ask a suspension of the rule that the order may pass today.

The rule was suspended, and the order was read a second time and passed by the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

#### OPINION REGARDING LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Ald. PRESHO called up No 29, past assignment, viz:—

29. Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board, at its next meeting, whether, under statute law and the ordinances of this city, the contract made the 31st day of May, 1899, between the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, Wesley A. Gove, President, and the City of Boston, James Donovan, Superintendent of Lamps, and approved by Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston, is legal, and to state the grounds for such opinion.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the members to pass this order, appealing to them to do so on the basis of protecting their own rights. It appears to me, from reading the ordinances, that in the granting of this contract the rights of this Board have been nullified, I believe, as I read the ordinances, that the Board has rights in the matter of determining the methods of fixing and setting up lights. I don't know that I can say anything more than I have said. I believe this contract is a ridiculous measure right through, that extra expense is thrown by it upon the city, that it is a hardship on those who were employees of the Lamp Department, who are members of the Lamplighters Union—employees of the City of Boston, who have been given deliberately to understand that they would remain there as long as their conduct was good. Yet these men have been thrown

out, and that is something, in my opinion, in which members of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council are deeply interested. I have fought all through the year against any curtailment of our power, and I believe the Board should oppose to the utmost anything that tends to abridge its powers and rights in the slightest degree.

Ald. DOYLE.—Mr. Chairman, as the Committee on Lamps have before them at the present time an order of investigation into this whole subject, I believe this matter should be referred to that committee: It would not be fair, in the judgment of the committee, to take this matter up and ask the Corporation Counsel to give his views on the subject at this time. I therefore hope the matter will be referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Ald. PRESHO.—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope that action will not be taken. I think the Committee on Lamps should know those things. If there is any foundation for what has been said, they want to know it, and I am very anxious that this information should be submitted to them.

Ald. DOYLE.—Mr. Chairman, I have no doubt the Committee on Lamps will get just this information when they meet to investigate this matter.

Ald. PRESHO.—Mr. Chairman, I don't know why there should be any opposition to this. It looks as though there was some plan here to prevent this thing being brought out. It looks as though there was something to be hidden, something concealed here. I believe all these matters should be brought out into the daylight before the citizens of Boston, and I hope if there is any law for these people to stand on it will be brought out.

Ald. BERWIN.—Mr. Chairman, eliminating from my statement this afternoon anything that might give offence to the Corporation Counsel, I shall vote against the order which has just been read, for the very reason, as I contended before when I argued this question before the Board, that the court is the proper place for this question to be determined. I am not, as the members of the Board are aware, in a physical condition to do much talking this afternoon; but I simply wish to have my position well defined, and I shall vote against the passage of the order for the reason I have given—namely, that the court is the proper place for this matter to be determined. That statement is made with the explanation that no offence is intended to our friend who is with us this afternoon.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Lamps. Ald. Presho doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The order was referred to the Committee on Lamps, yeas 7, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Brick, Celby, Day Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Codman, Presho—5.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4 P. M., on motion of Ald. Day, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.53 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. COLBY, for Ald. O'TOOLE, submitted the following reports from the Committee on Public Improvements:—

(1) Reports recommending that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

George R. Cavanagh, (petition referred today), one, pitch roof, 20 feet in length, by 12 feet in width, by 12 feet in height, from

East Ninth St., opposite H St., along said street to a lot near Old Harbor St., Wd. 14.

H. S. Angus, (petition referred today), one, flat roof, 43 feet in length, by 44 feet in width, by 33 feet in height, from 2 and 4 Ipswich Pl., corner Everett St., around said corner to lot fronting on said Everett St., Wd. 2.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders, (on petition referred today), that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Clarence E. Snow, to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, in sidewalk, corner of Boston and Rawson Sts., Wd. 16.

D. Doyle, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 3480 Washington St., Wd. 23.

J. Franklin Fuller, to construct, maintain and use an arca, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk, 84 Kingston St., Wd. 7.

George Wigglesworth and others, to construct, maintain and use an arca, with granite and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk, 417-425 Washington St., according to dimensions as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Frank Ward, to insert his name "Ward" in brass letters in sidewalk, 39 Main St., Wd. 5.

Frank Shute, Trustee, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 feet by 3½ feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk, 163 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

James W. Tufts, to construct, maintain and use a coal hole opening not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk, 94 Portland St., Wd. 6.

S. Bresth, to enlarge, maintain and use the present bulkhead openings in the sidewalk, 17 Norman st., Wd. 8, to the following dimensions,—3 feet 6 in. long, extending eighteen inches out over the sidewalk, with covers of iron grating.

Albert C. Burrage, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk, 2951 Washington St., Wd. 22.

Augustus P. Loring, Trustee, to construct, maintain and use areas 80 feet by 8½ feet, with sidewalk light and iron covers, under and in the sidewalk, Lincoln St., between Beach and Kneeland Sts., Wd. 7.

John Lepore, (petition referred July 3), to construct maintain and use a bulkhead opening 5 feet by 4 feet, with sidewalk light cover, under and in the sidewalk, 31 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from three to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width with granite edgestones, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Joseph Shoelman, 112-113-114-115-116 Chelsea St., and 1 and 3 Prospect St., Wd. 3, artificial stone.

M. C. Shea, 15 Fenelon St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Alexander McGlennie, 16 and 17 Fenelon St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

W. M. Bummert, 14 Fenelon St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Mary E. Whipple, 10 and 12 Fenelon St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Catherine D. McMorrow, 6 and 8 Vale St., Wd. 15, artificial stone.

Joseph Green, 27 Dunlee St., Wd. 10, artificial stone.

H. A. Lucas, (referred June 12), Abbotsford St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

Quincy & Boston Street Railway Co (referred today), southerly side of Neponset Ave., between 491 and the bridge, Wd. 21, brick.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(4) Report on message of the Mayor, with accompanying order (referred June 12), relative to street watering—recommending the passage of the order and that the message be placed on file.

Report accepted, order passed and message placed on file.

(5) Report on the petition of John J. Dailey (referred May 15), for leave to place a barber pole on sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, to be taken in each night—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions, referred today:—

Vincent Marino, for leave to erect a stand with a sign thereon, at 13 Maverick Sq., East Boston.

Michael F. Miley, for leave to maintain a night lunch wagon at corner Atlantic Ave. and Summer St.

Reports accepted, petitioners given leave to withdraw.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for a location for track at the junction of Washington and Roxbury Sts.—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track at the junction of Washington and Roxbury Sts., connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington and Roxbury Sts., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 12, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said track to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today), for leave to lay a curve track at the corner of Washington and Eastis Sts.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a curved track at the junction of Washington and Eastis Sts., said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 12, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the track located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said track, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said track to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on August 7, at 3 P.M., before the Board, on the following petitions:—

West End Street Railway Company (referred July 3), for a location for double tracks on Main St., Charlestown, from a point near Cambridge St. to a point near Mishawum St., etc.

Same company, (referred July 3) for a location for double tracks in place of existing single track in Western Ave., Brighton, from line between Cambridge and Boston, 400 feet westerly.

Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company (referred today), for leave to lay tracks and to use the overhead electric system thereon, on River St., Washington St., Dorchester, Adams St., etc.

The Thompson & Norris Co. (referred today), for leave to lay a single railroad track at grade across Everett St., Brighton.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

(4) Report on the petition (recommitted today) of the West Roxbury & Roslindale Street Railway Company, to be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham & Boston Street Railway Company, at the Boston line at Spring St., and to use the cars of the last-named company on its line from Spring St. to Forest Hills—that leave be granted.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Brick.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration on all business, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, July 23, at 12 o'clock noon, and that all orders of notice for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (recommitted June 26), for leave to erect two poles in Kingston St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson, dated June 8, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Kingston St., 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 9 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions speci-

fied in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. (recommitted May 15), for leave to erect poles in East and West Cottage Sts.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by James T. Ball, dated April 5, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

East Cottage St., 18 poles; West Cottage St., 13 poles; said poles to be 35 to 50 ft. in height, and from 12 to 16 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Reports on petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (severally recommitted July 10)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 15, 1892; said pole to be located as follows:—

East Second St., Wd. 14, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove one pole from East Second St., said pole being shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered; That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by C. A. Perkins, dated Dec. 15, 1894; said pole to be located as follows:—

Walt St., Wd. 19, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 6 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Walt St., one pole shown by a red dot marked "remove" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser,

dated May 31, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Centre St., Wd. 23, 7 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Centre St. seven poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1899.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated June 4, 1896; said poles to be located as follows:—

Market St., Wd. 25, 1 pole, Western Ave., Wd. 25, 1 pole; each 40 ft. high, 15 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove one pole from Market St. and one pole from Western Ave., shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(e) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated May 23, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Wabon St., Wd. 21, 2 poles; Topliff St., Wd. 20, 13 poles; Mansfield St., Wd. 25, 5 poles; Washington St., Wd. 18, 1 pole, all of said poles to be 35 ft. high and 13 in. in diameter. Width of sidewalks on first three streets, 6 ft.; on Washington St., 10 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Washington St. one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted July 10), for leave to erect poles in King St., Wd. 24—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, June 6, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

King St., Wd. 24, 5 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be

completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Adams.

(5) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings before the Board July 25, at 12 noon, on the following petitions (referred today):—

Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect poles on Maple St.

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Forest Hills St., Wd. 2.

Same Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Alford St., Wd. 4.

Same Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles from Columbia Road, Wd. 20, and Glendale St., Wd. 16.

Brookline Gaslight Company, for leave to erect six poles on Linden St., Wd. 25.

Same Co., for leave to erect one pole on Sparhawk St., Wd. 25.

Same Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Cambridge St. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25.

Western Union Telegraph Co., for leave to erect poles in Gove St., East Boston.

Reports accepted, orders of notice severally passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to attach wires to five trees on Montrose St., Wd. 21—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

Adjourned at 5:07 P.M. on motion of Ald. Presho, to meet on Tuesday, July 25, at 12, noon.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, July 25, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock noon, Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Aid. Day, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, August 14, under the provisions of chap. 514, of the Acts of 1894, viz.:-

Thomas Rogers, Wd. 19; Thomas H. Hoadley, Wd. 2; Bernard L. Watson, Wd. 21; Francis D. Bird, Wd. 12; Francis H. King, Wd. 22; Samuel E. Ripley, Wd. 20; Samuel C. Wright, Wd. 15; Theodore Harrington, Wd. 7; John Carroll, Wd. 21; Thos. Allen, Wd. 11; Jas. F. Harmon, Wd. 19; Edward McManus, Wd. 18; Fredk. O. Williams, Wd. 16; Patrick H. Gavin, Wd. 6; Herbert N. Keene, Wd. 25; Mason W. Morse, Wd. 16; Henry Sawyer, Wd. 10; Edward H. Wisc, Wd. 13; Lyman C. Fisher, Wd. 19; John McCallis, Wd. 21; Oscar A. Shepard, Wd. 24; Wm. J. Estey, Wd. 20; Jas. B. Hill, Wd. 16; Henry A. Bigelow, Wd. 20; Joshua F. Dunbar, Wd. 23; Jacob H. Hamblin, Wd. 9; Alexander Martin, Wd. 15; John P. Geary, Wd. 25; Geo. B. Lazell, Wd. 17; John W. McBrine, Wd. 4; Wm. G. Smith, Wd. 1; John L. Allen, Wd. 16; Edward O'Hara, Wd. 5; Elias A. Malone, Wd. 10.

## TEMPORARY TRACK LOCATION.

The following was received:-

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 25, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

I transmit herewith a plan showing a temporary track location granted by me on July 17th to the West End Street Railway Company on Sumner St. extension, opposite the Southern Union Station. This location was granted under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1896.

I recommend that this plan be placed on file.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:-

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 25, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Mason B. Whittemore an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay or Straw, and Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## HEARINGS AT 12 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for a single curve track at the junction of Lexington and Shelby Sts., East Boston.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:-

2. For leave to erect and to remove poles on Alford St., Wd. 4.

3. For leave to erect and to remove poles on Columbia road, Wd. 20, and Glendale St., Wd. 16.

4. For leave to erect and to remove poles on Forest Hills St., Wd. 23.

On petitions of the Brookline Gas Light Company, viz.:-

5. For leave to erect one pole on Sparhawk St., Wd. 25.

6. For leave to erect six poles on Linden St., Wd. 25.

7. For leave to erect and remove poles on Cambridge St. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25.

8. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect two poles on Maple St., Roxbury.

No objections. Severally recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

9. On petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company for leave to erect poles on Gove St., East Boston.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:-

## Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Dennis J. Hern, an illuminated sign, at 535 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Vincent Marino, a barber pole, at 13 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Louis Helman, sign, 123 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Tony M. Guvitosia, two barber poles, 453 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Oliver Ames, et als., trustees, for leave to excavate the cellar bottom of a building to be erected on the site of the old Public Library Building on Boylston St. at grade 4.48.

## Claims.

Mrs. James Healey, for compensation for damage to estates 105-107 Smith St., Roxbury, caused by the backing up of sewage into said houses.

Theodore Drexel, to be compensated for damage to his land on Sherwood St., caused by the deposit of deleterious matter thereon in the construction of a sewer in 1898.

M. F. Place, to be returned fees collected illegally.

## Electric Wires.

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on Park St., Wd. 23, and to remove poles on Centre and Park Sts.

## Supt. of Public Grounds.

Mrs. Chamberlain, for leave to remove a tree at 422 Main St., Wd. 4.

Josiah Hinckley, agent, for the removal of certain trees in front of the Baker Block, on Broadway and F St., S. B.

Charles F. Kittredge, for removal of a dead tree at No. 285 Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Josiah I. Carter, for the removal of a tree standing at the end of the block of houses on Washington St., corner of Forest Hills St.

Margaret C. Trainor, for the trimming of a tree at 575 E. Broadway, S. B.

## Lamps.

Victor Wolmer et als., for gas lamps on York St., Wd. 20.

Henry B. Blackwell et als., for gas or electric lights on Blackwell and Bowman Sts., Wd. 24.

S. B. Shapleigh et als., for public lamps on High Rock way, Wd. 25.

## Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz.:-

John B. Schoeffel, Manager, at the Tremont Theatre.

J. H. Emery, at the Castle Square Theatre.

E. F. Keith, at Keith's New Theatre.

George W. Magee, at the Grand Opera House.

G. H. Batcheller, at the Lyceum Theatre.

G. E. Lothrop, at the Bowdoin Square Theatre.

Stone & Shaw, at Austin & Stone's Museum.

Chas. H. Waldron & Co., at the Palace Theatre.

Wallace E. Hyde, at the Water Chutes, Huntington Ave.

Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, at Mechanics Building, Huntington Ave.

D. A. Linsky, at Leopold Halls, 78-80 Beverly St.

Morris Shenker, at West End Union Hall, 164 Canal St.

W. H. Carroll, Agent, Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St.

J. M. E. Morrill, Central Hall, 152 Centre St., Wd. 20.

Nathaniel Burgess, for a license for a museum variety show and gypsy camp in store No. 11 Tremont Row.

Thos. Merrigan, for a permit for Thos. and Sadie Merrigan, children under 15 years, to appear at Keith's Theatre two weeks commencing July 1, 1899.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Report of Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G. A. R., of Memorial Day expenses.

Public Improvements.

John C. Haynes, for leave to construct six coal chutes in sidewalk at 982-986 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18.

Oliver Ames et als., trustees, for leave to construct areas and coal hole openings in sidewalk in front of the Old Public Library Building on Boylston St.

Oliver Ames et als., trustees, for leave to construct in front of the Old Public Library Building on Boylston St., Wd. 7, a canopy over the sidewalk.

Norcross Bros., for leave to erect guy posts in Albany St.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Francisco Dimasc, 198-200 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Edward H. Eldredge & Co., agents, 13-27 John St., Wd. 6.

J. P. Fenno et als., Shirley St., Wd. 17.

H. L. Folsom, agent, Conant St., Wd. 19.

Jacob P. Power, 514-516 West Park St., Wd. 20.

Katherine F. Sullivan, 266 Millet St., Wd. 20.

Wm. H. Martin, 16 Wales St., Wd. 20.

Jenn F. Murphy, 201 Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

Arthur Timmins, Chester St., Wd. 25.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 10, unfinished business, viz.:-

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

10. Andrew H. Dwelley and Allen G. Boyd, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yes 10, and the appointments were confirmed.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 11, unfinished business, viz.:-

11. George C. Davis, George H. Hamlin and Francis F. Harrington, to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Colby.

#### POLES ON KING ST.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 12, unfinished business, viz.:-

12. Report of the Committee on Electric Wires, with order granting permission to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to erect five poles on King St., Wd. 24.

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### EXCHANGE OF STREET CARS.

The board proceeded to take up No. 13, special assignment, viz.:-

13. Report of Committee on Railroads, recommending that leave be granted to the West Roxbury and Rosindale Street Ry. Co. to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company at the Boston line at Spring St., and use said cars on its railway in lieu of cars of its own, from Spring St. to Forest Hills.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Brick.

#### REPORTS OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

The board proceeded to take up No. 14, past assignment, viz.:-

14. Message of the Mayor transmitting majority and minority reports of the commission appointed to investigate the Building Department. (Doc. 114.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF POLICE DEPT.

The board proceeded to take up No. 15, past assignment, viz.:-

15. Ordered, That the Aldermanic Committee on Police be instructed to investigate and report what changes are necessary, in its opinion, to improve the administration of the Police Department of the city, and what amendments, if any, should be made to such laws as come within the special cognizance of the Board of Police, and that said committee be authorized to give public hearings, if necessary, the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Referred to the Committee on Police Dept. (Ald.), on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### POLES IN DORCHESTER.

The Board proceeded to take No. 16 from the table, viz.:-

16. Order granting the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts permission to place seven poles on Carruth St., Wd. 24, and two poles on Eaton Sq., Wd. 20.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### ENGINE HOUSE ON WARREN AVE.

The Board proceeded to take No. 17 from the table, viz.:-

17. Report of the Committee on Fire Department, no further action necessary on the message of the Mayor and the order of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating the sum of \$55,000 for the purchase of land on Warren Ave., and the erection of an engine house thereon.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. McDonald.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co., accepting its 173d and 174th locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Thomas F. Malone and Charles E. House for approval by the Board.

Approved by the Board.

#### CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office, and that work was actually performed to the amount of \$1753.98.

Approved by the Board.

INFORMATION REGARDING OWNER-SHIP OF POLE.

The following was received:—  
New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, 125 Milk St. Boston, July 21, 1899.

Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen: We have to acknowledge receipt of your order of June 29th, 1899, copy of which is returned herewith, and to say that the pole in question is not the property of this company.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass.

By W. J. Denver, Assistant General Manager.

Placed on file.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

Zieman & Seegal, two, 24 Anderson St., Wd. 11.

William H. Gibbons, two, Tremont St., opposite Mission Church, Wd. 19.

T. H. Connolly, two, 2985-87 Washington St., Wd. 22.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, August 14, at 12 o'clock, noon, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ORDER OF NOTICE—TAKING OF LAND.

On the petition of W. Bowman Cutter for an award of damages to him as lessee on account of the taking of certain estates by the Boston Elevated Railway Company—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, August 14, at 12 o'clock, noon, at which time the Board, acting as County Commissioners, will proceed to estimate the damages as prayed for by said petitioner.

LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, made the following report:—

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions, referred today:—

George W. Magee, for a license to give dramatic and operatic entertainments at the Grand Opera House during the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

B. F. Keith, for a license for dramatic, musical and vaudeville entertainments at Keith's New Theatre, 543-47 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

John B. Schoeffel, Manager of the Tremont Theatre, for a license for season ending Aug. 1, 1900, for lectures, musical and dramatic entertainments.

Stone & Shaw, for a license for Austin & Stone's Museum, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

G. H. Batcheller, for a license for the Lyceum Theatre for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

J. H. Emery, for a license for the Castle Square Theatre, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, for a license for the various halls in Mechanics Building, Huntington Ave., for musical and dancing entertainments, for season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

G. E. Lothrop, for an amusement license for the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

Later in the session, Ald. Codman said: Mr. Chairman, I ask that our action be reconsidered and that all those matters be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I am willing that they should be reported back today, if the committee sees fit to have them reported back.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to know what reason there is, if there be

one, for referring these matters to the Committee on Public Improvements? If the alderman will notice, the committee have only reported in favor of those regular places which have had licenses right along, and I think they are the places against which there has been no complaint. There are one or two other petitions which the committee still have before them, on which no action has been taken. I am perfectly willing to send them in to the Committee on Public Improvements, if there is any reason why they should go before that committee. But the committee seems to be quite well loaded up with material at the present time and I dislike to send anything more in, unless there is really some valid reason why it should be done. If there is a reason, I am quite willing to accede to the alderman's request, but the mere bald statement that he would like to have these referred to the committee does not seem sufficient. I would like to know the reason.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am not accustomed to asking to have matters sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, with the statement that I am willing the Committee should report back the same day, unless there is some reason for the request. I have a reason which I think would convince the Alderman, but I don't care about going into a long discussion of the matter here. I would rather have it go to the Committee, and we can talk it over there. If, however, the Alderman insists on a reason here, I will give it.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if there is really any valid objection to these matters being acted upon at the present time, I would like to know it. I do not wish to be captious, but there is a prevailing habit here of sliding everything in to that Committee; and it might be of some interest to the citizens and to those of our constituents who would like to know about these matters to have certain information furnished. I would like, before voting for reconsideration, to have some good reason for it stated. If there is any I am quite willing to have the action he suggests taken; but these are the ordinary licenses that come in here from year to year, and it seems that they should be continued. If there is any reason why they should not be, it certainly has not been presented to the Committee.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that certain theatres were to make certain improvements, to do certain things, under agreement with a committee appointed some time ago. Now, I believe those things have not been done, and I am in favor of bringing the matter into the Committee on Public Improvements and asking members of the Committee on Licenses in that Committee if they know certain things to have been done, and properly done. As I say, I have not had time to look the matter up, because I have not been in the city much the last three weeks. If what the theatres agreed to do has been done I have no objection; but if not, I think the committee appointed by the Board to look into these things should follow it up, and that the suggested improvements made by the Board last year should be carried out at this time. It will be probably a matter of only a few minutes' delay, as the Committee undoubtedly knows just what has been done. I have no objection to the licenses going through today, but I would like a chance to inquire, for my own special information.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to put the Committee on Licenses in the right position on this matter. I am a bit surprised that this matter has not come up before. An order was introduced early in the year making certain inquiries with reference to the protection of theatres against fire and so on. The Committee on Licenses went to work and made a very careful examination. They spent, if I remember rightly, three days in look-

ing into the matter, went to every theatre in Boston and every place of amusement, from cellar to garret, as some of the members very well remember, and we made certain recommendations and have been informed that they have been carried out. But the joke of the whole thing is this, that the matter never was referred to the Committee on Licenses, but was before the Committee on Public Improvements. So we were actually acting on a matter that was not referred to us. Therefore, if the gentleman feels that any committee has been remiss in this matter, it is the Committee on Public Improvements, of which he is a member. That order for examining theatres is now before the Committee on Public Improvements, which has never taken any action in the matter whatever, and the Committee on Licenses, who went ahead and acted in the matter, (though it was referred to them.) But it was not. However, the matters he refers to have been attended to.

Ald. CODMAN—That brings the matter to the position where I want it. I shall be perfectly willing to have the members of that committee state what they found in their investigations, whether authorized or not. I believe the committee thought it had the authority, and did its work thoroughly. The members of the Committee on Licenses can be heard by a Committee on Public Improvements, stating what they know of their own individual knowledge; and I shall insist on having these matters go there.

Reconsideration prevailed, and the reports were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(2) Report on the petition of Thomas Merrigan (referred today) for a permit for Thomas and Sadie Merrigan, children under 15 years of age, to appear at Keith's Theatre two weeks, commencing July 1, 1899, that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending that licenses be granted as follows:—

D. A. Linsky, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, for Leopold Halls, 78 and 80 Beverly St., for musical and dancing entertainments.

Morris Shenker, for dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at West End Union Hall, 161 Canal St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

(4) Report on the petition of Wallace F. Hyde (referred today), for a license for water chutes and other entertainments on the grounds of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, on Huntington Ave., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900,—that a license be granted for the term ending Nov. 1, 1899.

Report accepted, license granted as recommended.

(5) Reports recommending that minors licenses be granted to 33 newsboys, 10 boot-blacks and 2 flower venders.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (recommitted today), for leave to erect and to remove poles on Forest Hills St., Wd. 23,—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of

Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Forest Hills St., Wd. 23, 2 poles, 35 feet by 13 inches, sidewalk 8 feet wide, plan dated July 6th, 1899.

Ordered: That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Forest Hills St. 2 poles shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rules.

(2) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Columbia Road, Wd. 20, 1 pole, 35 feet by 13 inches, sidewalk 10 feet wide.

Glendale St., Wd. 16, 1 pole, 35 feet by 13 inches, sidewalk 10 feet wide; date of plan in each case July 3, 1899.

Ordered: That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Columbia Road 1 pole, and from Glendale St. 1 pole, shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that order giving the right to erect poles on Columbia Road referred back to the Committee.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I will say, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 20, that it is for just one pole on Columbia Road. There is a pole there now, and they want to move it 3 feet, to arrange for some change in construction that has taken place out there.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, if that order cannot be considered as giving the company the right to erect other poles on the avenue, I have no objection.

Ald. DOYLE—It only gives the right to remove one pole and to erect one pole.

Ald. ADAMS—I withdraw my objection. The report was accepted, and the order was passed under suspension of the rules.

(3.) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today), for leave to erect and remove poles on Alford St., Wd. 4,—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders.

Ordered: That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Alford St., Wd. 4, 14 poles, 35 feet by 13 inches, sidewalk 10 feet wide, plan dated July 1, 1899.

Ordered: That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Alford St. 12 poles shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions spec-

ified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, orders passed under suspension of the rules.

(4.) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co., (recommitted today), for leave to erect poles on Maple St., Roxbury,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order.—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Maple St., Roxbury, 2 poles, 35 feet by 10 inches, sidewalk 7 feet wide, plan dated June 17, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Referred, on motion of Ald. Codman, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(5.) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (recommitted July 17) for leave to erect poles on Savin Hill Ave., Adams St., Dorchester Ave., St. Alphonsus St., Fellows St. and Mercer St.—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The Boston Electric Light Co. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Savin Hill Ave., 6 poles, 35 feet by 12 inches, sidewalk 6 feet wide; Adams St., 17 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; Dorchester Ave., 5 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 10 feet; St. Alphonsus St., 4 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; Fellows St., 6 poles, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; Mercer St., 1 pole, 40 feet by 14 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; date of plans, June 12, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Referred, on motion of Ald. Codman, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(6.) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles on Park St., Wd. 23, and to remove poles on Centre and Park Sts.—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon, Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 12 o'clock noon, to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF THATCHER ROAD.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Thatcher Road, Wd. 20, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1892.

Passed. Sent down.

USE OF WARD ROOM.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be re-

quested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow the use of the Ward Room, Wd. 19, to children for recreation purposes during the month of August.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have tree in front of the estate 13 Ditson St., Wd. 20, removed; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Dept.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred July 17), for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Mrs. Adella McEnnis, illuminated sign, 176 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Katz, sign, 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Max Feldman, sign, 67 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Max Feldman, V-corner sign, 67 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Carmelo De Luca, sign, 965 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

F. W. Lydston, sign, 49 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Julius Neustadt, two key signs, 47 Compton St., corner Middlesex St., Wd. 9.

John Paris, sign, 212 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

M. I. Bornstein, auction flag, 1009 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Wm. J. Simkins, sign, 210 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Gus De Stefong, barber sign, 96½ Summer St., Wd. 7.

Max Fishman, sign, 64 Compton St., Wd. 9.

Frank Porcellin, sign, 95½ W. Springfield St., Wd. 12.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today)—that leave be granted, viz.:—

Geunis J. Hern, illuminated sign, 595 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Vincent Marino, barber pole, 13 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Louis Helman, sign, 128 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Tony M. Guvitosia, two barber poles, 453 Hanover St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Thomas F. Maloy (referred June 26), for leave to project three bay windows from building on Columbus Ave., corner Coventry St., Wd. 18, one over each street and one over the corner—that leave be granted on Columbus Ave., Coventry St. being a private way.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Ald. DAY submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of D. Whiting & Sons (referred June 26)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to D. Whiting & Sons to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on rear 472 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building De-

partment; said building to be occupied for stable purposes.  
Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Collas, Whitman & Co. (referred July 3)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Collas, Whitman & Co. to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 229 Marginal St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, (recommitted today), for a location for a curved track at the junction of Lexington and Shelby Sts., East Boston—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use, a curved track at the junction of Lexington St. and Shelby St., East Boston, said track being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 29, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The board voted at 12:47 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. McDonald, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 1:43 o'clock P.M. by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the petitions (referred today after being reported by the Committee on Licenses) of George W. Magee, B. F. Keith, John B. Schoeffel, Stone & Shaw, G. H. Batcheller, J. H. Emery, Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association and G. E. Lothrop, for licenses to give dramatic entertainments, etc., during the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before Dec.

31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the Ordinances of the City relating thereto, as follows:—

Jaynes & Chapin Company (petition referred June 26th) to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with an illuminated mortar attached thereto, in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Summer and South Sts., Wd. 7.

Norcross Brothers (petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use 4 guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Albany St., between Kneeland and Beach Sts., in locations subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Streets.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(3) Report on the communication from His Honor the Mayor appointing George C. Davis, George H. Hamlin and Francis F. Harrington constables, etc. (referred today), recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Codman and O'Toole. Whole number of ballots 12; ycs 11, no 1, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

(4) Report on the report of the Committee on Electric Wires (referred today), on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for permission to erect poles on Maple St., Roxbury, recommending the passage of the accompanying order (as reported by the committee earlier in the meeting).

Report accepted, said order passed.

(5) Report on the report of the Committee on Electric Wires (referred today) on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect poles on Savin Hill Ave., Adams St., Dorchester Ave., St. Alphonsus St., Fellow St. and Mercer St., recommending the passage of the accompanying order (as reported by the Committee on Electric Wires earlier in the meeting).

On motion of Ald. Codman, so much of the order as refers to Adams St. and Dorchester Ave. was stricken out, and the order as amended was passed.

#### LAMP IN ROXBURY.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a gas lamp in Posing Place, Wd. 22; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That when the Board adjourned it be to meet on Tuesday, August 1, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, and that all hearings and orders of notice for a previous date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

#### CLOSING OF STREETS FOR PARADE.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except United States mail, fire and police wagons, on Monday, September 4, 1899, between the hours of nine A. M. and one P. M. the following-named streets, for the parade of the labor organizations known as the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union, viz:—

For the Formation.

Huntington Ave., Boylston St., Newbury St., Commonwealth Ave. and Beacon St., between Clarendon St. and Massachusetts Ave.

For the Parade.

Copley Sq., to Boylston St., to Berkeley St., to Columbus Ave., to Darnmouth St., to West Dedham St., to Washington St., to Eliot St., to Park Sq., to Charles St., to Beacon St., to School St., to Washington St., to Milk St., to Post Office Sq.

And the City Messenger is hereby requested to rope off said streets at the principal points where it may be required, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

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REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the

Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of estate 68 Evans St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 1:56 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. McDonald, to meet on Tuesday, August 1, at 12 o'clock, noon.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, August, 1, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock, noon, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Colby.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

BARBER POLE ON SIDEWALK—  
VETOED.

The following was received:  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 26, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Garmelo De Luca to place a barber pole sign on the sidewalk at No. 965 Tremont st., Wd. 13, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted. Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said vote was passed was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor, to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant the permission, the vote on doing so being—yeas none, nays, 7.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, McDonald—7.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 25, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint John P. Murphy, Felice A. Reppucci and Ernest L. Weiss constables of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## NAME IN SIDEWALK—VETO.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature an order passed by your Board granting permission to Frank Ward to insert his name "Ward" in brass letters in the sidewalk in front of his dining room at 39 Main St., Wd. 5. Chapter 352 of the Acts of 1895 provides that "no person shall place and maintain . . . upon any building or other structure . . . any sign or other projection the lowest part of which is ten feet above the sidewalk thereof." I am informed that no one has been granted permission to insert his name in the sidewalk since the statute was passed, or for some years before its passage, and I do not see how such permission can legally be granted, as in the opinion of the Law Department anything placed upon a building or other structure for advertising purposes must be considered as a sign. Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

## MORTAR ON POST—VETO.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature

an order passed by your Board granting permission to the Jaynes & Chapin Co. to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with an illuminated mortar attached thereto, in the sidewalk in front of estate corner Summer and South Sts., Wd. 7, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted. Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

## BARBER POLE ON SIDEWALK—VETO.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to John J. Dailey to place a barber pole on the sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave. Wd. 20, for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted. Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

## "ILLUMINATED" DRUGGIST'S MORTAR, ETC.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Edward J. Keeler to project a druggist's "illuminated" mortar at 1567 Tremont St., Wd. 13, said mortar to be composed of "wood, covered with bronzed tin perforated," and to project "about two feet." The distance to which illuminated signs are allowed to project has been limited to two feet, and it does not seem to me advisable to word the permission granted to project a sign so that it can properly be interpreted to exceed this distance. There is also some doubt in my mind as to whether a mortar composed of wood covered with tin can properly be termed an "illuminated" sign.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as the Alderman from that district is not here, I move that that be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion was carried.

## FENCE ALONG CHARLES RIVER.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, July 25, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting him to put the fence along the Charles River, on the western side of the alley in the rear of Beacon St., in proper condition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Street Department.  
July 20, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir: In regard to inclosed order in reference to fences in rear of houses on Beacon St., I beg to state that the department has taken care of all fences that were in any way injured by the department or its contractors in dumping snow; and there are neither funds available, nor is it our province to repair the balance of the fence, which, as I understand it, belongs to the abutters. Yours very respectfully,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Placed on file.

## SIGN ON LAMPPOST.

Ald. McDONALD presented the petition of the New England Newspaper Union for leave to place a sign on a lamppost at 132 Pearl St.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to suspend the rules, and leave was granted.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the Committees named, viz.:-

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Raphael Nazzaro, a V sign, at 472 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Soon Lee, a sign, at 91 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Howard C. Woodbury, an illuminated clock, at 250 Washington St., Wd. 6.

E. P. Sensibaugh, two signs, at 127 Dudley St., Wd. 21.

G. F. Knight, illuminating sign, 20 Causeway St.

##### Claims.

Laura Seldner, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on north side of Fuller St.

William F. Stratton, trustee, for payment of two thirds of the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on La Grange St., W. R.

Cornelius Breslin, for compensation for damage to estate 10-12-14 Haskins St., by the backing up of sewage.

Margaret E. McNealy, for a hearing on her claim for damages on account of personal injuries caused by her falling on Centre St., J. P.

Geo. F. Hewett & Co., to be refunded the sum of \$500 paid by them for a liquor license.

##### Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co., of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove poles in Northampton St.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect poles on Chestnut St., Wd. 3.

Western Union Tel. Co., for leave to erect poles on Gove St., between the B. & M. R. R. and Meridian St., E. B.

##### Supt. of Public Grounds.

Mrs. Annie Turner, for the removal of a tree at 1207 Dorchester Ave.

##### Lamps.

Thomas H. Lemasney et als., for public lamps on Creek St., Dorchester.

##### Memorial Day.

Report of Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans of Memorial Day expenses.

Report of Peter Salem Garrison No. 70, R. A. & N. U. of Memorial Day expenses.

##### Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1899, viz.:-

Engene Tompkins, at the Boston Theatre.

Isaac B. Rich, at the Hollis Theatre.

Field, Rich, Harris & Chas. Frohman, at the Boston Museum.

Eugene Tompkins, at the Park Theatre.

Louis H. Mudgett, agt., at Boston Music Hall.

Louis D. Brandeis et als., trustees, at the Grundmann Studios, on Clarendon St.

J. Loring Thayer, at Knights of Honor Hall, 730 Washington St.

J. J. McHugh, at Caledonia Hall, 45 Eliot St.

Cyrus Walker, at Walker's Hall, 735 Washington St.

Prosper W. Smith, at Anawan Hall, Anawan Ave., Wd. 23.

Jacob Schaffer, at Lincoln Hall, 69 W. Concord St.

Hugh H. McInnes, at Marine Park Hall, J. H. Dwyer, at 12-14 Shawmut Ave.

Henry W. Jones, Independent Club Hall, 305 Medford St., Charlestown.

Boston Turn Verein, Turn Hall, 29 Middlesex St.

##### Public Improvements.

Norcross Bros., for leave to erect one guy post in Congress St. and one in A St. extension.

Norcross Bros., for leave to stretch a guy rope across Tremont St.

Michael Roughan, for leave to construct three coal holes in sidewalk at 61, 63, 65 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Costas Deemara, for leave to maintain push carts at certain locations in the city for the sale of fruit and candy.

Cushing Medical Supply Company, for leave to place an electric sign on building 650 Washington St.

Woodbury & Leighton, for leave to erect one guy post and one in Oxford Pl.

W. L. Clark & Co., for leave to erect guy posts at 388-400 Atlantic Ave.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Bowker, Torrey & Co., on Baldwin St., Wd. 13.

Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, at 862 E. Fifth St., Wd. 14.

Hugh D. Kelly, 100-102 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Hugh D. Kelly, cor. Norfolk Ave. and Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Thos. H. Shea, 1-3 Heath Pl., Wd. 19.

C. F. Hayes, 194 Adams St., Wd. 20.

Francis W. Kittredge, in front of three houses on Warren St. and two on Moreland St., at the corner of said streets, Wd. 21.

John W. and Mary E. Patterson, 23-25 Jamaica St. and 33-35 Woodman St., Wd. 23.

Boston University, 73 Summer St., Wd. 7.

G. M. Hyams, 26 Wales St., Wd. 20.

D. W. Thomas, Vancouver St., corner Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

##### RECEPTION OF ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Ald. McDONALD offered an orded—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient for the purpose of extending the hospitalities of the city of Boston to Admiral Dewey.

Ald. McDONALD moved a suspension of the rule, that the order might be put upon its passage.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I don't know just what the purport of this order is; but, before this matter is considered, I think there should be some wise deliberation on our part. There is a little more in this question than appears on the surface. It scarcely seems to me that we should at once throw ourselves into a state of adulation of a hero because he has won a battle. It hardly strikes me that the Admiral is to be put into the same category with Gen. Grant, Gen. Sherman, and other great military heroes. There is much to be said on this question, and it only excited my attention as I heard the order read. I think we should give more mature thought to it before, acting in accordance with general sentiment and the rush of popular opinion, we deliberately set out to render such adulation to a merely military hero. It strikes me that this will establish a dangerous precedent; it strikes me that we are getting into the condition in which France finds herself today—that popular government and popular movements are too much the result of a quick, hasty sentiment, not founded on the cool, calculating basis upon which our forefathers built this country of ours.

It strikes me that a movement of this sort is purely and simply an attempt on the part of the administration at Washington to bolster up its attitude, to bolster up the war, to maintain its standard, and, without due deliberation, to bring to itself public favor which it does not deserve. I did not know that this order was to be introduced at this time. If I did know it, I think I should have prepared an address upon the subject. I, at least, as a member of the Board of Aldermen and as a citizen of the United States, view this attempt to bolster up the administration, to sweep the people

off their feet by an attempt to arouse a spirit of military glory, with a good deal of alarm. The trouble with parades and exhibitions of this sort is that they disturb the popular mind, that they take away from examination and criticism the true problems that are before the people. The people are being harrassed, hampered, burdened with taxation. The time will come, the time is bound to come—and shortly—when the people will cry out against this war; and I, for one, at this time will vote against any attempt to give a public testimonial of this kind to a man, whose efforts in the East I do not attempt to discredit, but I do, I do protest against making him a second Boudanger in America. It is not fair, it is not right, it is not democratic, it is not in accord with the principles upon which this great nation was founded, and I shall vote against it.

Ald. McDONALD.—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that this is a very proper order for the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to consider.

The CHAIRMAN—If the Alderman will pardon the Chair, perhaps the members of the Board did not thoroughly understand the order. The Chair understands it to be in the nature of a request. But the Clerk will read it for the information of the Board.

(The Clerk read the order).

Ald. McDONALD.—Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that the Alderman from Wd. 3 (Ald. Frick) should oppose a resolution of that kind, in honor of the great admiral to whom, more than to anybody else, belongs the credit of bringing the war with Spain to a close so quickly—for the guns fired at Manila by Admiral Dewey were heard all over the world. He made the nations of the old world stop, think, ponder over the American Navy. At times it was thought by the countries of the old world that America, the United States, could not cope successfully on the sea with England, especially, but Admiral Dewey on that Sunday morning at Manila proved to the world that the American Navy could not be surpassed by any other navy in the world. I believe the City of Boston should extend the hospitalities of this city to that brave admiral who has not been surpassed in generations—for the past 100 years at least—by any admiral on the other side of the water. To him more than to any other man in the American Navy does this country owe the successful conclusion of the war. He settled the difficulty at once, and it is fitting that we should honor all our brave heroes—that the City of Boston especially, a city which has always been celebrated for its patriotism and public spirit—should do so. We have had, of course, great admirals—for instance, Admiral Farragut, who will ever be remembered, who did great work in the Civil War. The gentleman from Wd. 8 refers to Gen. Grant. This country will ever be indebted to Gen. Grant for the push and determination that he displayed in bringing the Civil War to a successful close; and it is indebted to all the great heroes who have helped to make this country what it is. The City of Boston should always honor them, and will always do so. Here is the City of New York appropriating \$150,000 for the celebration—and I believe it ought to spend \$150,000, and more. As I understand it, Gov. Roosevelt has asked the state to also appropriate \$50,000. All our young men who are growing up would like to see the City of Boston take hold of this matter and have as large a celebration, if possible, as there will be in the City of New York. The young people like to honor the men who have taken part in the Spanish War; and we all remember the little piece we used to recite in school in young days:—

Our country is America;  
Our flag red, white and blue,  
And to the land of Washington  
We ever will be true.

Then wave the flag, and wave again,  
And shout these loud hurrahs  
For our beloved country  
And for the stripes and stars.

I believe in honoring Admiral Dewey and all the brave men who were connected with the late Spanish War.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that a fit of midsummer madness has struck the Board, judging from the remarks of the last two speakers. An order requesting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate \$5000 for this purpose is now before them, and I don't see that anything further is necessary—unless the gentlemen want to honor themselves more than they want to honor Admiral Dewey.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I will respectfully doubt that vote, although I think I will be alone, and call for the yeas and nays. I desire to register myself as against this order, although I think I will be alone in so doing.

The roll was called, and the order was passed, yeas 9, nay 1, Ald. Brick voting nay. Sent down.

#### HEARINGS AT 12 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Francis G. Sager, for leave to project one bay-window over the corner of Bartlett and Elm Sts., from building 48 Bartlett St., Wd. 3.

2. On petition of Howard C. Woodbury, for leave to project a metal cornice and sign from building 250 Washington St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles on Park St. and to remove poles on Centre and Park Sts., Wd. 23.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 4, unfinished business, viz:—

4. Action on the appointment submitted by the Mayor of Mason B. Whittemore to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, and a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1899.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Adams and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 10; yes 9, no 1, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### ERECTION OF TELEPHONE POLES.

The Board proceeded to take up Nos. 5 and 6, special assignment, viz:—

5. Report of the Committee on Electric Wires, with an order authorizing The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to erect five poles on King St., Wd. 24.

6. Order granting The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts permission to place seven poles on Carruth St., Wd. 21, and two poles on Eaton Sq., Wd. 20.

Severally assigned to the next meeting on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### INVITATION TO MUNICIPAL CONVENTION.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee, League of American Municipalities, inviting the city to send delegates to its third annual convention to be held in Syracuse, New York, Oct. 19th to 22nd, 1899.

The Board voted to accept the invitation. Sent down.

#### AWNING—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of New Boston Music Hall for leave to project an awning from New Music Hall Building on Massachu-

setts Ave., Wd. 10—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, August 14, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. DAY, for Ald. Colby, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors licenses be granted to 26 newsboys, 2 boot-blacks, and 2 pedlers.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for amusement licenses, (severally referred today), for season ending Aug. 1, 1900—that leave be granted, viz:—

Eugene Tompkins, at the Boston Theatre.  
Isaac B. Rich, at the Hollis Theatre.  
Field, Rich, Harris & Chas. Frohman, at the Boston Museum.

Eugene Tompkins, at the Park Theatre.  
Louis H. Mudgett, agt., at Boston Music Hall.

Louis D. Brandeis et al., trustees, at the Grundmann Studios, on Clarendon St.

J. Loring Thayer, at Knights of Honor Hall, 730 Washington St.

J. J. McHugh, at Caledonia Hall, 45 Eliot St.  
Cyrus Walker, at Walker's Hall, 735 Washington St.

Prosper W. Smith, at Anawan Hall, Anawan Ave., Wd. 23.

Jacob Schaffer, at Lincoln Hall, 69 W. Concord St.

Hugh H. McInnes, at Marine Park Hall.  
Henry W. Jones, Independent Club Hall, 305 Medford St., Charlestown.

Boston Turn Verein, Turn Hall, 29 Middlesex St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### SALE OF GIBSON SCHOOL FUND LANDS.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—  
Resolved, That the order passed by this Board May 25, 1899, relative to the sale of unoccupied lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by this Board, be and hereby is rescinded.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.  
In connection with the above Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Committee on Public Lands (Ald.) be authorized to employ such assistance as they in their judgment deem necessary to subdivide into suitable building lots all unoccupied lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by this Board, and that said lands shall be advertised for sale in the Boston Herald, Globe, Journal, Advertiser and the Dorchester Beacon twice each week for thirty days prior to sale by the Board of Street Commissioners and sold by them Sept. 23d, 1899, at 11 A.M., at public auction, to the highest bidder or bidders.

That 42,000 sq. ft. now occupied by the Sewer Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$400.  
That 32,600 sq. ft. now occupied by the Water Department shall be leased to said Department at an annual rental of \$300.

That all moneys received in consideration of sales and rentals shall be paid to the City Treasurer to be turned over to the Christopher Gibson School Fund in accordance with the will of Christopher Gibson, who bequeathed this land to the good of the schools of Dorchester.

That all expenses attending said sale shall be paid from the aforesaid fund.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, perhaps a few words of explanation from me in regard to these two orders may be necessary at this time. Members of the Board will remember that some two months ago we passed an order authorizing the sale of these lands. I find on consulting the corporation counsel that, while the Board

of Aldermen acting as trustees have authority to order the sale of this land, they have not authority to pass the orders necessary for the conveyance of the land—that this authority is vested in the Board of Street Commissioners. Consequently I have asked to have that order rescinded and have amended it in such a way that the Board of Street Commissioners may do the actual work of transferring the land by public auction; and I want to ask a suspension of the rule here today that the order may go on its passage at once.

The order previously passed by the Board relating to the matter was rescinded, and the rule was suspended and the order offered by Ald. Adams was read a second time and passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two dead trees standing in front of engine house No. 14 on Centre St., Roxbury; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate 472 Parker St., Roxbury; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees on the sidewalk surrounding the new high school building in East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in the sidewalk between Upland Ave., and Wellesley Pk., and Park St., Wd. 20, said tree being an obstruction to the Street Department in the building of a sidewalk.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

#### RESURFACING OF SPENCER ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Spencer St., between Park St. and Wheatland Ave., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### IMPROVEMENTS ON FIRE HOUSE.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a suitable sign on the new Fire Department Building at Grove Hall, designating its occupancy by Combination Ladder Company No. 6, also to remove the colored glass windows in the doors of said building, and replace the same with plain glass.

Passed.

#### SALE OF PART OF TENEAN BROOK.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell so much of Tenean Brook as lies between Adams St. and the line of Clayton St. extended; the said portion of the brook being disused on account of the construction of a culvert for the drainage of the surrounding land.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### EXAMINATION OF JUNK, ETC.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:—  
City of Boston, in the year 1899:—

An ordinance to amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.

Section forty-three of chapter forty-five of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:—

"Sect. 43. Every such shopkeeper shall allow his shop and all articles therein to be at all times examined by the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Police, or by any person authorized by the Mayor, or Board of Aldermen, or Board of Police, to make such examination."

The question came on giving the ordinance a second reading.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, Section 41 of Chapter 45, in relation to junk, old metals and second-hand articles, reads as follows:—

"Every such shopkeeper shall keep a book, in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase of any article, a description thereof, and the name, age, and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made; and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Police, or of any person authorized by the Mayor, or Board of Aldermen, or Board of Police, to make such inspection."

Section 43 now reads:—

"Every such shopkeeper shall allow his shop and all articles therein to be at all times examined by the Mayor, or Board of Aldermen, or by any person authorized by the Mayor or Board of Aldermen to make such examination."

It strikes me that, unwittingly, there was a mistake in the drawing up of that ordinance, and it seems to me, as well as to two or three people who have asked me about it, that it does not confer on the Board of Police the right to make examinations, thereby somewhat hampering the inspectors of police in examinations of junk stores, which they may desire to search for stolen articles. I therefore ask that that section be amended so as to read like Section 41. It seems to me that there has been an oversight here which was not noticed at the time when the section was drawn.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ICE WATER FOUNTAIN, CENTRAL SQ. PARK.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to grant the request of the Water Commissioner for a location for an ice water fountain in Central Sq. Park, East Boston.

Passed.

#### GRADES ESTABLISHED.

Chairman BARRY offered the following orders:—

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Zelgler St., at Roxbury, between Washington St. and Warren, as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Zelgler St., marked "City of Boston, Zelgler St., Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Dana St., at Roxbury, southwestwardly from Dudley St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Dana St., marked "City of Boston, Dana St., Roxbury, July 3, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Porter St., southwestwardly from Pleasant St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Porter St., marked "City of Boston, Porter St., Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William

Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Corning St., between Porter St. and Wheeler St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Corning St., marked "City of Boston, Corning St., city proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Kirkland St., northwardly and northeastwardly from Corning St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Kirkland St., marked "City of Boston, Kirkland St., Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the revised grade of Wheeler St., northwardly and northeastwardly from Corning St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Wheeler St., marked "City of Boston, Wheeler St., Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered, That the Board establish the grade of Dudley St., at Roxbury, from Washington St. to Warren St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Dudley St., marked "City of Boston, Dudley St., Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered: That the Board establish the grade of Warren St., at Roxbury, between Tabor St., and Dudley St., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Warren St., marked "City of Boston, Warren St., Roxbury, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

Ordered: That the Board establish the revised grade of Pleasant St., from Tremont St., to Shawmut Ave., as shown by a red line on a plan and profile of said Pleasant St., marked "City of Boston, Pleasant St., Boston proper, July 31, 1899, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of the City Engineer.

The orders were severally referred, on motion of Ald. Prescho, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 12.42 o'clock, on motion of Ald. Adams, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 3.48 o'clock by the Chairman.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dep't. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the projection of signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

G. F. Knight, illuminated sign, 20 Causeway St.

Howard C. Woodbury, illuminated clock, 250 Washington St.

E. P. Sensibaugh, two signs, 127 Dudley St., Wd. 21.

Soon Lee, sign, 91 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Raphael Nazzaro, V sign, 472 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—that leave be granted, viz:—

Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., two, corner Columbus Ave. and Ruggles St., one over each St., Wd. 18.

Louis Berenson, five, two over Washington St. and three over Bartlett St., Wd. 13.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Albert Geiger (referred July 17), for leave to project two bay windows from building No. 559 Columbus Ave., corner Wellington St., over Wellington St., Wd. 12—that leave be granted.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, in regard to that petition of Mr. Geiger for a bay window on Wellington St., I will move to have that referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask what objections the Alderman can have to that?

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, undoubtedly the Alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) is conversant with the situation there. I know nothing about it, except that we had a remonstrant in here last Monday, and it seems only fair, after the statement he made in opposition to this bay window, that an opportunity should be given to the members of the Board—an opportunity which I, for one, desire—to look into the situation, to see what the facts are. I would like to have this referred.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman who has just sat down if that is really the bay window against which a remonstrant appeared here? As I remember it, the remonstrance was to another bay window, upon which a report has not been presented. I think there was no objection—in fact, I am quite sure there was not—to this bay window.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Well, I don't know exactly the number of the street.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the Alderman, that the petition bears the endorsement "no objection."

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, just one word in connection with this matter, for the information of Ald. O'Toole. Ald. Colby, who is an adjoining owner to the estate in question, might perhaps have objected, but the matter was so adjusted that he felt that it would be no interference with his interests on Wellington St., and he therefore offered no objection. He has so assured me, and I take it that that matter is all right.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, for that very reason, if a member of this Board has such power with a real estate owner that he can have a matter adjusted without having to appear in remonstrance, as an ordinary every day citizen would do, I think this matter should be referred. Every citizen should have the same powers and privileges in this matter. I think a remonstrant came in here and said this would be an injury to his property, to have the bay window put in this particular place, and I understand that this is the same bay window. The Alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) seems to coincide with my remarks, and to say that this is the identical bay window. If that is so, if that is the bay window asked for, I hope the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I don't know the gentleman who came in here, but he came in as a citizen, rightfully remonstrating against this bay window, and having as much right in the matter, I claim, as any member on this floor. He has not the powers, possibly, that some of the members have, in remonstrating with real estate agents against these things, but his privileges are the same. He is justified in being a remonstrant, if the projection of this bay window will injure his property.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I am very confident that the bay window the Alderman speaks of was out on Boston St., Wd. 16, and that there was no objection to this bay window. Mr. Colby was the adjoining owner, and if anybody objected, he certainly would. As I understand it, the bay window is to be on a corner and would inconvenience nobody but Mr. Colby.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I am not

satisfied now. I believe a remonstrant came in last Monday, a property owner on Wellington St., not on Boston St., because I had several conversations with Ald. Colby in regard to the matter, and he told me he was satisfied in regard to his property in the section.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely want to satisfy Ald. O'Toole in reference to this matter. There is nothing involved in the matter, and he misunderstood me when I referred to Ald. Colby. The fact was simply this, that in connection with the change which was contemplated, projecting the bay window from the corner of the building, Mr. Geiger, or his representatives, consulted with the owner of the adjoining building, Ald. Colby, and the bay window matter was adjusted in a way that would not give objection to anybody that would not interfere with the rights of anybody in the neighborhood. For that very reason, Mr. Chairman, the matter is now in a shape where there can be no objection to granting this permission. There is nothing the Alderman can learn beyond what has appeared here.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, April 7th, at 3 P.M., on the following petitions, (severally referred today):—

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., for leave to erect poles on Chestnut St., Wd. 3.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass., for license to erect and to remove poles in Northampton St.

Western Union Telegraph Co., for leave to erect poles in Gove St., between the B. & M. R. R. and Meridian St., East Boston.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (recommitted July 17), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be located as follows:—

Joiner St., 5 poles, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, June 26, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 58, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, on petitions referred today, for work in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:—

W. L. Clark & Co., to erect, maintain and use three guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over 388-400 Atlantic Ave.

Woodbury & Leighton, to erect, maintain and use guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, one in and over

Essex St., opposite 86, and one in and over Oxford Pl., Wd. 7.

Michael Roughan, to construct, maintain and use three bulkhead openings, 4 feet by 6 feet each, with wooden covers, under and in the sidewalk, 61, 63, 65 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Norcross Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use guy ropes over and across Tremont St., at or near 541.

Norcross Brothers, to erect, maintain and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Congress St., near A St., and to stretch one guy rope over and across A St., near Congress St.

John C. Haynes, (petition referred July 25), to construct, maintain and use 6 coal hole openings, not exceeding 18 inches each in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk, 982-984-986 Columbus Ave.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Costas Deemara, (referred today), for leave to maintain push carts at certain locations in the city, for the sale of fruit and candy—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(3) Report on the message of the Mayor relative to poles of Postal Telegraph Cable Company, (referred May 22),—recommending the passage of the accompanying orders, and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, the orders were passed, and the message was ordered placed on file.

(4) Reports on messages from His Honor the Mayor vetoing permits to Edward J. Keeler, (referred today), to project an illuminated mortar; Thomas F. Dockray, (referred July 17), to erect a pole at 1133 Columbus Ave.; Jaynes & Chapin Company, (referred today), to erect an illuminated mortar at corner Summer and South Sts.; John J. Dailey, (referred today), to place barber pole in sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave.,—that the vetoes of His Honor the Mayor be sustained, and that said messages be placed on file.

In the cases of Thomas F. Dockray and Edward J. Keeler, the Committee voted to reconsider its previous action; and then refused to pass the orders over the Mayor's vetoes, yeas none, nays 9. The messages were ordered placed on file.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Adams, to lay the reports on the petitions of Jaynes & Chapin Company and John J. Dailey on the table.

(5) Report on the Mayor's message vetoing permission to Frank Ward to insert his name in brass letters in sidewalk at 39 Main St., Wd. 5, (veto message referred today),—that the veto of His Honor the Mayor be not sustained, and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted. The Board voted to reconsider its previous action, and then voted to pass the order over the veto of His Honor the Mayor, yeas 9, nays none.

(6) Report on the petition of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company (referred July 25), to be allowed to exchange its cars with cars of the Needham and Boston Street Railway Company, etc.,—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Railroads.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

Report on the petition of Frederick L. Walker (referred June 12), for a driveway at 110 Melville Ave., Wd. 20,—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(7) Report on the order (referred June 26), relative to adjudging building 1131-1137 Tremont St. a nuisance,—that no further action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(8) Report on the petition of the Cushing Medical Supply Company (referred today), for leave to place an electric sign

on building 580 Washington St.—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(9) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, as follows:—

D. W. Thomas, Vancouver St., corner Huntington Ave., Wd. 19, brick.

G. M. Hyams, 26 Wales St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Boston University, 73 Summer St., Wd. 7, artificial stone.

Bowker, Torrey & Co., Baldwin St., Wd. 13, brick.

Mrs. Jennie B. Damon, 862 East Fifth St., 14, brick with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly, 100-102 Burrell St., Wd. 17, gravel with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly, corner Norfolk Ave. and Burrell St., Wd. 17, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Thomas H. Shea, 1-3 Heath Pl., Wd. 19, gravel, with granite edgestone.

C. F. Hayes, 194 Adams St., Wd. 20, brick with granite edgestone.

Francis W. Kittredge, in front of three houses on Warren St. and two on Moreland St., Wd. 21, at corner of said streets, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

John W. and Mary E. Patterson, 23-25 Jamaica St. and 33-35 Woodman St., Wd. 23, gravel with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(10) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Katherine F. Sullivan (petition referred July 25), 265 Millet St., Wd. 20, gravel with granite edgestone.

Ruth H. Clapp (petition referred July 17), 140-142 Stanwood St., Wd. 20, gravel with granite edgestone.

Carl F. Monk (petition referred July 17), Spencer St., near Park St., Wd. 20, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Margaret Fitzgibbon (petition referred July 17), 40 Middle St., Wd. 15, brick.

I. Levin (petitioned referred July 17), 20-26 Morris St., Wd. 1, brick.

Francesco Dimase, (petition referred July 25), 198-200 Maverick St., Wd. 2, brick, with granite edgestone.

Watson & Waite (petition referred July 17), 472-476 East Third St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

Ellen Lonergan (petition referred July 17), 571 East Third St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

William H. Martin (petition referred July 25), 16 Wales St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Francis W. Kittredge (petition referred July 17), south corner of Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

Alexander Gaertner (petition referred July 17), 1181-1183 Tremont St., Wd. 18, artificial stone.

Edward Tracy (petition referred July 17), 11-17 Vale St., Wd. 15, artificial stone.

Edward H. Eldredge & Co. Agents (petition referred July 25), 13-27 John St., Wd. 5, artificial stone.

Jacob P. Powers (petition referred July 25), 514-516 West Park St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John P. Murphy (petition referred July 25), 201 Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Arthur Timmins (petition referred July 25), Chester St., Wd. 23, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Patrick Manning (petition referred July 17), 360 Center St. and on Forbes St., Wd. 22, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Luella W. Maling (petition referred July 17), 321 Washington St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

A. D. Gould (petition referred July 17), 364-365 Quincy St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(11) Report on the ordinance to amend chapter 45 of the revised ordinances of 1898 (referred today), relative to junk, old metals, etc., recommending the passage of the same.

The report was accepted, and Ald. Brick moved a suspension of the rule that the order might be put upon its passage.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would

like to have that matter assigned to the next meeting of the Board, in order that I may look into it with a little more care than I am able to this afternoon. I am somewhat under the impression that the statute law gives to the police all necessary authority in the matter, although after examination of the subject, I may change my opinion.

The ordinance was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned, at 4:12 P.M., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to meet on Monday, August 7, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Aug. 7, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

SIGN ON LAMP POST, PEARL ST.—  
VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Aug. 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, authorizing the New England Newspaper Union to place a sign on a lamp post at 132 Pearl St., for the reason that such permission cannot legally be granted. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. McDonald.

ILLUMINATED SIGN, 580 WASHINGTON  
ST.—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Aug. 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting, granting permission to the Cushing Medical Supply Company to place an electric sign on building 580 Washington St., said sign to project "about five feet from the building." As stated by me in former communications, I am of the opinion that two feet is the utmost limit to which illuminated signs should be allowed to project from buildings, and this limit has been strictly adhered to heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Doyle.

PLACING FIRE ALARM WIRES UN-  
DERGROUND.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, August 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held today appropriating \$5000 for placing fire alarm wires underground. This appropriation is to meet the expense of work made imperative by the construction of the new bridge to Charlestown and the necessity of moving the old wires.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Aug. 7, 1899.

Ordered:—That the amount of five thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Fire Commissioner in placing fire alarm wires underground; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said ap-

propriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,  
David F. Barry.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT, INSANE  
HOSPITALS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's office, City Hall.

Boston, August 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today making an additional appropriation of \$9500 for the installation of an electric lighting plant at Plerce and Austin Farms.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.  
August 7, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$9500) be appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in installing an electric lighting plant; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,  
David F. Barry.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

RECONSTRUCTION OF "JOHN HOW-  
ARD."

The following was received:—

Mayor's office, City Hall.

Boston, August 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today making an additional appropriation of \$1500 for the reconstruction of the steamer "John Howard."

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Aug. 7, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) be appropriated, to be expended by the Penal Institutions Department in reconstructing the steamer "John Howard"; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
David F. Barry,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

## COMPLETION OF "NODDLE ISLAND."

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston,  
August 7, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held today authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to expend not exceeding \$4300 of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895 to meet the expense of completing the ferryboat "Noddle Island."

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sent down.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
August 7, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300), in excess of the sum of seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000), received from the United States government for the ferryboat "William E. Russell" to meet the expense of constructing the ferryboat "Noddle Island," and the City Treasurer, to meet said expenses, is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the city to the amount of four thousand three hundred dollars of the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,  
David W. Barry,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

1. For a location for double tracks in place of existing single track in Western Ave., Brighton, from the line between Cambridge and Boston 400 feet westerly.

2. For a location for double tracks on Main St., Charlestown, from a point near Cambridge St. to a point near Mishawum St., etc.

3. On petition of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company, for leave to lay tracks, and to use the overhead system of motive power, thereon, on River St., on the open space or square formed by the intersection of said River St., Blue Hill Ave. and Oakland St., and on Washington and Adams Sts., Dorchester; also for leave to make certain changes in the tracks and overhead system of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company.

4. On petition of the Thompson & Norris Company, for leave to lay a single railroad track at grade across Everett St., Brighton.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Railroads.

5. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect and to remove poles in Northampton St.

6. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect poles on Chestnut St., Wd. 3.

7. On petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company, for leave to erect poles on Gove St., between the Boston & Maine Railroad and Meridian St., East Boston.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

## PETITIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

Bldg. Dept.

Henry E. Wright, for leave to build a

wooden addition to building on Spice St., Wd. 4.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Morris Miroslafsky, a sign, at 26 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, a sign, at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Edward J. Keeler, a druggist's mortar, at corner of Tremont and St. Alphonsus St., Wd. 19.

A. Gordon, a sign, at 594 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Henry S. Levine, a sign at 214 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

John Gravina, 2 barber poles, at 110 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Jacob Perelmutter, a sign, at 91 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

## Claims.

G. W. Hollis, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Walnut St., Dorchester.

Thomas F. Phillips Co., for compensation for damage to the cart of said company by an alleged defect in Dorchester Ave.

Horace A. Maloon, for a hearing on his claim for damages on account of an alleged defect in the highway.

William J. Kelly, for compensation for injuries received through the alleged negligence of an employee of the city.

Maurice Clarke, (2 petitions), for payment to John E. Gilcreast of balances remaining from tax sales of estates No. 143 Lincoln St., and 142-4 Lincoln St.

## Board of Health.

Kate Murray, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 62 Berkeley St.

Ascension Society, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 153 Pleasant St.

## Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz.:

James F. Haddock, at Washington Hall, Washington St., Dorchester.

John J. Teevens, at Clan-Na-Gael Hall, cor. D and Silver Sts.

William McAvoy, Manager, at the Howard Athenaeum, Howard St.

G. E. Lothrop, at the Grand Dime Theatre.

## Public Improvements.

F. D. Rand, for leave to lay 1½ inch pipe under and across sidewalk, at the corner of Corinth and Washington Sts., Wd. 23.

Whidden & Co., for leave to erect two guy posts in Pitts St.

Mass. General Hospital, for leave to construct areas under sidewalks at northeast corner Washington and Bedford Sts., and at 496-498, Washington St., Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Dingwell Bros., 95 W. Eagle St., Wd. 1.

Dingwell Bros, 214 Brooks St., Wd. 1.

Anastasia Morrison, 477-483 E. Third St., Wd. 14.

Sarah E. and Chas. E. Cook, Trustees,

7-11 Morse St., Wd. 20.

B. F. Cobblegh, corner Birch and Brandon St., Wd. 23.

## Railroads.

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to locate double tracks on a portion of Cambridge St., Brighton.

## PROJECTION OF SIGN.

Ald. McDONALD presented the petition of T. R. Fitzgerald for leave to project a sign at No. 403 Adams St., Wd. 20.

Leave granted, under suspension of the rule, on motion of Ald. McDonald.

## ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Louis Nocito, for leave to project one bay window from building 31½ Thacher St., an order of notice was

passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Aug. 14, at 3 P.M.

#### ELEVATED RAILWAY DAMAGES.

Petitions were received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company that the Board estimate the damages by the taking by said company of land of the following parties:—

Horace H. Moses and others, William A. Matthews and others, Harlan P. Whitcomb and others, Amelia T. Worthington and others, Annie Wyzanski, John H. Quinlan and others, Hannah Greenhock and others, Mary H. Underwood and others, John W. Bemis and others, Harriet N. Nichols and others, James W. Stevens and others, Amelia Greenbaum and others, B. F. Shattuck and others, Herbert Daly, Charles G. Rice and others, Charles G. Way and others, Anna L. Messinger and others, Charles G. Way and others, B. F. Shattuck and others, Margaret D. Fette, Reuben E. Demmon and others, Margaret Doherty Whelan and others, Sarah A. Carlton, John Ross, John W. Bemis and others, Frederick Jenkins and others, Emma A. Goodnow, Harlan P. Whitcomb.

In connection with the above petitions orders of notice were submitted.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me that perhaps it would be better to refer those matters to the Committee on Public Improvements, for this reason: It is possible that the Board may see fit to take a vacation, and if it does the day set for a hearing upon the matters might be at an inconvenient time for the members of the Board to be here.

The petitions were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

Notice was received from the City Treasurer of the approval of the bond of George C. Davis, as constable.

The bond was approved by the Board.

#### RAILWAY LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Co., giving notice of acceptance of the 175th location.

Placed on file.

#### ELECTRIC WIRE POLES.

The Board proceeded to take up Nos. 8 and 9, special assignments, viz.:—

8. Report of the Committee on Electric Wires, with an order authorizing The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to erect five poles on King St., Wd. 24.

Report accepted, order passed.

9. Order granting The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts permission to place seven poles on Carruth St., Wd. 24, and two poles on Eaton Sq., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### EXAMINATION OF JUNK SHOPS.

The Board next took up special assignments, viz.:—

10. An ordinance to amend chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.

Section forty-three of chapter forty-five of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:—

"Sect. 43. Every such shop-keeper shall allow his shop and all articles therein to be at all times examined by the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Police, or by any person authorized by the Mayor, or Board of Aldermen, or Board of Police, to make such examination."

Ordinance passed. Sent down.

#### VETOES OF SIGNS.

The Chairman called up Nos. 11 and 12, which were on the table, viz.:—

11. Report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the message of the Mayor vetoing permit to John J. Dailey to place a barber pole on the sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave.—recommending that said message be placed on file and that said veto be sustained.

The report was continued "on the table," on motion of Ald. McDonald.

12. Report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the message of the Mayor vetoing an order authorizing a permit to Jaynes & Chapin Company to erect an illuminated mortar at the corner of Summer and South Sts.—recommending that said message be placed on file and that said veto be sustained.

The report was continued "on the table," on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 19 newsboys and 7 bootblacks.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

Also reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions:—

W. C. Blodgett (referred July 17), for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at Palladio Hall, 54 Warren St., Roxbury, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

W. C. Blodgett (referred July 17), for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at Orienta Hall, 2152 Washington St., Roxbury, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

James F. Haddock (referred today), for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Washington Hall, Washington St., Dorchester, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

John J. Teevens (referred today), for a license for Clan na Gael Hall, D St., corner Silver St., for season ending August 1, 1900.

J. H. Dwyer, for a license for musical and dramatic entertainments at 12-14 Shawmut Ave. for the season ending August 1, 1900.

W. C. Blodgett (referred July 17), for a license for dramatic, operatic and variety entertainments at the Dudley Street Opera House, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

G. E. Lothrop, Proprietor and Manager, (referred today), for a license for the Grand Dime Theatre, for musical, dramatic and vaudeville entertainments for season ending August 1, 1900.

William McAvoy, Manager, (referred today), for a license to give dramatic, musical and vaudeville entertainments at the Howard Athenaeum, Howard St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

L. B. Walker (referred July 17), for a license for the Nickelodeon, for vaudeville entertainments and exhibition of freaks, at 51-53 Hanover St., for season ending August 1, 1900.

Charles H. Waldron & Co. (referred July 25), for an amusement license for the Palace Theatre, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Nathaniel Burgess (referred July 25), for a license for a museum, variety show and Gypsy Camp in store, No. 11 Tremont Row.

G. N. Hatch & Co., (referred July 17), for a license for an exhibition of the kitescope at 997 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

W. H. Carroll, Agent, (referred July 25), for a license for dramatic, musical, literary and dancing entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

J. M. E. Morrill, (referred July 25), for a license to give dancing, musical and dramatic entertainments at Dorchester Central Hall, 152 Centre St., Wd. 20.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

## STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of August.

Report accepted, order passed, the reading of the names of the beneficiaries being dispensed with, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

## RECESS TAKEN.

A recess was taken, at 3.32 P. M., subject to the call of the chair, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, at 4.33 P. M.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders:

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved January 27, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$32.65 against the estate of Ada Vinal, Commonwealth Ave. and Reedsdale St., Wd. 23, be and the same is hereby rescinded, to correct error in assessment.

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved March 6, 1898, levying an edgestone assessment of \$14.70 against the estate of Louisa B. Shannon on Lamartine St., Wd. 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded, no edgestone having been set in front of the said estate.

Ordered—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved March 16, 1898, levying an assessment of \$50.84 against the estate of James Conway, No. 323 Centre St., and \$51.41 against the estate of Cornelius J. Connelly, No. 330 Centre St., Wd. 22, be and the same is hereby rescinded to correct errors in original assessments.

The said estates are hereby assessed as follows, viz:—

No. 323 Centre St., Wd. 22, James Conway, owner, \$25.97; No. 330 Centre St., Wd. 22, Cornelius J. Connelly, owner, \$26.60.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition (referred to-day) of the Massachusetts General Hospital for leave to construct areas under sidewalks at northeast corner of Washington and Bedford Sts., and at 496-498 Washington St., Wd. 7—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to The Massachusetts General Hospital to construct, maintain, and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate northeast corner of Washington and Bedford Sts., as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rules.

(3) Report on the petition of Whidden and Company (referred today) for leave to erect two guy posts on Pitts St.,—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Whidden & Company to erect, maintain, and use two guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Pitts St., at or near Nos. 3½ to 38, Wd. 8; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of F. D. Rand, for leave to place 1¼-inch pipe under and across the sidewalk corner Corinth and Washington Sts., Wd. 23—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to F. D. Rand to lay, maintain and use a 1¼-inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Corinth St., Wd. 23. The work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report recommending the passage of orders—that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

H. L. Folsom, agent (petition referred July 25), next to 127 Conant St., Wd. 19, brick, with granite edgestone.

J. P. Fenno and others (petition referred July 25), Shirley St., Wd. 17, brick, with granite edgestone.

G. M. Hyams (petition referred August 1), 26 Wales St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

John W. and Mary E. Patterson (petition referred August 1), 23-25 Jamaica St. and 33-35 Woodman St., Wd. 23, gravel, with granite edgestone.

D. W. Thomas (petition referred August 1), Vancouver St., corner Huntington Ave., Wd. 19, brick.

Mrs. Jennie B. Damon (petition referred August 1), 862 East Fifth St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

Hugh D. Kelly (petition referred August 1), corner Norfolk Ave. and Burrell St., Wd. 17, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Bowker, Torrey & Co. (petition referred August 1), Baldwin St., Wd. 13, brick.

Thomas H. Shea (petition referred August 1), 1-3 Heath Pl., Wd. 19, brick with granite edgestone.

Boston University (petition referred August 1), 73 Summer St., Wd. 7, artificial stone.

C. F. Hayes (petition referred August 1), 194 Adams St., Wd. 20, brick, with granite edgestone.

Francis W. Kittredge (petition referred August 1), in front of three houses on Warren St. and two on Moreland St., Wd. 21, at corner of said streets, artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Report on the petition of Albert Geiger (referred August 1), as reported upon at that time by the Committee on Building Department, Ald.)—that leave be granted.

Report accepted and leave granted on the usual condition.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I simply want to make a personal explanation. I was not present at the last meeting of the Board, and I understand that several members then asked to have that matter held up, one alderman stating that someone on the street objected, and that while I, owning the next adjoining property did not object, but was willing to allow it to go through, the other gentleman who had objected ought to have his rights protected. As a matter of fact, the alderman was misinformed, as there is no one on the street who objected at all. The man who objected was in an entirely different location and not on this street at all.

(7) Report on the order (referred August 1), that the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell so much of Tenean Brook as lies between Adams St. and the line of Clayton St. extended, etc.—that the same ought to pass.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as I am somewhat interested in that matter and was called out at the time when it was

considered in the Committee on Public Improvements on business relative to wires, I would like to have that assigned to the next meeting. I want to look into it and to add to it, instead of having it go through as it stands, and I would ask that it be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that Ald. Codman was not present when that matter was being discussed today. I have looked into it quite thoroughly during the past week and am convinced that the order should pass on its merits. At the same time, as the land lies in the ward that the alderman represents here in part, I suppose his request is a sufficient reason for laying the matter over for another week.

Ald. MacDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I introduced that order in regard to Tenean Brook at the last meeting, and a petition was also presented here sometime ago by a number of citizens of Dorchester in regard to the nuisance down at the Tenean Brook, which ought to be abated. However, the alderman who resides in Wd. 21 certainly should have an opportunity to look into the matter, and for that reason I will be in favor of laying it over.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, ordinarily I should be very willing to allow a member of the Board an opportunity to look into this matter; but it was fairly discussed and very thoroughly gone into at the last meeting, as well as today, and if Ald. Codman had seen fit to attend our meeting on Public Improvements I think he could have gotten all the information necessary. This involves a question of straightening out the title, purely. The city of Boston had a water right through the premises, which it has now abandoned, and this is simply a question of straightening out this title.

It is a simple matter, does not amount to anything, but it does mean a great deal to many people. It means that Mr. McMorrow, who owns this land, will at his own expense fill in this land, abating what is now a nuisance. The city, in abandoning the water rights, has abandoned any rights it has in the land. Undoubtedly Mr. McMorrow, if he sees fit to go to the Supreme Court, can get a bill in equity which will protect his title; but the simplest and easiest way is for him to come to this board and get it. If Ald. Codman had been present when the matter was argued, I think he would have been satisfied. I shall, therefore, oppose assignment.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that I have got to be present while the members of the Board from ward 8 and other wards are considering matters in my own ward, in the section and district where I was born and brought up, and about which I know just as well now as I would by looking into the matter between now and the next meeting. I did not ask for an opportunity to examine into it, to see whether this was filled up or as going to be filled up or in regard to the legal status of the title. I know—which possibly the alderman does not know—that this land is filled up now. I know that they have been dumping there for some time and that the land is filled where the bed of the brook used to be. But what I want to do is exactly what is suggested by Ald. MacDonald—that is, to prevent the whole nuisance which exists there and make possible, if I can, the disposal of the whole Tenean Brook. I trust that those who are so interested in helping Mr. McMorrow to protect his property will continue their efforts in the line of improvement if a proposition is brought in here next week to discontinue the whole brook bed, stopping the whole nuisance there. My reason for asking to have this laid over is that I think a reasonable proposition can be brought forward to prevent not only the nuisance in this particular part of the brook, but the whole nuisance out there; and I want to have those who are making an effort to assist Mr. Mc-

Morrow today to make the same effort to assist me in the furtherance of a general scheme of improvement.

Of course, it is impossible for me to be in two places at the same time, and when I went out from the Committee on Public Improvements today upon another matter, I felt that the subject which I was out in connection with was sufficiently important to warrant it. It makes little difference to me whether the alderman opposes me or not. I am not asking time to look into the matter further, but simply an opportunity to offer a more extensive proposition for abandoning this whole brook. As a matter of fact, the city of Boston bought and paid for the bed of this brook a liberal sum—I have not the figures—and a man now comes in and asks for the privilege of taking this from the city at a ridiculously low figure, which I should not question if the city was to gain any advantage and if the citizens of the locality were going to have the whole nuisance done away with. I am perfectly sincere in this matter and have a right to ask for another week's assignment. It is not necessary for Mr. McMorrow to have his brook bed next week or next month, if there is any way by which the citizens of Dorchester can receive some benefit from such a proposition as I have suggested. I trust that the members of the Board, even if they have carefully considered and feel satisfied of the merits of this particular question before them will consent to the assignment of the matter to the next meeting so as to allow a proposition to be presented which will be of some general advantage.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

(8) Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company, that the Board estimate the damages by the taking by said company of land of Horace H. Moses and a number of others (as referred today), recommending the passage of orders of notice on each of the accompanying petitions—that the petitioner be directed to give notice to all parties interested in said estates as owners, mortgagees or lessees, by serving on each of them or mailing to each an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, fourteen days at least before the time of said hearing, that this Board will on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., give a hearing to all parties properly before this Board on the matter of granting said petition.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(9) Report recommending the passage of the following (referred today):—

Ordered: That permission be granted to McNell Bros. to close to public travel the alley in rear of Commonwealth Ave., between Clarendon and Dartmouth Sts., during building operations at 120 Commonwealth Ave.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (referred today), for leave to locate double tracks on a portion of Cambridge St., Brighton—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Tuesday, September 5, at 3 P. M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, that the Board approve a location of its route in Washington St., Roxbury, between Townsend and Bartlett Sts.,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, dated July

14, 1899, for the approval of streets in this city through which it may build and lay its railroad, be granted, and that said railway company be and it hereby is authorized to do all work and things necessary, proper and convenient therefor in the following location granted to it by Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1894 and Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, namely:—

Beginning at a point at or near Townsend St. in that part of Boston known as Roxbury; thence in a northerly direction upon, through and over Washington St. to a point at or near Bartlett St., at the location granted by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor August 20, 1897.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today), for a location for double tracks on Main St., Charlestown, from a point near Cambridge St. to a point near Mishawum St., etc.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Main St., Charlestown, from and connecting with existing tracks of said company on said street, at a point near Cambridge St., to and connecting with existing tracks on said street, at a point near Mishawum St., also connecting with existing tracks of said company on Bunker Hill St., with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 30, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Reported accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for a location for double tracks on Western Avenue, Brighton, from line between Cambridge and Boston to a point 400 feet westerly,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain, and use double tracks, in place of existing single track, on Western Ave., Brighton, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the city of Boston to a point about 400 feet westerly on said avenue, with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, connecting with existing tracks of said company on said street; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 3, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality

of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon conditions that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. (recommitted today), for leave to erect poles in Chestnut St., Wd. 3—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson, dated July 28, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Chestnut St., 2 poles, 30 ft. high, 10 in. in diameter, width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (recommitted today)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated August, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:—

Northampton St., 3 poles, 50 ft. high, 16 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Northampton St. three poles shown by blue dots marked "remove" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., as follows:—

Henry S. Levine, a sign, at 214 Sumner St., Wd. 1.

John Gravina, 2 barber poles, at 110 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Jacob Perelmutter, a sign, at 91 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Morris Miroslafsky, a sign, at 26 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, a sign, at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Edward J. Keeler, a druggist's mortar, at corner Tremont and St. Alphonsus Sts., Wd. 19.

A. Gordon, a sign, at 594 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of 275 Eustis St., and that the expense attending the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 300 Centre St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of 30 West Fifth St., Wd. 13, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### ASPHALTING ENDICOTT STREET.

Ald. DIXON offered an order:—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Endicott St. asphalted, from Cooper St. to Thacher St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for General Street Improvements.

Passed.

#### LAMPS FOR CENTRAL SQUARE PARK.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate two boulevard gas lamps in Central Square Park; the expense attending the same to be charged to appropriation for Lamp Department.

The order was passed.

Later in the session Ald. Berwin said:—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have a reconsideration of the vote whereby an order introduced by Ald. Day in regard to providing some boulevard lamps for East Boston was passed. I ask a reconsideration for these reasons: I take it that this must have reference to the very subject that is under consideration by the Committee on Lamps, and I am not willing at this time to commit myself to the proposition of recommending this particular light until the Committee has considered the subject. It simply means either recording ourselves in advance in support of the proposition or stultifying ourselves by voting for it. For that reason, I trust that my motion to reconsider will prevail.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I introduced that order for boulevard gas lamps was because one of those lights has been put in front of my house and another one in front of my store, and I have had an opportunity to see that the lights are really a great improvement, giving from two to three times as much

light. I would like very much to have those lamps in the park, where it is very dark; but if the Alderman opposite thinks differently, I am perfectly willing to have the word "boulevard" crossed out, so that the order will simply provide for gas lamps.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say in answer to Ald. Day that I have no feeling in the matter other than that of placing ourselves right. From the fact that the Alderman makes a request it does not follow that he will get the lamps; but if he will amend the order as he suggests I will be perfectly satisfied.

The order was amended by striking out the word "boulevard," and as amended was passed.

#### BENNINGTON ST. SPEEDWAY.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to lay out a speedway on the new Bennington St. Boulevard, from Orient Heights to Beachmont; the expense attending the same to be charged to the Bennington St. appropriation.

Passed.

#### SOUTH BOSTON AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the appropriation for Hospital Department to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, said amount to be used for the purpose of providing hospital ambulance service for South Boston.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### STREET WIDENING LAWS.

Ald. McDonald offered an order, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to transmit to this Board a statement of all laws in connection with the widening of streets, and the manner of assessing the expenses and making awards.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, for information I would like to have that order read.

The Clerk read the order.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, my reason for introducing the order is that quite a number of gentlemen—whom other members of the Board also undoubtedly meet at times—are continually asking as to the assessment for the widening of streets. The question is rather a complicated one, and for that reason it seems to me it would be proper for us to ask the street commissioners to report in print to this Board, in order that we may have a printed statement of the facts in our possession.

The order was passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration of all votes passed today; lost.

Adjourned, at 5:03 P.M., on motion of Ald. Codman, to meet on Monday, August 14, at 3 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Aug. 14, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding.

Absent—Ald. O'Toole.

On motion of Ald. Colby, the reading of the record of the last meeting was dispensed with.

## WEIGHER OF COAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, August 14, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Paul G. Cobinczer a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New Boston Music Hall for leave to project an awning from the New Music Hall building on Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, viz.:—

2. Zieman & Seegal, two windows, at 24 Anderson St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. William H. Gibbons, two windows from building on Tremont St., opposite the Mission Church, Wd. 19.

Francis E. McCarthy, agent for an adjoining owner, appeared and objected to the proposed bay windows, as other property owners on the street had kept their bay windows back to the line.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

4. T. H. Connolly, two windows, from building 2985-2987 Washington St., Wd. 22.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

5. On petition of W. Bowman Cutter for an award of damages to him as lessee on account of the taking of certain estates by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Chas. B. Gleason, attorney for the Boston Elevated Railway Co., appeared and stated that he desired the Board to pass an order of notice, notifying certain interested parties who had not yet been notified. He stated that he had an order of notice prepared in proper form, and submitted it to the City Clerk.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

George E. Pierce, a sign, at 61 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Ike A. Stearns, a sign, at 51 Hancock St., Wd. 8.

Frank T. Brough, M.D., an illuminated sign, at 11 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Vincent L. Trombetta, a sign, at 309 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

S. B. Condit, Jr., & Co., a sign, at 63 Oliver St., Wd. 7.

B. M. Wollenberg, a sign, 410 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

## Claims.

Thomas R. Fallon et als., for payment to Solomon A. Bolster, atty., of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 77 Longwood Ave.

Thomas R. Fallon et als., for payment to Solomon A. Bolster, atty., of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 140 Ward St.

Mary S. Barker, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Spring and Etna Sts.

## Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect poles in Ashmont, Waldorf, and Marsh Sts., and Talbot Ave., Wd. 24, and to remove one pole from Talbot Ave.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Cambridge St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wensley St., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect poles on Rockview, Chester, Hobart, No. Harvard, Washburn and Rawson Sts., and to remove poles on Rockview and No. Harvard Sts.

Rev. D. H. O'Farrell, for permission to stretch a telephone wire from Moon St. to Clark St.

## Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, viz.:—

Pierce J. Grace, at Columbia Theatre.

Louis A. Ginsburg, at Webster Hall, cor. Webster and Orleans Sts., Wd. 2.

M. Greenburg, at Beverly Hall, 78-80 Beverly St.

M. Greenburg, at University Hall, corner Washington and Union Park Sts.

M. Greenburg, at Union Park Hall, corner Washington and Union Park Sts.

John S. Butt, at Eutaw Hall, 129 Border St., Wd. 2.

Charles F. Von Euv, at Conant Hall, 20 Conant St., Wd. 19.

George T. Barks, Secy., for Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Hall, 31 No. Russell St.

Manney C. Crossen, at Friendship Hall, 202-206 Centre St., Wd. 19.

## Public Improvements.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for a revision of the grades of Pleasant, Porter, Kirkland, Wheeler, Corning, Zeigler, Warren (Rox.) and Dudley Sts.

Daniel M. Driscoll, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 161½ Tyler St., Wd. 7.

Jacob Schwartz, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 80 Village St., Wd. 9.

Lotta M. Crabtree, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk at 625-631 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. S. Packard, for leave to move a wooden building from North Harvard St. to unnamed street near South St., Wd. 25.

Connery & Wentworth, for leave to stretch guy ropes over Allen and Charles Sts., Wd. 8.

Pierce J. Grace, for leave to construct a bulkhead on Motte St., Wd. 9, at the Columbia Theatre.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

John J. White, 89-92 W. Third St., Wd. 11.

Hannah E. Foster, 503 Washington St., Wd. 20.

Gideon Currier, 10, 11, 12, 13 Morse St., Wd. 20.

Pierce F. Lonergan, 29-33 Devon St., Wd. 20.

Frederick J. Rockwell, cor. Richfield and Olney Sts., Wd. 20.

Sylvester B. Hinckley, Washington and Morse Sts., Wd. 20.

L. Sliskind, 3294-3314 Washington St., Wd. 23.

## Railroads.

John H. Quinlan et als., for an award

of damages on account of the taking of their land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Co.

Hubert Daly, for an award of damages on account of the taking of his land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Co.

#### CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz:—

6. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of John F. Murphy, Felice A. Repucci and Ernest L. Weis to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Adams and McDonald. Whole number of ballots, 7; yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### SALE OF TENEAN BROOK.

The Board next took up special assignment, viz:—

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell so much of Tenean brook as lies between Adams St. and the line of Clayton St. extended; the said portion of the brook being disused on account of the construction of a culvert for the drainage of the surrounding land.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of Ald. Codman, I would like to ask that the order be laid on the table.

The order was laid on the table.

Later in the session, on motion of Ald. Codman, the order was taken from the table and the question came on giving it a second reading.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as I previously asked to have this order assigned, I want now to state that, although I am not at present able to bring in such a proposition as I intended to present, relative to the further extension of this improvement in the filling in of Tenean Brook, at the same time, I have become convinced that it is a matter of interest and necessity to those interested in this part of the brook that this matter be pushed along at the present time. So my original objection to having any part of the brookbed sold until the whole matter was cleared up has been in a measure wiped out. The other proposition will be brought in later.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent down.

#### ACTION ON VETOES.

The Board next took the following papers from the table:—

8. Report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the message of the Mayor vetoing permit to John J. Dalley to place a barber-pole on the sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave.—recommending that said message be placed on file and that said veto be sustained.

9. Report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the message of the Mayor vetoing an order authorizing a permit to Jaynes & Chapin Company to erect an illuminated mortar at the corner of Summer and South Sts.—recommending that said message be placed on file and that said veto be sustained.

No. 8 was laid on the table, on motion of Ald. Adams.

On No. 9, Ald. Berwin said: Mr. Chairman, I would call up No. 9 and move that the veto be sustained.

Reconsideration was carried, and the Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas none, nays 9.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Francis F. Harrington was received, duly approved by the City Treasurer.

Approved by the Board.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions, referred today:—

M. Greenburg, for a license for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing at Beverly Hall, 78 and 80 Beverly St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

M. Greenburg, for license for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing at University Hall, corner Washington and Union Park Sts., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

John S. Butt, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Eutaw Hall, 129 Border St., Wd. 2, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

M. Greenburg, for license for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing at Union Park Hall, corner Washington and Union Park Sts., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Charles F. Von Euw, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Conant Hall, 20 Conant St., Wd. 19, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

George T. Banks, Secretary, for license for Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Hall, 31 North Russell St., for literary, musical, and dramatic entertainments and dancing, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Louis A. Ginsburg, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Webster Hall, corner Webster and Orleans Sts., Wd. 2, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Mannev C. Crossen, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Friendship Hall, 202-206 Centre St., Wd. 19, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

Also reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to sixteen newsboys, three bootblacks and three vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND TARGET PRACTICE.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Armories, etc., submitted a report on the order, (referred July 3), relative to provision for transportation and target practice for the militia—recommending the passage of the order.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

#### PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC MARKET.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor, in conjunction with the Joint Committee on Markets, be requested to consider the feasibility and advisability of the City of Boston acquiring by purchase or lease the land and buildings now occupied and soon to be vacated by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, for the purpose of establishing thereon a public market similar to the Quincy Market; and that said Committee may hold a public hearing or hearings on the subject.

That said Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to this Board on or before October 2nd, 1899.

That any expense attending said hearings shall be charged to the City Council Contingent Fund.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, the present public market facilities of Boston are entirely inadequate, and they have not kept pace with the growth of the city during the past fifty years. We are today crowded in the same narrow, restricted market territory which was established by our grandfathers and great grandfathers. I know of no place in Boston so

congested today as the streets and lanes in and around the Quincy Market. Many times during the day traffic in this locality becomes so dense that it is almost impossible for pedestrians or vehicles to move.

It is high time, in my opinion, that some step should be taken by the City to relieve this congested condition now existing. The market business in Boston today practically constitutes a monopoly. The immense undertaking of the handling of all the produce required to feed nearly one million people is carried on today in the crowded district within a radius of one thousand feet of the Quincy Market.

I believe that the City of Boston should at once take steps to provide adequate market facilities large enough to allow any and all who wish to engage in this business a chance to do so. There are hundreds and thousands of farmers within thirty or forty miles of Boston who would be glad of an opportunity to sell their produce directly to the consumer if an opportunity was afforded them to drive in their market wagons and sell their produce directly to the people.

Thousands of dollars worth of farm produce is allowed to rot and go to waste every year because the producer cannot find a market and those who are engaged in the market business can handle about so much in their restricted quarters and no more. They keep prices up and make money because they control the business to a certain extent and competition is kept away because of the lack of room in which to compete.

Take the matter of apples, for instance. It seems to make no difference in the city, with regard to the price of apples, whether apples are plenty and actually rotting on the ground in the country or not. The poor people have to pay 25c. or 35c. per peck for apples when there are thousands and thousands of barrels of fine apples going to waste within a radius of fifty miles from Boston. When apples are plenty, why should not the people in Boston be allowed to purchase them at from 10c. to 15c. per peck rather than that they should go waste? The reason for this is that there is no room at present to bring any large amount of these apples into the city and sell them. What is true of the apple is true of nearly all other farm produce.

Some fifteen or twenty years ago we had a large market at the corner of Boylston and Washington Sts., known as the Boylston Market. This market was discontinued, I suppose because the site was an extremely valuable one for commercial purposes. I have long felt that a market, established somewhere in the vicinity of Park Sq. would be a great public convenience. The growth of the city is in a southerly and westerly direction and will continue in that way.

An opportunity seems to have arisen at the present time, which, in my estimation, will never again present itself, for the city to secure an ideal site for a new public market which will relieve the conditions which every one must admit now exist.

I do not know that the city is in a position today to purchase so valuable a site as the one which is soon to be vacated by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company; but I do believe that the city could arrange to take a lease of this property and sub-lease stalls and squares to marketmen who would be glad of the opportunity thus afforded.

The old Quincy Market has always been a paying institution for the city, but the city has long outgrown the facilities which this market affords, and we should be awake to the demands of our people and provide in some way an adequate public market. If we do not embrace this op-

portunity at this time, in all probability this site will be sold and cut up into building lots for stores and the like.

I have offered this order at this time in order that the Committee on Markets may take steps at once to investigate this matter and see if something cannot be done to carry out this idea. I believe it to be entirely practical, and although it may at first seem to injure the prospects and interests of a comparatively few, yet I feel that this in itself is insignificant compared with the great good which a public market in this locality would do for the masses.

The order was passed. Sent down.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow city employees who are members of veteran firemen's organizations leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services to the city, on August 24 and 25, 1899, to attend the muster of veteran firemen's organizations at Fall River.

Passed.

#### DELAY ON RICHFIELD ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield St., Wd. 20, being a part of the Columbia Road improvement.

Passed.

#### POLES ON DORCHESTER AVE.

Ald. DOYLE offered the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Dorchester Ave., 5 poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches, sidewalk 10 feet wide; plan dated June 12, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Order passed under suspension of the rule.

#### LYING-IN HOSPITALS.

Communications were received from the Board of Health as follows:—

On the petitions of the Ascension Society (referred August 7), for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 153 Pleasant St.—that the Board declines to approve the application.

Petitioner given leave to withdraw.

On the petition of Kate Murray (referred August 7, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 62 Berkeley St.—that the same is approved.

Approved by the Board.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Brookline Gaslight Company (recommitted June 26) for leave to erect two poles on Wirt St., Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The Brookline Gaslight Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots, on a plan deposited in the office of the

Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson; said poles to be located as follows:—

Wirt St., Wd. 25, two poles, 30 ft. by 12 inches, sidewalk 6 ft. 6 inches wide, plan dated May 26, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company (recommended June 12), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered: That permission be hereby granted to the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes in from the corner of Warren Ave. and Front St. across Warren Ave., and in Water St., from Warren Ave. to Charles River Ave.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of chapter 38, section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be located as follows:—

Water St., Wd. 5, 2 poles, 45 ft. by 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet wide, plan dated May 18, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, orders passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the Brookline Gaslight Company (referred July 25), recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gaslight Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson; said poles to be located as follows:—

Linden St., Wd. 25, 6 poles, 30 ft. by 12 inches, sidewalk 6 ft. 6 inches wide; plan dated June 19, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Reports on the following petitions—Brookline Gaslight Company, (referred May 25), for leave to erect a pole at southeast corner of Brookline Ave., Beacon St. and Commonwealth Ave.; and four petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., (referred today), for (a) to erect and remove poles in Cambridge St., Wd. 25; (b) to erect poles on Rockview, Chester, Hobart, North Harvard, Washburn and Rawson Sts., and to remove poles on Rockview St., and North Harvard St.; (c) for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wensley St., Wd. 19; and (d) to erect poles in Ashmont, Waldorf, and Marsh Sts. and Talbot Ave., and to remove one pole in Talbot Ave., Wd. 24,—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, August 28, at 3 P.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayers of the petitioners, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted, orders of notice severally passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:32 P.M., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4:32 P.M.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, (Ald.), submitted reports that leave be granted on the following petitions, (referred today): George E. Pierce, for leave to project a sign at 61 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Ike A. Stearns, for leave to project a sign at 51 Hancock St., Wd. 8.

Frank T. Brough, M.D., for leave to project an illuminated sign at 11 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Vincent L. Trombetta, for leave to project a sign at 399 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

S. B. Condit, Jr. & Co., for leave to project a sign at 63 Oliver St., Wd. 7.

B. M. Wollenberg, for leave to project a sign at 410 Fremont St., Wd. 9.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. ADAMS, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work in the sidewalk in front of estates, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Daniel M. Driscoll, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, four feet by three feet, with a wooden cover, 161½ Tyler St., Wd. 7.

Jacob Schwartz, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening four feet by five feet, with a wooden cover, 80 Village St., Wd. 9.

Lotta M. Crabtree, to construct, maintain and use an area with granite and sidewalk lighth covers, 625-631 Washington St., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Connery & Wentworth, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Allen and Charles Sts., viz.:—

One on Allen Street, at corner of Charles St.

One on Charles St., opposite the grounds of the Massachusetts General Hospital, for use in the construction of a new building for said hospital, Wd. 8.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of C. S. Packard (referred today), for leave to move a wooden building from North Harvard St. to unnamed street near South St., Wd. 25, recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to C. S. Packard to move said building, it being pitch roof, 36 ft. in length by 30 ft. in width, by 20 ft. in height, from present location on North Harvard St., near Willow Pl., along said street to an unnamed street, near South St., Wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Reports on the orders (referred August 1), to establish the revised grades of Dana St., Kirkland St., Porter St., Zeigler St., Wheeler St., Dudley St., Corning St., Warren St. and Pleasant St.—that the same ought to pass.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Reports on the petition (recommitted today) of W. Bowman Cutter, for an award of damages to him as lessee on account of the taking of certain estate by the Boston Elevated Railway Company—recommending the passage of the accompanying order of notice:—

Ordered, That W. Bowman Cutter, petitioner, give notice of his petition against the Boston Elevated Railway Company, to all the other parties interested in the premises which he alleges to be taken and for the taking of his alleged interest, in which he petitions for damages, by serving each of them fourteen days at least before September 12, 1899, with an attested copy of such petition and this order thereon, that the other parties may, if they see cause, appear at the meeting of this Board on the 12th day of September, 1899, and become parties to the proceedings under the petition.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred today), for a revision of the grades of Pleasant, Porter, Kirkland, Wheeler, Corning, Zelgier, Warren and Dudley Sts.—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; petition placed on file.

(6) Report on the petition (referred today), of Pierce J. Grace, for leave to construct a bulkhead on Motte St., at the Columbia Theatre, Wd. 9—recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Pierce J. Grace to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 ft. 6, by 4 ft. 6, with a sidewalk light cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Motte St., at the Columbia Theatre, Wd. 9; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor (referred from last year), relative to exchange of land under Broadway Bridge for land of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Co., at corner of said bridge and Dorchester Ave.—that the accompanying order be passed and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted and said order, authorizing His Honor the Mayor, on behalf of the city to make the said exchange, passed.

Sent down.

Message placed on file.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

Report on the petition of the Thompson & Norris Company (recommitted August 7), for leave to lay a single railroad track at grade across Everett St., Brighton—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be hereby

granted to the Thompson & Norris Company to lay down, maintain and use, for the transportation of freight, a single track across Everett St., Brighton, at grade, between Braintree St. and the southerly line of the location of the Boston & Albany Railroad; said tracks being shown by lines on a plan made by William Watt, dated August, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Thompson & Norris Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Adams, reconsideration of the action taken on all papers this afternoon was refused.

#### "COLUMBIA SQUARE."

Ald. ADAMS offered an order, That the open space formed by the junction of Columbia road, Dudley and Stoughton Sts. be and hereby is named Columbia Sq.

Passed.

#### CLOCK AND MORTAR.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of Jaynes & Chapin Co., for leave to erect a clock and mortar at corner of Summer and South Sts.

In connection with the petition, Ald. Berwin offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to The Jaynes & Chapin Co., to erect, maintain, and use a clock, surmounted by a druggist's mortar, on a post to be placed in the sidewalk in front of estate corner of Summer and South Sts., the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Order passed under suspension of the rule.

#### BATH DEPARTMENT—REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Trustees of the Bath Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting the reasons for the reduction in the wages of the employes of the Department.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I understand that yesterday the pay of male employes of the Bath Department was cut down from \$16 to \$16 per week, and that of the women to \$5 per week. I don't understand why the Bath Commission should cut down the pay at this time of year, when there is but about two weeks remaining. I think if this order is passed, we may get some information upon the subject from the Bath Commissioners.

The order was passed.

#### TRANSPARENCIES ON CHARTER ST.

Ald. DIXON presented the petition of Daniel D. Rourke, for leave to project two transparencies at 2½ Charter St., Wd. 6.

On motion of Ald. Dixon, the rule was suspended, and leave was granted.

EXPENDITURE OF TREE APPROPRIATION.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order: That His Honor the Mayor request the Superintendent of Public Grounds to expend the appropriation of \$5000 for trees in removing dead limbs of trees throughout all sections of the city; the balance remaining, if any, to be expended in planting young trees.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN--Mr. Chairman, the object of that order is this, that in cer-

tain sections of the city there are individuals or organizations undertaking to have the whole five thousand dollars spent in their section. Now, any of the members of the Board or residents of the city would like to have their section taken care of first; but I believe if the money is left to the Superintendent to expend in the city at large, he will spread it about through the different sections, where it is most needed, not putting all the work into one section. That is the only purport of the order, and I trust that it will pass under suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4:47 P.M., on motion of Ald. Day, to meet on Monday, August 21, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Aug. 21, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 p.m., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

On motion of Ald. Colby, the records of the last meeting were approved, their reading being dispensed with.

## CLOSING OF PUBLIC ALLEY—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Aug. 16, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval an order granting permission to McNeil Brothers to close to public travel the public alley No. 435, District No. 5, running between Clarendon and Dartmouth Sts. I am in receipt of a report from the Superintendent of Streets stating that McNeil Brothers have for a month past closed this alley without any permission, that it has been a matter of inconvenience to the persons abutting on the alley, and that there is very general complaint on their part. I am informed that the work has now advanced sufficiently to permit of its continuance by using the sidewalk of the alley, only, without closing the roadway. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said order was passed was reconsidered, and the question came on again passing it, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

On motion of Ald. McDonald, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petition of Louis Nocito for leave to project one bay window at 31½ Thacher st., ward 6.

No objection. Referred to the committee on building department (Ald.).

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committee named, viz.:—

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Fred Lee Smith, a V illuminated sign, at 29½ Tremont st., wd. 6.

Louis Jones, a lantern and two barber poles, at 6 Cobb st., wd. 9.

Sam Sing, a sign, at 65 Sullivan st., wd. 4.

T. A. Dauphin, three barber poles, at 121 Cambridge st., wd. 8.

Charles M. Rudginsky, a plank on which to suspend clothing at 134 Dover st., wd. 9.

Jake Bass, a sign, at 1162½ Dorchester ave., wd. 20.

Man, Fong, Lowe Co., a drum sign, at 96 Dover st., wd. 9.

Mills Knight & Co., a V sign, at 159 Congress st., wd. 7.

Alland Bros., an illuminated sign, at 19 Tremont row, wd. 6.

## Claims.

Thomas and Henry Howard, (three petitions) for payment of balances remaining from tax sales of estates on northeast side of Middle st.

Richard W. McDowell, admr., that the balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Wentworth st. be paid to Willard Welsh.

Patrick J. Roach, to be compensated for

injuries received while bathing at the Dover st. bath-house.

Irving N. McLean, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by an alleged defect in Malden st., at junction of Wareham st.

## Electric Wires.

West End St. R. R. Co., for leave to lay underground conduits in Harrison ave., Rollins and Washington sts.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel and Tel Co., of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Eagle St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles in Cornell St., Wd. 23.

For leave to attach wires to trees on Circuit and Dannison Sts. and Walnut Ave.

John S. Winn et als., that action be taken towards placing electric wires underground in the Aberdeen District, in Brighton.

## Supt. of Public Grounds.

Wm. R. McKey, for the trimming of trees at 1 Rutland St. and 33 Dover St.

L. H. Daloz, for the removal of two trees in front of building now being erected at 11 Humphreys St., Wd. 16.

## Lamps.

Ernest M. Dodd et als., for public lamps on Wachusett St.

James Murray et al., for public lamps on Patten St.

## Licenses.

Horn & Jackson, for a license to give dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at Knights of Honor Hall, Washington St., Roslindale, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

James McInerney, on behalf of residents of Wd. 19, that the Board order the closing of the "Chutes" on Huntington Ave. at 10 P.M.

## Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay additional track on portion of Cambridge St., Wd. 25.

Same company, for leave to lay double curves at junction of Columbia road and Stoughton St.

Same company, for leave to lay double tracks on Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave.

Forest Hills & Quincy Street Railway Company, for a location for its tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system on same, on Washington, Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot Sts. and Neponset Ave., Sanford and Marsh Sts.

Remonstrance of Denman W. Ross, against granting the West End Street Railway Company a location of tracks in St. James Ave.

## Public Improvements.

Geo. A. Day et als, trustees, for leave to construct a bulk head opening at 9 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

A. A. Elston & Co., for leave to stretch a guy rope across Boylston St., at the Old Public Library Building.

Frank B. Gilbreth, for leave to erect one guy post in Washington St. and one in Talbot Ave., Dorchester.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to erect a guy post in Geneva Ave., near Columbia Road, Wd. 24.

H. S. Angus, for leave to move a wood-ent building from rear of 313 Washington St. to La Rose Pl., Wd. 25.

T. J. Billings, for leave to move a wood-ent building from Franklin Field, Wd. 21, to the town of Milton.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—  
Annie T. Wolfson, at 249-253 Marion St., Wd. 2.

G. A. Currier, at 45 Brookford St., Wd. 16.  
Peter R. Harrigan, at 302-306 Bow-join St., Wd. 20.

George S. Haddock, at 27 Rosedale St., Wd. 20.  
 Charlotte P. Williams, at 493 Washington St., Wd. 20.  
 Crescent Associates, on Savin Hill Ave., cor Spring St., Wd. 20.  
 M. S. Fenys, at 50 Forbes St., Wd. 22.  
 Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., Willow St., cor. Weld St., Wd. 23.

#### WEIGHER OF COAL.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 2, unfinished business, viz.:-

2. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Paul G. Coblenzer to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Codman and Day. Whole number of ballots, 10; yes, 10; and the appointment was confirmed.

#### CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Felice Antonio Reppucci and Ernest L. Weis were received, duly approved by the City Treasurer.  
 The said bonds were approved by the Board.

#### REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

A statement was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, certifying, in accordance with Sect. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895 that the persons named in a schedule submitted by him had actually performed the work stated that the same was necessary, and that the time occupied or work done was correctly stated in said schedule.

The said schedule, amounting to \$1043.72, was approved by the Board.

#### SANITARY PROTECTION OF WATER SUPPLY.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Water Board transmitting a copy of affidavit of the publication of the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Health for the sanitary protection of the waters used by the Metropolitan water district.

It was voted that the same be recorded in the records kept by the City Clerk.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company of the acceptance by it of its third location on Washington St. and Townsend St., passed by the Board on August 7th.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Co., its attorney, accepting its 176th location, granted on August 7th, for tracks on Western Ave., Brighton, and its 177th location, granted on said date for tracks on Main St., Charlestown.

Placed on file.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 17 newsboys, 3 boot-blacks and 5 vendors of small wares.

Report accepted; said licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Horn & Jackson (referred today), for license to give dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at Knights of Honor Hall, Washington St., Roslindale, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900—Recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. PRESHO submitted a petition signed by William J. Porter, requesting permission to remove a tree at 15 Concord St., Charlestown; and one signed by the Boston Elevated Railway Co., requesting permission to remove a tree on Main St., Charlestown.

On motion of Ald. Presho, it was voted, under a suspension of the rules, that leave to remove the said trees be granted on the usual conditions, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in the sidewalk in front of the Baptist church, at the corner of Fourth and L Sts., South Boston, said tree being an obstruction to travel; and that the expense incurred be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### SALE OF GIBSON SCHOOL FUND LAND

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Aldermen be authorized to sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders such lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson Fund, held in trust by said Board, as they deem proper, by advertising the same for sale in the Boston Herald, Globe, Journal, Advertiser and Dorchester Beacon, twice each week for thirty days prior to any such sale, and that all moneys received for such land be paid to the City Treasurer to be held as a part of the Gibson School Fund, in accordance with the will of Christopher Gibson and Chapter 122 of the Resolves of the year 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

#### JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn in accordance with law for the superior criminal court, for Sept. 11, 1899, viz.:-

Matthew Hale, wd. 15; Walter Tufts, wd. 24; Gerard M. Thaxter, wd. 22; Roland B. Winterton, wd. 14; John W. Day, jr., wd. 19; Wm. R. West, wd. 1; Nell Rantoul, wd. 11; Willis Thacher, wd. 22; Daniel J. Daly, wd. 2; John A. McKie, wd. 1; Walter I. Sprague, wd. 3; Maurice F. Ryall, wd. 7; Chas. E. Dodge, wd. 2; Addison Goodhue, wd. 5; Chas. N. Alexander, wd. 16; Daniel J. Crowley, wd. 19; Daniel Kelleher, wd. 24; Wm. A. Carroll, wd. 8; Simon H. Gagnon, wd. 1; Chas. W. Tracy, wd. 25; Chas. S. Cheever, wd. 5; Horace Caswell, wd. 5; Frank A. Daniels, wd. 20; Silas H. Lord, wd. 17; Chas. C. Lyons, wd. 24; Thos. F. Tucker, wd. 7; Geo. Walters, wd. 1; Conrad Albach, wd. 22; Almon Wight, wd. 12; John Hall, wd. 19; Chesley H. Bailey, wd. 9; Michael H. Norton, wd. 20; Joseph A. Locke, wd. 4; Wm. F. Hedgington, wd. 2.

#### SIGN AT 11 ELM STREET.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That permission be and is hereby granted to Henry M. Flynn to maintain existing sign projecting over sidewalk and from building, 11 Elm st., wd. 6.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. Adams, the Board voted, at 3:33 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:05 P.M.

#### NEW CATHOLIC CEMETERY, DORCHESTER.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted a report

on the message from the Mayor; vetoing the order authorizing the Boston Catholic Cemetery Association to use certain land on Harvard and Walk Hill Sts., Dorchester, for cemetery purposes, the report recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen.

The question came on accepting the report of the committee.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I trust that consideration of that matter will be deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Board. It is perfectly true that the committee voted to return it today, but it is equally true that the matter has been in the committee's hands for many weeks, and that no discussion has been had with reference to the merits of the case. While I think that this is a case where votes and not talk will count, I still believe the subject is of sufficient importance to be given careful consideration. I am under the impression that I have never discussed the question at all on its merits when it was up originally or at any time since. Considering the importance of the matter, and I consider it is very important, as it involves the question of using land within the city limits for burial purposes, which is a problem which must be met at some time and some definite policy fixed upon, I hope the subject will be assigned to a future meeting. Apparently at the present time there is a feeling that the present issue is brought about by reason of certain personal interests with reference to and in that particular vicinity.

I wish to say frankly that in the vote which I gave before and which I shall give again I have no idea of protecting anybody's interests or furthering anybody's scheme. My vote stands upon the broad general principle with reference to the further use of land within the city limits for that purpose. I am inclined to think that the feeling of many members of the Board is that this order has been here long enough and should be put through without any question, if there are the votes to do it, and it does not require a great deal of discernment or acumen to perceive that there is a feeling that the vote, if coming upon the merits of the question, would be somewhat different from the last time. Be that as it may, however, I think this is a subject of sufficient importance to lie upon the table until the next meeting, and I move that it be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I shall certainly vote for the motion made by the Alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby). While I believe that this veto of the cemetery order should be settled one way or the other, I had no idea it was to come up this afternoon; and, as chairman of the Committee on Cemeteries, I would ask as a personal favor that this matter be laid over to the next meeting, as I have facts and figures which will go to show to the board fully at that meeting that this petition should not be granted. For that reason I will certainly ask, as a personal favor, that this be laid over to the next meeting.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, while ordinarily, when such a favor is asked by the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee (Ald. McDonald) and the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), I should be willing to grant it, it does not strike me at this time that it is asked as a matter of personal favor. Both the gentlemen who have asked for the extension of time are members of the Cemetery Committee and, above anybody else, have had a special opportunity of examining into the matter. I have voted once on this question and I propose to vote today as I voted the last time, retaining my position upon it. I am sorry indeed to feel that I must vote to pass the order over the Mayor's veto. I don't know how the vote will be, but I feel that the reasons given by the Mayor for the veto at this time are not germane. While the Mayor says that his personal

views are in favor of cremation and then goes on to speak of the fact that others have religious scruples against it, it strikes me that that is hardly an argument to advance at all in connection with an order of this kind. This is a Catholic cemetery, and for nineteen centuries the Catholic Church has consistently upheld the idea of burial, looking upon it as sacred.

It certainly does not appear that in the next decade there will be a revolution or a change in the policy of the Catholic Church on that question. Therefore that argument has no bearing upon this matter. There is a feeling also in favor of burial in the city. The Forest Hills Cemetery within a few months has purchased, within a short distance of this property thirty acres, to be used for burial purposes. This land is as far removed from the heart of the city as possible. I believe myself it would be a wise thing if we could adopt the system in use at Woodlawn, New York, of having burial trains rather than funeral processions through the city. But there is a large number of people, especially Catholics, who hold it to be a sacred duty to follow the body of the deceased to the grave, and until that custom is changed it seems likely to prove a great inconvenience, if we attempt to fix a rule at this time that there shall be no more burials in the city limits or no more land in the city limits set aside for that purpose. Then, of course, there are persons who hold the land in burial places sacred, and who like to visit them. Now, Calvary Cemetery has very nearly reached its limit. There is no more room for single lots and can be hardly any more sale of lots—unless they are, in a sense, second hand. If we refuse to give the privilege of opening up more land for burial purposes, the result will be that Calvary will become a disused cemetery, and a great many people who are interested, lot owners and others have appealed to me in the matter, saying that it would lessen the value of the cemetery, lessen the care taken of it and detract from the beauty of the surroundings, if that cemetery became disused. I feel at this time that the matter has already been delayed sufficiently. The fact that it has not been taken up is not my fault, because I have two or three times suggested the taking up of the matter. I think if the association desires to have this right granted it should be granted, and I cannot see why we are not as well informed upon the subject today as we will be one week or two weeks from now. If we act at the present time and grant this permit, the Cemetery Association will immediately have the right to go on and plot out the ground.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, intending, as I do, to vote for the granting of this permit over the Mayor's veto, after having been recorded against the permit when it passed this board, I deem it but just to myself and as owed to my associates that I should briefly but explicitly state to this board the reason for my action. When the order for the permit was first presented to the Board,—

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I suggest that the alderman's remarks—while I hardly know how to characterize them—are hardly in order at the present time. It seems to me the question now is on postponing further consideration of this matter, and I insist upon that—not because I wish to show any disrespect for my brother, for I am in hopes that, if his remarks are ruled out of order at the present time, he may be spared the necessity or the spectacle of having to utter them at all.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, out of courtesy to my distinguished friend from Wd. 12 I will withdraw what I have to say for the present. I merely considered it my duty to my associates and to myself in this Board to state my position. After the question pending before

the Board is determined, I shall then ask the Chair to recognize me and to allow me to give to the Board my reasons for taking the position I do today.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Colby doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 4, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Colby, Day, McDonaid—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—8.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. BERWIN—Now, if the Chairman will permit me, I will state to the Board my reasons for voting as I do. Intending, as I do, to vote for the granting of this permit over the Mayor's veto, after having been recorded against the permit when it passed this Board, I deem it but just to myself, and as owed to my associates, that I should briefly but explicitly state to this Board the reasons for my action.

When the order for the permit was first introduced, it was my intention to vote for it; but, before the matter came to be voted on, I was led to believe that the granting of a permit for a cemetery in the particular location asked for would entail great, unnecessary and unjust hardship upon a large owner of very valuable property in the immediate vicinity, and that the promoters of this cemetery enterprise were unjustly, needlessly and sordidly subjecting the property of one of our citizens to a grievous injury. Refusing to be a party to such a proceeding, and believing as I did, I cheerfully gave my vote against the project. My vote was in no wise influenced by any ideas respecting the subject of cremation, or of the withdrawal of taxable property from our tax lists, or of the driving of cemeteries from the city limits. Now I find the mayor vetoing the permit, not upon any ground upon which I voted against it, but only upon grounds which in no respect appeal to me. If I voted to sustain the mayor's veto after such a public expression of his views respecting cremation, I could not escape being held up, not only as an exponent of cremation, but as a public official willing and determined to arbitrarily impose those views upon the community regardless of its religious convictions; and I am determined to be placed in no false light respecting the subject of cremation. We, as a board, represent a great, cosmopolitan city of a commonwealth that stands in history as the refuge of all seekers of religious liberty. Here we find all manner of creeds and religious beliefs, and we pride ourselves that no man can call himself a true American who does not accord to every one the fullest measure of toleration and protection in religious belief and practice. Our churches are our proudest boast. Our burial-grounds are our most sacred spots. Upon them, loving parents, children, friends and citizens show their best sentiments of love, friendship and patriotism. The thought of yielding them to the unfeeling furnace of the crematory is most shocking to the thousands of devoted adherents of our religious denominations, and the suggestion of compulsory cremation is revolting to the great majority of our people. I must decline to be placed in the position of even appearing at attempt to foist the institution upon our people. It is as much the right of a free citizen to be buried in accordance with the tenets and practices of his church as it is his right to worship in life according to them. Nor have I any sympathy with the mayor's effort to drive the cemeteries from our city limits because they take away a few thousands of dollars of taxable property from our tax lists. I am surprised to find the mayor advancing such an argument against this permit. In

a city which has withdrawn millions of taxable property from taxation and has imposed upon this and future generations the burden of millions of taxes and debt for parks and play-grounds and schools and libraries and boulevards, it was a sordid and trifling ground for vetoing a cemetery permit in the outskirts of the city where nothing but cemeteries abound, and where all the vacant land in the immediate neighborhood will, in all probability, be taken up for the same use in the future, and where the taxes lost would be but a few paltry dollars to a city that boasts of more than a billion of taxable property.

Yet that ground and the advocacy of cremation are the only real grounds that the Mayor offers us to justify ourselves before this community if we should vote to sustain his veto. I have the right to assume that if he had any others, he would have offered them. My investigation since the granting of the permit has satisfied me that the grounds upon which I then voted against it are more imaginary than real, that it is not the hardship upon private right that I then sincerely believed it to be, and my conscience will not permit me longer to support the position which this veto assumes. For these reasons, I intend to vote for the passage of the order, notwithstanding the veto of His Honor the Mayor.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, as I remarked in the first place, this is really a matter of votes rather than one that calls for extended remark. If I were not aware of the real ability of my friend, the alderman on my left (Ald. Berwin), I might feel that the delay in this matter had been until he could prepare that very careful and able paper which he has presented, and which it has taken him, apparently, some weeks to prepare. I am, however, sufficiently acquainted with him to know that he could produce as good, if not a better, document on very short notice; and, if the alderman had been left perfectly free to express himself, without any feeling that he had a considerable task on hand, I feel that he would have done better. Now, it is always a very skilful thing in the argument of a question to so present it that the issue is placed on something else than the real matter. The alderman is very shrewd when he puts the burden of his remarks on the ground that this is an attempt to slight in any way the feelings, the rights and the customs of the Catholic Church. I would scorn to suggest such a thing to the members of this Board had it not been brought forth in this very careful and elaborately worded paper. As a matter of fact, I think no one of ordinary discernment would believe for a moment that any intelligent man would stand up in any community made up as this is and undertake to pass any legislation which in any way reflected upon the religious opinions of any of our fellow citizens. That always is a catching argument for or against a matter. Whether we are very devout ourselves personally or not, we think it is always a good thing to appeal to, because we believe every man has some religious instincts that can be appealed to. But that is not the question here.

I have no idea when I vote against this that I am doing anything antagonistic to the Catholic Church. In fact, I had supposed that the way this thing was going to be worked out was this: I had been informed that Forest Hills Cemetery was coming in here to make an application for the use of some land, and that then they would say to some of us, "Well, there you are! What are you going to do with that? Are you going to vote against that? And they would then expect, I suppose, that without any question we would vote in favor of that, and then this was to be brought from the pigeon hole and we were to be told that "Here is another of

the same kind." Now, my idea is not that I want to force cremation on anybody. Personally my sentiment does not lie along the line of any absolute respect for the actual body, after it is interred in the ground—or whatever is done with it after the breath has left it. I suppose the essential thing we have known is gone, and I certainly should have no sentiment myself as to the disposition made of my own body. I should as soon be burned as put in some places I have seen people buried in. In fact, I think I can cite instances of burials which were more repulsive than any form of cremation that could be suggested. But my idea is that the time has come when, if the burial custom is to be pursued it must be done outside of the city limits—certainly away from property which is to be thickly inhabited. Now, I don't want my skillful friend the alderman to make people believe that I, or anybody voting in favor of sustaining this veto, is in favor of cremation and wishes to force it upon anybody. I have an idea that ultimately that method of disposing of bodies will have to come about, but I would be the last one to compel anybody to resort to it. I think nothing could be more revolting than compulsory incineration of dead bodies, because there are a great many people who have strong ideas on the subject and who would be utterly opposed to cremation, and I would be the last man who would take action looking towards compelling anything of the kind—although, as I say, I believe that will ultimately come about.

I trust no one will consider that the alderman is right in saying, as he practically does by his argument, that in voting to sustain the veto we are in favor of cremation. Personally I may be in favor of it, but that is not the reason why I am voting as I do. I am not voting in this way because I wish to show any disrespect to the Catholic Church, because I do not, in the slightest. Every man has exactly as good a right to his opinion as I have to mine, without reference to what his spiritual belief may be. But I do think that we, as guardians not only of the city's money, but of the welfare of the citizens, are bound to do those things which tend to the best development of our city; and anybody who has had experience with property in the immediate vicinity of cemeteries is aware of the fact that they do have a bad influence on property in their vicinity. It may be argued that because a man has died his remains should not be disrespectfully treated. But I do say that property of less value than that within the city limits should be taken for this purpose, so that people can get lots at a moderate expense; and if there was an increased expense for transportation, it would certainly be more than made up for by the difference in the price of the lots. I will say here that if there is any other cemetery association that comes forward and wants more land within the city limits, I will be against it, because I am of the opinion that provision should be made outside the city limits. I don't wish to question the motives of anybody, one way or the other, with reference to this matter. I assume that we are all looking at this as a business proposition, in the interests of our citizens at large. But I am inclined to think, that the best evidence that can be had from a scientific standpoint is against the continuance of this practice. Within a very short time my attention was called to a report made by a joint committee some ten or fifteen years ago, when this matter was gone into very carefully, and, so far as I examined it, the substance of that report seemed to be against the continuance of the present practice. In what I say I am not attempting to defend my vote, because when I vote I am ready to stand the consequences one way or the other, but I do want to make it perfectly clear, and I

do want it understood that the alderman is not right when he intimates that in voting as we do we show hostility to any particular church or favoritism to any particular method of disposing of the dead.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I wish to congratulate the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) on his very liberal speech, but the alderman must distinctly understand that nobody's religious opinions are being attacked in connection with this cemetery. Religion has absolutely nothing to do with it—that is to say, the church has nothing to do with this cemetery. It is simply a corporation run by two or three hundred members, and very many of them disagree about securing this particular spot for cemetery purposes. As I stated before I believe it is only a question of time when all that property will have to be taken for that purpose. But I believe at (this time they should not go farther up, opposite the Mt. Hope Cemetery, but should either take that lot in front of the Catholic Cemetery or take the 80 acres and make it all one cemetery—which I think in time will be done. As I said when first speaking upon this matter, if the association will bring in an order here to take the 80 acres of land for cemetery purposes, I will vote for it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I do not propose to apologize for my action in voting to pass this order over the veto of His Honor the Mayor this afternoon, like some of my brother aldermen have, and I want to say that on general principles I would be rather reluctant to oppose the Mayor's wishes on a matter of public policy. He has sent vetoes into this Board time after time and they have been sustained, because the members of the Board felt that His Honor had shown to them very clearly that some person or some body of people would probably suffer by the proposed legislation. But, with reference to this particular piece of legislation, I do not see where the Mayor's argument can stand fire. He vetoed this order, stating that, because of his views upon the disposition of a body after death, he did not think that this was perhaps the best policy to pursue at this time. But, as I stated before, on general matters that might come before the Board I would feel rather reluctant to oppose his wishes. In this particular case, however, I have no apologies to offer either to His Honor the Mayor or to anybody else. I am rather pleased to have an opportunity of expressing my opposition to him on this matter, because this is a matter that affects a very large portion of the constituency I represent here in part, and I feel that it is my duty to state that I will this afternoon record my vote upon this as I did before.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I propose to vote against this, not on account of the Mayor's veto or on account of any religious feeling in the matter, or anything of that kind. My position is simply and solely that I do not believe it is for the public good to have any cemetery extended within the city limits, and even if the cemetery people came in and proposed to take the land that the alderman from Dorchester (Ald. McDonald) has suggested, I would still vote against it and against any cemetery being extended within the limits of the city of Boston.

The order was passed over the Mayor's veto, yeas 3, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole, Presho—8.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Colby, Day, McDonald—4.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred today) authorizing the Board of Aldermen to sell to the highest bidder or bidders such lands

belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund as they deem proper—recommending that the same be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners of the said estates to furnish the material, viz.:

Sylvester B. Hinckley, Washington and Morse Sts., Wd. 20; artificial stone.  
Dingwell Bros., 214 Brooks st., wd. 1; brick.

Anastasia Morrison, 477-483 E. Third st., wd. 14; brick.

Sarah G. and Chas. E. Cook, trustees, 7-11 Morse st., wd. 20; artificial stone.

Dingwell Bros., 95 W. Eagle st., wd. 1; brick.

Hannah E. Foster, 503 Washington st., wd. 20; brick.

L. Siskind, 3294-3314 Washington st., wd. 23; brick.

B. F. Cohlegh, cor. Birch and Brandon sts., wd. 23; brick.

Gideon Currier, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Morse st., wd. 20; artificial stone.

Frederick J. Rockwell, cor. Richfield and Olney sts., wd. 20; artificial stone.

John J. White, 80-82 W. Third st., wd. 14; brick.

Reports severally accepted; ordered passed.

(3) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus, to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 42 ft. in length, by 17 ft. in width, by 24 ft. in height, from rear of No. 319 Washington st., along Washington and Union sts., to La Rose pl., to stone foundation on said place, wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to Francis B. Gilbreth, to erect, maintain and use one guy post on Washington st., and one on Talbot ave., with necessary ropes attached thereto; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 20 feet in length, by 15 feet in width, by 18 feet in height, from Franklin Field to Talbot Ave., thence along said avenue, Blue Hill Ave., Morton and River Sts., to Centre Ave., to the Town of Milton, Wd. 24; on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. A. Elston & Co. to stretch, maintain, and use a guy rope over and across Boylston St., in front of the old Public Library building estate; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn to erect, maintain, and use a guy post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Geneva Ave., near Columbia Road, Wd. 20; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Reports on petitions referred on

dates stated, recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered (on petition referred today), That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Day et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain, and use a bulkhead opening, 3 ft. by 4½ ft., with a wooden cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 5 Cambridge St.; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered (on petition referred May 25), That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Nathaniel P. Hamlen, Trustee, to erect, maintain and use an iron post, with a clock surmounted thereon, in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 169 Tremont St., Wd. 7; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered (on petition referred July 25), That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Oliver Ames et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain and use, an area 107 ft. 5 in. by 7 ft. 4 in. and 8 ft. 5 in., with sidewalk light covers, and two coal hole openings, not exceeding 18 in. in diameter, with covers of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Boylston St., formerly occupied by the Old Public Library building, the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered (on petition referred July 25), That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Oliver Ames et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain and use, a permanent awning, with two iron posts, in the sidewalk in front of estate on Boylston St., at the westerly end of the building now being erected on the site of the Old Public Library, as shown on a plan dated July 17, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Also report on the petition of the Mass. General Hospital (referred June 26) for leave to project facades from building No. 496-500 Washington St., corner Bedford St., Wd. 7, to project over both streets—Recommending that leave be granted.

The reports were severally accepted, and the question came on the passage of the orders, etc.

Ald. BRICK—In the matter of an awning in front of the old public library, the proposed Gross & Strauss facade, and the Woodbury cornices, I oppose the policy of making these extensions over streets. It seems, however, as though each of these petitions that comes in has its friends in the Board. I oppose them as a matter of policy. If one is entitled to a thing of this kind, I believe all are entitled to it, and I think the whole question should be taken up together. I have stood alone once already, and have no desire to do so again, having all my friends against me, but I do want to say that I am opposed to the projection of facades and cornices along Washington St. and other such streets.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, for once I agree with my friend, the alderman opposite (Ald. Brick), not in pronunciation, but in the idea that some of these things should not go through. I would like to ask of some one on the Building Committee whether that order provides for something in the nature of a bay window projection?

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I don't think that order ever went to the Committee on Building Department. It went to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say,

for the benefit of the alderman, that this came from the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) and was then referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. It was originally reported by the Building Department Committee.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I got that mixed up with another matter. The committee did discuss this and disagreed on it, and finally there was a motion made that it be referred to the committee on public improvements, so that they could take it into the whole board and argue the question before the whole board.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if I understand aright, that is a matter where a discussion was had as to whether it is proper to have bay window projections over Washington St. The Chairman says that that is the fact. Now, personally, I am getting a little tired of this way of doing business, so far as the interests of the city in general are concerned. These matters have been discussed, time and again, and the only reasons in favor of them ever advanced by one alderman or another are that "a friend has spoken to me about it and, as a personal matter, I wish to put it through." I am frank to say that if we are going to run business here simply with the idea of pleasing our friends and making sure of the least amount of opposition to our re-election, provided we are candidates again, we are getting the thing on rather a low basis. There is no need, as I understand it, of a bay window on Washington st. In the first place, as I have frequently said in this board, a bay window has no business out over a street, and if the matter ever gets to the supreme court, I think it will be found that we have no right to encumber a highway with a projection. Take Columbus ave. extension—we went up there and paid a large amount for land damages, in some cases 3 ft. having been taken off buildings, and after we had paid a good price the parties then came in with a petition to project bay windows for 3 ft. over the street, placing them back where they were before, outside of the foundation, and leave was granted. As I have said before, it is wrong to encumber the highway with projections; but it has been done in certain sections of the city and, I suppose, it having been done and we having given our consent in certain localities, it will have to be continued there. But when it comes to Washington st., in the business section, it does not seem to me that we have a right to allow a man to make projections from his property which will encroach upon the city's property, thereby allowing him to make his property more desirable for tenants than that of his neighbors.

The minute you grant such a petition of one man, you must grant the next petition, or you must explain why you do not do it. That is, you may have to say "This other case was that of a friend of mine, who spoke to me about the matter, but I don't know about this and cannot vote for it." If we are to be consistent, if we grant a petition of this kind I don't see why we should not grant petitions of everybody along Washington St. who wants a bay window. If you once start, you must grant the petition of everybody who comes in. I am frank to say that, while some of my friends have spoken to me about this matter, I have been obliged to disappoint them, because I believe it is wrong to make projections of this sort on a street like Washington St. In a residential neighborhood it might be different. We have had laws passed at the state house in the matter of signs, and so forth, so that today our streets present a better appearance so far as my limited travel has enabled me to observe, than those of any city in the country. Now, having adopted that policy, having restricted the projection of all sorts of signs over and across the street, it does not seem to me wise, because influential

people come and ask us to allow them to project a bay window over Washington St., to allow them to do it. Therefore, I hope this will not be passed.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the gentleman who has just taken his seat I will say that this bay window, as he calls it, is in the nature of a snow case, designed to show goods. It improves the value of the property, helps the business—and I will also say that in that locality there are other projections. There is no reason why this man should not have the right to make this projection. Keith's Theatre has a projection, as well as several other places in that same locality. We are going to grant—I presume so, at least,—a permanent awning for a new theatre. I think where property owners desire an awning when it is within the law and the abutters do not object, I shall vote to grant it until the law is changed; and I see no reason why this man should not have a right to make his projection, just as well as others in that locality are to have a right to make theirs.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I want to say a word in answer to the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby). It strikes me that it is very peculiar for the alderman to come in here at one session of the Board of Aldermen and advocate a certain bay window up in his immediate neighborhood, and then object to something of this kind. A well known real estate owner of Boston comes in here and asks for a bay window in close proximity to the alderman's house, the place where he lives, and he is satisfied, after the gentleman has told him that there shall be certain restrictions in regard to light, and so forth. Again, if I remember right, the alderman from Wd. 12, at a certain time when a track was to be laid to a sugar refinery in South Boston, was one of the strongest advocates of that to be found. One of the arguments he used at that time was this, that he did not believe in injuring the commercial interests of Boston, that he believed anything which would advance the commercial interests of the city should be advanced by the members of the Board of Aldermen. Now, it strikes me that this is in the same category, and that by taking such action as he suggests we will impede the commercial interests of Boston. By not granting this petition we would injure the commercial interests of the city far more than if we should refuse a petition coming into this Board from some residential quarter. I cannot understand the consistency of it—favoring a bay window in a residential quarter and then stopping the progress of great commercial interests, trying to make a provincial town of one that is metropolitan in its make-up. It is only a question of time when Boston will become one of the greatest commercial cities in the country, if the right action is taken by the Board of Aldermen and other authorities; and I trust that the alderman from Wd. 12 will not at this time stop or impede the commercial interests of Boston, but will allow the business interests of the city to be extended, by the means of facades and otherwise, as they should be.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know as I am really good-natured today, anyway; but that ought not to influence my action when it comes down to a matter of votes. I started to tell about the trick they put up on me here before they took the recess, but I think I will not do so.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Tell it.

Ald. COLBY—Do you want me to tell it?

Ald. O'TOOLE—Yes, tell it right out.

Ald. COLBY—Well, I was asked to step out into the ante-room to see a very prominent city official, and when I got out there he began to tell me some cock-and-bull story about something that ought to be done. While I was there a fellow

member of the Board of Aldermen came out and said: "Let him go now, we have done the trick." (Laughter.) That is, they had acted upon something in my absence, and had got me out of the way in the meantime. (Laughter.) Now, I am free to say that that is a low down trick, because that is not the way to do business. If you want to act upon a matter come out squarely and frankly and do so. But I don't feel at all hurt about it, because it is something that will never be carried out. It was not done right and will never be of any earthly value. So I shall not worry myself about it. Now, to come right down to this matter, and to indulge in a little flight of oratory, in line with what we have already heard here this afternoon with reference to my interest in the commercial welfare of Boston, I will simply say that I yield the palm to no member of the Board in a desire to further the interests of our city. But, in my opinion, the commercial welfare of Boston is not dependent on our giving one man on Washington St. an opportunity to get a bigger rental out of his property than his neighbor gets. If the premises assumed by Alderman Day are correct—that there are similar projections on Washington St. in the immediate vicinity—my whole argument falls flat, and I am mistaken in my premises. If that is true, if other people there have similar rights to those asked for here, my position might be a different one. But my recollection is to the contrary. I understand that Mr. Keith has something out over his door which I would have voted against if I had been here at the time. But it is there. I had no part in that and I consider that that is no such projection as warrants us in going ahead and giving to somebody else on the street what is asked for here. If there is a gentleman on Washington St. who is already enjoying such use of his property as is here suggested, I have nothing to say.

But, as I understand it,—and I am acting on this understanding—this is in the nature of a projection such as does not now exist in this immediate vicinity. If I am wrong, I owe the members of the Board an apology for having taken so much of their valuable time. With reference to the remarks of my friend on the right (Ald. O'Toole) he will remember that I have said that, in a vicinity where bay windows already exist, I see no reason why a permit that has been granted to one man should be refused to another. In the case that he refers to the line of property on the other side of the street had bay windows, and while this was on the opposite side, and while I might have liked to object, I felt that I could not, because they already existed on the other side.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I have occasionally been alone lately, but I am going to be with my friend Colby on this matter today. I am opposed to these things as a matter of policy, and I think Brother Colby objects to this as much because of his legal education as for any other reason. A man with such an education is apt to guard property rights jealously. In the West End I opposed a bay window a while ago and got criticised for it. At the West End, on Chambers St., the city had paid out a lot of money to put the street through, and after it had paid out thousands of dollars on each side the property owners got the right to project bay windows, and if you go there now and look along the street you will find that it is like looking down a chute. There are three-foot projections all along on both sides. On one building of three stories there are three bay windows, standing out like stilts, making the building like a funny looking little castle. If we grant leave on this Gross & Strauss petition, I don't see how we can discriminate against other petitioners or

against our friends who have purchased the Old Public Library.

I say that, as a matter of policy, I am opposed to this sort of thing, because when we grant these privileges to people they immediately look upon them as rights. For instance, when the Subway Commissioners were taking land in Scollay Sq., the owners of the Crawford House regarded the privileges that had been given to them on the city's property as their absolute right, and I understand that the Subway Commissioners had to pay for disturbing it. The fact is, these things which are given as privileges come to be considered by the owners of the land as theirs in absolute fee. I say the Board should be careful in acting upon these matters. As a matter of policy, I am opposed to them.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I have no knowledge of the purpose of the projections in that immediate locality, but I don't see what difference that makes. They are projections, and, for the information of the Board and of Alderman Colby I would like to ask the Clerk to read the report of Inspector Damrell on that petition.

The CLERK—The Clerk will state that the report of Inspector Damrell is not here.

Leave was declared granted, on the petition of the Mass. General Hospital.

Ald. Colby doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to state that I am paired with Ald. Presho on that question. He would have voted in favor of the permission, and I would vote against it.

Leave was granted; yeas 8, nay 1, Ald. Brick voting nay.

Paired, Ald. Colby, no; Ald. Presho, yes. The orders were severally passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Tuesday, September 12th, 1899, at 3 P.M., on the following petitions (severally referred today):—

West End Street Railway Co., for leave to lay double curves at junction of Columbia Road and Stoughton St.

Same company, for a location for tracks in Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave.

Same company, for leave to lay an additional track on a portion of Cambridge St., Wd. 25.

Forest Hills & Quincy St. Ry. Co., for a location for its tracks, and the right to use the overhead electric system on same, on Washington, Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot Sts. and Neponset Ave., Sanford and March Sts.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Friday, September 1, at 3 P.M., on the following petitions, referred today:—

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay underground conduits in Harrison Ave., Rollins and Washington Sts.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Cornell St., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to erect and remove poles on Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

Same company, for leave to erect and remove poles on Eagle St., Wd. 1.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to attach wires to trees on Circuit and Dennison Sts. and Walnut Ave. —Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

(3) Report on the petition of the Brookline Gas Light Co. (recommitted Apr. 11), for leave to erect poles in Commonwealth Ave.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. Gould, dated April 2, 1898; said poles to be located as follows:—

Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25, 5 poles, 40 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 20 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted July 25), for leave to erect poles in Cambridge St. and Harvard Ave., Wd. 25, etc.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Co., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated with red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated June 20, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Cambridge St., wd. 25, 46 poles, 47 ft. high, 18 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.

Harvard Ave., wd. 25, 18 poles, 45 ft. high, 16 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Cambridge St., 36 poles, and from Harvard Ave. 15 poles, as shown on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles, on the conditions specified in chap. 38, sec. 15, of the revised ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(5) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted June 26)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Co., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated May 27, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Oak Square Ave., wd 25, 7 poles; Brackett St., wd. 25, 5 poles: all 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 6 ft. 6 in.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chap. 38, sec. 15, of the revised ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted April 24)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Co. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan

deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated Feb. 27, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Fairbanks St., Wd. 25, 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted July 25)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Co. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated June 22, 1899; said pole to be located as follows:—

Sparhawk St., Wd. 25, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 2 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(8) Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted April 24)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Rolland A. Davidson, dated Jan. 30, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Braintree St., Wd. 25, 8 poles, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft. 6 in.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, referred today:—

Alland Brothers, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 5.

Mills, Knight & Co., for leave to project a V sign at 150 Congress St., Wd. 7.

Man, Fong, Lowe Company, for leave to project a drum sign at 90 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Jake Bass, for leave to project a sign at 1162½ Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Charles M. Rudginsky, for leave to project a plank on which to suspend clothing at 134 Dover St., Wd. 9.

T. A. Dauphin, for leave to project three barber poles at 121 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Louis Jones, for leave to project a lantern and two barber poles at 6 Cobb St., Wd. 9.

Sam Sing, for leave to project a sign at 65 Sullivan St., Wd. 4.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

New Boston Music Hall, (recommitted August 4) for leave to project an awning from new music hall building on Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Oliver Ames and others (referred July 25). Trustees, for leave to excavate the cellar bottom of a building to be erected on the site of the old Public Library Building on Boylston St., at grade 2.48.

Howard C. Woodbury (recommitted July 31), for leave to project metal cornice and sign from building 250 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Zieman & Seegal (recommitted August 14), for leave to project two bay windows from building 24 Anderson St., Wd. 11.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved to reconsider the action taken on all reports and orders today; lost.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That,

when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Friday, the first day of September, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed. Ald. CODMAN moved to reconsider; lost.

#### LIGHTS ON MARK ST.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain two street lights on Mark St., Wd. 22; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### PORTUGUESE SOCIETIES' PARADE.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police and mail wagons, for the parade of Portuguese Societies on August 29, 1899, the following named streets, unless they deem such action inadvisable, viz.:

North Bennet, Hanover, Battery, Commercial, Fleet, Hanover, Washington, School, Beacon, Arlington, Boylston, and Berkeley Sts.

Passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Adams, at 5:08 P.M., to meet on Friday, Sept. 1, 1899, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Friday, Sept. 1, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Patrick R. Dunn, to be an inspector of pressed or banded hay and straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2) John V. Haley and Edward P. Murphy, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over to the next meeting, under the law.

## LOCATION FOR ENGINE CO. 22.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, September 1, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith another communication from the Fire Commissioner, again urging the importance of early action to provide a location for Engine Company No. 22. I again appeal to your Board in the interest of the public safety to take some action upon this matter, which has been in your hands for a considerable time.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner,

Bristol St., Boston, Aug. 28, 1899.

His Honor Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir—Allow me urgently to solicit your aid in procuring from the City Council a location for Engine Co. 22, recently deprived of its quarters on Dartmouth St. by the widening of the railroad. The territory for which that company was organized is deprived to a great degree of the services of this department at present; and in behalf of our efficiency, as well as for the protection of said property, I make this appeal, knowing full well that every day's delay adds to the danger threatened by our absence.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## AMBULANCE STATION, SOUTH BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, September 1, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment rescinding appropriation made on February 27th, 1899, of \$10,000 for "Hospital Department, Ambulance Station and Equipment, South Boston," and reappropriating the said sum for an Ambulance Station and Equipment at South Boston, the expenditure of the appropriation to be in charge of the Public Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Sept. 1, 1899.

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27th, 1899, as appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for "Hospital Department, Ambulance station and equipment, South Boston," be and hereby is rescinded;

and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Public Buildings Department, for an Ambulance station and equipment at South Boston.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was passed and transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

## BUILDING AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, Sept. 1, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed today by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making an appropriation of \$2500 for roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
September 1, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The above order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, under the law, as follows:—

Four grand and five petit, United States District Court, September term:—

George D. Henson, wd. 10; Frank H. Charter, wd. 8; John M. Conry, wd. 2; James Rigney, wd. 15; John F. Sherlock, wd. 10; Frank A. Nickerson, wd. 15; Geo. W. Foster, wd. 21; Geo. B. Jones, wd. 22; Samuel W. Burroughs, wd. 14.

Forty traverse, Supreme Judicial Court, September 12:—

Louis Sonnabend, wd. 8; John F. King, wd. 1; Americus G. Clark, wd. 10; Louis Auerbach, wd. 11; Eugene Foster, wd. 6; Timothy J. Buckley, wd. 5; Arthur Robertson, wd. 8; John E. Dodge, wd. 24; Davis Krokyn, wd. 6; Paul Stuecklin, wd. 21; Timothy Harrington, wd. 4; George A. Givan, wd. 3; David J. Buckley, wd. 19; Lewis E. Gilmore, wd. 2; Waldo B. Judkins, wd. 7; James Sullivan, wd. 7; Nicholas Moore, wd. 10; John J. Barry, wd. 7; George A. Donahoe, wd. 14; O. Alfred Anderson, wd. 24; Thos. O. McEnaney, wd. 2; Marks Angelevitz, wd. 18; Frank H. Spring, wd. 21; John M. Williams, wd. 12; Harry C. Doggett, wd. 11; D. Joseph Linehan, wd. 16; Patrick Connors, wd. 19; Thos. B. D. Adair, wd. 16; Wm. L. Mooney, wd. 19; Wm. F. Greene, wd. 24; Eugene J. O'Connor, wd. 17; Patrick A. Foote, wd. 20; John O'Donnell, wd. 22; Thos. Mulhearn, wd. 16; Wm. A. Perry, wd. 19; Chas. P. Whittle, wd. 5; Geo. B. Quinn, wd. 19; Walter H. Stickney, wd. 10; John Maguire, wd. 19; Geo. H. Bradford, wd. 7.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:—

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

John Spinelli, an illuminated sign, at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

Frank O. Newton, a flag pole, at 14 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

Massachusetts Boot & Shoe Co., a show case, at 26 Tremont Row., Wd. 6.

Semon Shufro, a sign, at 365 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

John B. Doyle, a swinging sign, at 495 Nonpset Ave., Wd. 24.

Louis Moskowitch, a sign, at 73 Green St., Wd. 8.

Suffolk Engraving Co., a shelf for printing frames, at 234 Congress St., Wd. 7.

W. W. Austin, a watch sign, at 938 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Samuel Gens, a key sign, at 337 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

Placido Pullia, two barber poles, and two signs, at 21 High St., Wd. 7.

Frank Landino, a barber pole, at 317 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Samuel Katz, four umbrellas, at 19 Tremont Row., Wd. 6.

Daniel J. Sullivan, a transparency, at 64 Fleet St. Wd. 6.

William J. Power, a campaign transparency, at East St., Wd. 20.

James J. Brock, a campaign transparency, at 7 City Sq., Wd. 5.

Peter F. Tague, a campaign transparency, at 87 Bunker Hill, Wd. 3.

Peter F. Tague, a campaign transparency, at 42 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Peter F. Tague, a campaign transparency, at 524 Main St., Wd. 4.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, a campaign transparency, at 166 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Fred E. Lewis, a druggist's mortar, at 1932 Centre St., Wd.

Eugene Felner, a sign, at 131 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Joseph F. Hickey, a campaign transparency, at 245 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

John W. Green, a campaign transparency, at 213 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, an illuminated sign, at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

## Claims.

Elliott G. White, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 13 Dalton St.

Molly Sahl, for compensation for personal injuries, etc., caused by an alleged defect in No. Russell St.

Armstrong Transfer Express Co., to be paid for damage to one of its teams by one of the city carts.

Timothy Ahern, for compensation for damage to estate 99 Smith St., caused by overflow of the sewer.

Stockinger Bros., for compensation for damage to stock in trade caused by the backing up of the sewer at 28 Chestnut Ave., J. P.

John Graney, for compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer at 103 Smith St.

## Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Ashland St., Wd. 23.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., for an extension of time to Oct. 16, 1899, in which to locate poles in Washington St., Dorchester.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, for leave to relocate poles on A St., remove poles on West Fifth St. and B. St., and to place wires and cables on Dorchester Ave.

## Lamps.

C. Sheehan et als., for public naphtha lamps in rear of 508-510 E. Ninth St.

M. O. Byrne et als., for public lamps on Hillside St., Dorchester.

## Licenses.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Ettie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at

the Grand Theatre, for the week commencing Sept. 4.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre for the week commencing Sept. 11.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square theatre, for the week commencing Sept. 4.

Petitions for amusement licenses, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, viz.:—

Bertha Sampson, at 13-15 Leverett St.

John Booth, at Booth's Hall, Bennington St.

George W. Jones, at Temple Hall, 1234 Washington St.

Charles B. Woolley, at Putnam Hall, 1165 Tremont St., Rox.

C. A. Sullivan, agent, at Lyceum Hall, 67 Hampden St.

Thomas Miley, at Columbia Hall, 67 Hampden St.

## Railroads.

Catherine E. Feeley, admx. et al., lessees, that the Board estimate the damages to them by taking of their estate by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

West End Railway Co., for location for double track on Atlantic Ave., from Dewey Sq., to a point near Foster's Wharf; also that the location of the Union Freight Railway Co. be altered to conform to new location thereof.

## Public Improvements.

James A. Doherty, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 1 Snowhill St., Wd. 6.

James P. Brown, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening in sidewalk on Buckingham St. side of estate 265 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

H. J. Freeman, for leave to lay a 1½ in. pipe under and across sidewalk at 132 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Thomas Arthur, for leave to lay a 1½ in. pipe under and across sidewalk at 567 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

F. W. Kittredge, for leave to construct four coal chutes in front of building at the corner of Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21.

Lyman Gibbs & Co., for leave to stand two dress forms on sidewalk at 25 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Puritan Trust Co., for leave to lay an iron pipe for conveying steam under and across Franklin Ave., between buildings numbered 21-29 and 33-35 Court St., Wd. 6.

John Soley, for leave to move a wooden building from the corner of Metropolitan Ave. and Maynard St., Wd. 23, to the town of Hyde Park.

George R. Cavanagh, for leave to move a wooden building from Blake St., to Kemp St., Wd. 16.

Vincent Maschio, for leave to maintain a stand for sale of fruit, etc., in front of store 152 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Thomas Conners, for leave to erect a hitching post at 32 E. Fourth St., Wd. 15.

Henry E. Weston, for leave to erect a post at 108 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

Fanny Faingold, at 71 Morris St., Wd. 1.

J. E. Willis, 25 Crescent Ave., Wd. 26.

John McVeeny, 29-31 Hunneman St., Wd. 17.

Isaiah Nickerson, 66-68 Kenwood St., Wd. 20.

Herman Wschkolofsky, 29 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:—

1. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Eagle St., Wd. 1.

2. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Wensley St., Wd. 19.

3. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

4. For leave to erect poles on Cornell St., Wd. 23.

5. For leave to erect poles on Ashmont, Waldorf, and Marsh Sts., and Talbot Ave., and to remove one pole on Talbot Ave., all in Wd. 24.

6. For leave to erect and to remove poles on Cambridge St., Wd. 25.

7. For leave to erect poles on Rockview, Chester, Hobart, North Harvard, Washburn, and Rawson Sts., and to remove poles on Rockview and North Harvard Sts., Wd. 25.

8. On petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company for leave to erect one pole at the southeast corner of Brookline Ave., Beacon St. and Commonwealth Ave., wd. 11.

9. On petition of the West End St. Railway Company for leave to lay underground conduits for feed wires in Harrison Ave., Rollins and Washington Sts., wd. 9.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

**CONSTABLES' BONDS.**

Notice was received from the City Treasurer of the approval of the Constables' bonds of George H. Hamlin and John Francis Murphy.

Bonds were approved by the Board.

**PETROLEUM LICENSE.**

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of the approval of the petition of John E. McPhee, for a license to store and keep for sale oils and fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 3 Colton St., So. Boston.

It was voted by the Board that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TRACK LOCATION.**

Notice was received from the Thompson & Norris Company, of acceptance of location for railroad tracks across Everett St., Brighton.

Placed on file.

**BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On the petition of M. Maloney for leave to project a bay window from building, 14 St. Martin St., wd. 4, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon, Monday, September 18, at 3 P. M., when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 37 newsboys, four bootblacks and five pedlers.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (referred today):—

Thomas Miley, for a license for dancing entertainments at Columbia Hall, 67 Hampden St., for season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

C. A. Sullivan, agent, for a license to give musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Lyceum Hall, East Boston, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Charles B. Woolley, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Putnam Hall, 1165 Tremont St., Roxbury, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

George W. Jones, for license for Temple Hall, 1234 Washington St., for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing, for season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Bertha Sampson, for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at 13 and 15 Leverett St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to

appear at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for the week commencing September 4.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre for the week commencing September 11.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Ettie Hunt, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre for the week commencing September 4.

John Booth, for a license for dramatic, musical and dancing entertainments at Booth's Hall, Bennington St., for the season ending Aug. 1 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses severally granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of James McInerney (referred August 21), in behalf of residents of Wd. 19, that the Board order the closing of the Chutes on Huntington Ave. at 10 P. M.—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

**RAILROADS.**

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on the petitions (referred August 14) of John H. Quinlan and others and of Hubert Daly, for an award of damages on account of the taking of their land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company—recommending the passage of the following orders of notice:—

Upon the foregoing petitions it is ordered: That the petitioners be directed to give notice to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, by serving on it an attested copy of said petition, and this order hereon, fourteen days at least before the time of said hearing, that this Board will, on Monday, the 18th day of September, 1899, at three o'clock P. M. give a hearing to all parties properly before this Board on the matter of granting the said petition.

The reports were accepted and the orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney (referred today), for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Atlantic Ave., beginning in Dewey Sq. and connecting tracks of the Company there located, thence extending through Atlantic Ave. to a point near Foster's Wharf, said tracks to take the place of existing tracks; also that the tracks of the Union Freight Railroad Company between the said points on Atlantic Ave. be altered with their consent to conform to the new location, recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, September 18, at 3 P. M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition; when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

**TRIMMING TREE, ALLSTON.**

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the tree standing in front of premises 33 Chester St., Allston, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

**QUICK COMPLETION OF LAURIAT AVENUE.**

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to insert a provision in any contracts for the construction of Lauriat Ave., calling for the completion of said avenue within three months from the date of such contracts.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I want to say just a word relative to that. The railroad company and the city came to an

agreement some time ago about the construction of the bridge there, and late in the spring the construction of the bridge was started. As I understand the matter, the bridge is now completed and no steps have been taken towards the construction of the street at the new grade. But, as the Superintendent of Streets is about ready to award that contract, the people in that section are very anxious that he should put a provision into the contract which will insure the prompt completion of the street. I trust that the order will pass under suspension of the rule, in order that something may be done and the street constructed this fall, or before winter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I certainly must agree with the alderman from Wd. 24 in regard to Lauriat Ave., as well as other avenues in Dorchester, that there should be a provision of some kind in the contracts whereby the work should be completed within a certain time. Columbia Road was started almost two years ago, and should have been completed before today, but the bridge at Richfield St. prevents the completion of the street. That bridge ought to be built. The money has been appropriated and something should be done in the matter. Two weeks ago I introduced an order of inquiry, requesting the Superintendent of Streets to inform the Board how soon the Richfield St. Bridge might be completed, in order that the boulevard might go right through to Franklin Park. No answer has been received as yet. That bridge should have been completed long ago, to accommodate the people of Dorchester.

The order was passed.

#### EMERGENCY HOSPITAL COMMISSION.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to appoint a commission, to consist of three or more persons, one of whom shall be a physician, to investigate and report as to the advisability of acquiring the Emergency Hospital for a branch of the Boston City Hospital.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as I understand the situation at the Emergency Hospital today, the doors of that institution are closed. In the past it has been a great source of pride to the citizens of Boston that they had an institution of such great value in the heart of the business section of the city. Now, I have not spoken to anybody about the advisability of connecting this hospital with the city hospital at all, but I thought that, in view of their having taken so many cases there in the past and it being situated so near the centre of the city and the heart of the business district, where accidents are more liable to happen than in any other portions of the city, it might be well to ask the Mayor to appoint a commission to look into the matter and see if something cannot be done with a view to taking this as a part of the City Hospital system. I trust that the order will pass.

The order was passed.

#### NAMES ON STREET LAMPS.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, where lamp posts are erected at the corner of a street, that the name of the street be placed on the lamp.

Passed.

#### TRANSFER OF WD. 21 LAND.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the triangular lot bounded by Crawford, Abbotsford and Harold Sts., wd. 21, be transferred from the charge of the Street Department and placed under the care and custody of the Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

#### SIDEWALK ON BEACON STREET.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Nos. 512-514 Beacon St., Wd. 11; in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Passed.

#### DELAY IN BRIDGE AT RICHFIELD ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, September 1, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in reply to your order requesting information as to "the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield St., Wd. 20."

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Engineering Department.  
50 City Hall.

August 28, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer be requested to inform the Board of Aldermen, the reason for the delay on the construction of bridge at Richfield St., Wd. 20, being a part of the Columbia Road Improvement," I would say that this is to be a steel bridge supported by two abutments and by steel columns. The bridge is to carry the tracks of the New England Railroad Company, and the plans have just been received from the railroad officials for approval; the city is to bear the greater part of the expense of the bridge, but it was deemed best that the work of building it should be under control of the railroad company.

Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the communication received from the engineer bears me out in the statement that if something had been done at the time when the Columbia Road was started and something placed in the contract so that the contractors having charge of the bridge would have to complete it within a certain time the work would have been done. The fact of the matter is this, that today the iron going into that bridge will cost the City of Boston at least one hundred per cent. more than it would have cost a year ago. There certainly has been some mistake in connection with the completion of this bridge.

The communication was placed on file.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. Day, the Board voted, at 3:42 P.M. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:13 P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions, referred today:—

Vincent Maschio, for leave to maintain a stand for sale of fruit, etc., in front of store 152 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Lyman Gibbs & Co., for leave to stand two dress forms on sidewalk at 25 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, petitioners given leave to withdraw.

(2) Report on the petition (referred to-day) of the Puritan Trust Co., for leave to lay an iron pipe for conveying steam under and across Franklin Ave., between

buildings numbered 21-29 and 33-35 Court St., Wd. 6—Recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Puritan Trust Co. to lay, maintain and use a steam pipe, encased in a conduit, under and across Franklin Ave., the same to be used for steam heating purposes, connecting premises 21-29 Court St. with premises 33-35 Court St., as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, are as follows:—

Henry E. Weston, to erect, maintain and use a wooden post 7 ft. high, 8 in. in diameter, in the sidewalk in front of estate 108 Dudley St., Wd. 18, the same to be placed against the building. James A. Doherty, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 3 ft. by 4½ ft. with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1 Snowhill St., Wd. 6.

James P. Brown, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 3 ft. by 2 ft., with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of the Buckingham St. side of estate 265 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Thomas Conners, to erect, maintain and use a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of estate 382 East Fourth St., Wd. 15.

H. J. Freeman, to lay, maintain and use a 1¼ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 132 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Thomas Arthur, to lay, maintain and use a 1¼ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 317 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Francis W. Kittredge, to construct, maintain and use four coal shutes, with iron covers of rough upper surface, said openings not to exceed 18 inches each in diameter, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the southerly corner of Warren and Morland Sts., Wd. 21, two on each street.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to move wooden buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, are as follows:—

George R. Cavanagh, 1 pitch roof, 45 ft. in length, by 18 ft. in width, by 15 ft. in height, from present location on Blake St., across Dorchester Ave. to Kemp St., to foundation on said Kemp St., Wd. 16.

John Soley, 1, pitch roof, 43 ft. in length, by 29 ft. in width, by 30 ft. in height, from Metropolitan Ave. and Maynard St., Wd. 23, along said avenue to the town of Hyde Park.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

#### COURTESIES TO 26TH REGIMENT.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That a committee consisting of all the members of the Board, with such members of the Common Council as may be added, be appointed to make suitable preparations for extending the courtesies of the city to the officers and men of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, during their visit to this city.

Passed. Sent down.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports

recommending that leave be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

Alexander Cava, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Eugene Fellner, for leave to project a sign at 134 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Ored E. Lewis, for leave to project a druggist's mortar at 1932 Centre St., Wd. 23.

William J. Power, for leave to project a campaign transparency over East St., Wd. 20.

Daniel J. Sullivan, for leave to project a transparency at 64 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

W. W. Austin, for leave to project a watch sign at 977 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Samuel Gens, for leave to project a key sign at 387 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

Placido Pullia, for leave to project two barber poles and two signs at 21 High St., Wd. 7.

Frank Landino, for leave to project a barber pole at 317 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Samuel Katz, for leave to project four umbrellas at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Louis Moscovitch, for leave to project a sign at 78 Green St., Wd. 8.

Semon Shufro, for leave to project a sign at 365 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Frank O. Newton, for leave to project a flagpole at 14 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

John Spinelli, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 112 Court St., Wd. 6.

James J. Brock, for leave to project a transparency at 7 City Sq., Wd. 5.

Peter F. Tague, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 87 Bunker Hill St., wd. 3.

Peter F. Tague, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 422 Bunker Hill St., wd. 3.

Peter F. Tague, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 524 Main St., wd. 4.

John W. Green, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 213 Hanover St., wd. 6.

W. T. A. Fitzgerald, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 166 Harrison Ave., wd. 7.

Joseph F. Hickey, to project a transparency at 245 Sumner St., wd. 2.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

#### SIDEWALK ON TALBOT AVE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Talbot Ave., southerly side, between Norfolk Ave. and the railroad bridge, wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 5 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Passed.

#### DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE BUILDINGS.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Law Department be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting advice as to what disposal can legally be made of the old garbage plant buildings standing on the Gibson School Fund land, said land having been sold at public auction by this Board.

Passed.

#### GAS LAMPS ON HALF MOON STREET.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to put in necessary gas lamps on Half Moon St., Wd. 16.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on the petitions of the (a) N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today) for leave to erect and remove poles on Ashland St., Wd. 23, and (b) Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for leave to relocate poles on A St., to remove poles on West Fifth

and B Sts., and to place wires and cables in Dorchester Ave.—Recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 3 P.M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

(2) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted to-day)—Recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Rockview St., Wd. 22, 2, 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 7 ft. wide; Chester St., Wd. 25, 2, 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 7 ft.; Hobart St., Wd. 25, 4, 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 7 ft.; North Harvard St., Wd. 25, 1, 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 10 ft.; Washburn St., Wd. 16, 6, 40 ft. by 1½ in., sidewalk 8 ft.; Rawson St., Wd. 16, 5, 40 ft. by 14 in., sidewalk 8 ft.; date of plan, July 22, 1899.

Ordered:—That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Rockview St. three poles and North Harvard St. one pole, shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted to-day), recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That permission be hereby granted to The West End Street Railway Company, to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes from the Central Power Station on Harrison Ave., thence through Harrison Ave. to Rollins St., thence through Rollins St. to Washington St., thence through Washington St. to a point near Waltham St.

The surface of said streets shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of chapter 38, section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted to-day), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:—

Bellevue St., Wd. 20, 1 pole, 35 ft. by 12 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated May 23, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted the said company to remove from Bellevue St. one pole shown by a red dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted to-day), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:—

Wensley St., Wd. 19, 1, 45 ft. by 15 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated November, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted the said company to remove from Wensley St. one pole, shown by a blue dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted to-day)—Recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Eagle St., Wd. 1, two, 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated Aug. 9, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Eagle St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted to-day)—Recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Cornell St., Wd. 23, five poles, 30 ft. by 12 in., sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated Aug. 7, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Ashmont St., 3, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 7½ ft.; Waldorf St., 1, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 7½ ft.; Marsh St., 14, 30 ft. by 12 inches, sidewalk 6 ft.; Talbot Ave., 1, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 10 ft.; date of plan, August 4, 1899.

Ordered: That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Talbot Ave. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under suspension of the rule.

(8) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by—; said poles to be located as follows:—

Cambridge St., wd. 25, 32 poles, 40 ft. by 15 inches, sidewalk 15 ft. wide, plan dated September 23, 1891.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Cambridge St. 32 poles shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

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THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, September 12, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., and that any hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved to reconsider the action taken today on all reports and orders; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Day, at 4:25 P.M., to meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1899, at 3 P.M.



## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock p.m., Ald. Presho, senior member, presiding in the absence of Chairman Barry.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, that the reading of the records of the last meeting be dispensed with.

## REDUCTION OF WAGES IN BATH DEPT.

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Sept. 2, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication received from the Trustees of the Bath Department in reply to your order requesting a statement of "the reasons for the reduction in wages of the employees of the department." Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston.

Department of Baths, 64 Pemberton Sq.  
Sept. 2, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor, City of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I am requested by the Trustees of the Bath Department to state in reply to the order from Board of Aldermen dated Aug. 15, 1899, that no reduction was made in the wages of the employees of the Bath Department for the year 1899, and that no reduction was contemplated.

On account of the continued cold weather during the past summer season, receipts for suits and towels did not come up to the estimate made by the Trustees, and in order to continue the bathing season to September, the Trustees at one time contemplated the plan of working the employees half time with half wages, but it was found unnecessary to put this into effect. Yours respectfully,

Daniel D. Kearns, Secretary.

Ald. BERWIN.—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of Ald. Dixon, who introduced the order, I move the further reading be dispensed with and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The matter was so referred.

## VETO—ERECTION OF WOODEN POST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, September 8, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval order passed by your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Henry E. Weston to erect, maintain and use a wooden post, seven feet high and eight inches in diameter, on the sidewalk in front of estate No. 108 Dudley St., for the reason that such permission cannot be legally granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The Board reconsidered its previous action in passing the order, and then refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 0, nays 7.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

English Weaving Co., Limited, an electric light sign, at 36 Court St., Wd. 6.

Pasquale Pollia, a barber pole, at 21 High St., Wd. 6.

Hyman Goldstein, a sign, at 47 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

James D. Russo, a barber pole, at 104 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Trainer & Everill, a pole on which to hang clothing, at 152 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Samuel Gens, an umbrella sign, at 387 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

Scott & Palmer, a sign, at 453 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

Joseph F. Hickey, a cloth for stereopticon views, at corner of Maverick and Sumner Sts., Wd. 2, on the evening of Sept. 15.

Wm. J. Hartnett, a sheet for stereopticon views on building on northwest corner Maverick Sq. and Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Petitions for leave to project campaign transparencies, viz:—

John J. Douglass, at 35 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

John J. Douglass, at Winthrop Block, Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Wd. 16 Republican Club, at 121 Clifton St., Roxbury.

## Claims.

Anna Horrigan, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Decatur St.

Jewett Lumber Co. (three petitions), for payment to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, of balances remaining from tax sales of estates as follows: Two estates on Falcon St. and one on Glendon St.

Patrick W. Coughlin, for compensation for injuries received at the Dover St. bath-house.

Mrs. McSweeney, to be paid \$500 for injuries received by her husband, now deceased, while he was employed by the city.

George W. Comerford, for compensation for damage to his bicycle caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Road.

Daniel F. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to his bicycle in East Boston, June 6, 1899.

Margaret Manning, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Warren bridge.

P. B. Corbett, for compensation for damage of 26 Gold St., on account of stoppage of sewer.

## Electric Wires.

Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect poles in Union Park, and in Washington, Worcester, Newman, K. L. P. and H Sts., Dorchester Ave., Broadway, London, Liverpool and Paris Sts.

## Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Farmers' National Congress, for the use of Faneuil Hall, both day and evening, on Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, 1899.

National Lancers, for the use of Faneuil Hall, June 14, 1900.

## Supt. of Public Grounds.

Mrs. C. F. Smith, for the removal of a tree in front of her estate corner of Magnolia and Quincy Sts.

## Board of Health.

Mary R. Charriot, for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 2 Binney St., Wd. 19.

## Lamps.

Peter B. Corbett et als., for public lamps on Revere St., Dorchester.

John J. Coffey, for public lamps on Coffey St., Wd. 24.

## Licenses.

Boston Retail Grocers' Association, for a license for the Boston Fool Fair, at the Mechanics Building, on Huntington Ave., for the period October 2 to October 28 incl.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz:—

Harriet L. Tobin, at Sunlight Hall, S29 Washington St.

J. J. Delaney, at Red Men's Hall and Dwight Hall, 511 Tremont St.

J. J. Delaney, at Deacon Hall, 1651 Washington St.

Lyman W. Rumney, at Castle Square Hall, 446 Tremont St.

A. P. Wheelock, at Wheelock Hall, 555 Columbia road.

Fred T. Bridge, at Jubilee Hall, 616 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Ned Chinchill, in basement of building 30 So. Margin St.

#### Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for double tracks on Morton, Codman, Adams, Minot, and Marsh Sts. and Neponset Ave., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

#### County Accounts.

Elijah George, Register of Probate, for an additional allowance for clerical assistance in his office.

#### Public Improvements.

Norcross Bros., for leave to stretch guy ropes across Boylston St., Wd. 7, at the Old Public Library Building.

Frank B. Gilbreth, for leave to erect guy posts and attach ropes thereto in front of Nos. 6, 10½ and 15 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Walworth Mfg. Co., for leave to construct a coal vault in sidewalk on the Leather square side of estate 130 Federal St., Wd. 7.

J. L. McKay, for leave to construct areas in sidewalk on the Ipswich St. side of estate 1091 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

P. H. Sheehan, for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across the sidewalk at 52 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Samuel B. Hodgkins & Co., for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across sidewalk on Prescott St., corner of Princeton St., Wd. 1.

W. A. Naylor, M. D. V., for leave to erect a hitching post in sidewalk at 495 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

W. Eowman Cutter, asking for an investigation into acts of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, in the matter of alleged taking by said company of certain land, claiming that said taking was illegally made.

William J. Keefe for leave to place a stand for the sale of newspapers in front of 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Charles F. Hargrave, on Havre St. side of estate 62 Porter St., Wd. 1.

R. C. Hooper, cor. Beacon and Hereford St., Wd. 11.

W. B. Thomas, cor. Beacon St. and Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

John R. Meins, West Third St., cor. 129 B St., Wd. 13.

A. Diamond, 327-329 and 341-351 Heath St., Wd. 19.

Edward A. Bangs, 17 Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

Thomas B. Noonan, 38 Eliot St., Wd. 23.

Estate of Volney Wilder, 34 Elm St., Wd. 22.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. PRESHO presented the petition of the New England Gas & Coke Co. to be allowed to trim trees on Alford St., Charlestown.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. Presho, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. DAY presented the petition of James H. Donovan for leave to project two campaign transparencies at 20 Meridian St., Wd. 2.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. Day, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Ald. Colby, under unfinished business, the Board took up the following:

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:

36. Patrick R. Dunn, to be an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw.

37. Edward P. Murphy, to be a Weigher of Coal.

38. John V. Haley, to be a Weigher of Coal.

All for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation, Committee, Ald. Colby and Dixon. Whole number of ballots, 8; yes, 8, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows:—

J. C. Spillane, three, Tremont St., near Carmel St., Wd. 19.

Arthur Murphy, four, 365 and 369 A, Neponset Ave. and 2 and 2A Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Women's Club, a cornice, 13-15 Beacon St., Wd. 7.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Sept. 25, at 3 o'clock p.m., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for: leave to erect and to remove poles on Ashland St., Wd. 23.

2. On petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company for leave to re-locate four poles on A St., to remove all its poles on West Fifth and B Sts., and to place wires and cables on ten poles of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (that company consenting thereto) on Dorchester ave.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:

3. For a location for double tracks on a portion of Cambridge St., Brighton.

4. For a location for double curves at the junction of Columbia Road and Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

5. For a location for an additional track on Cambridge St., Wd. 25, from the line of the city of Cambridge to a point on said street about 425 feet westerly.

6. For a location for double tracks in portions of Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

7. On petition of the Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company, for a location for tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, on Washington, Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot Sts., Neponset Ave., Sanford and Marsh Sts., etc.

Albust F. Hayden, representing property owners between Codman St. and Forest Hills, and Daniel D. Scott of 848 Adams St., Dorchester, appeared and objected, but stated that they would have no objection to a postponement, or reference to the Committee on Railroads, when a public hearing might be had.

Ald. Codman said that, in view of the fact that another corporation has petitioned for the right to cover practically the same district, it would be well to have both matters heard together; and he moved assignment of the hearing to Oct. 2nd.

No further objections. The hearing was postponed to October 2nd.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. McDonald, the Board, at 3.21 p.m., took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 4.14 p.m.

The Chair in calling the Board to order, said: The Board has taken the following vote:—

In Board of Aldermen, Sitting as County Commissioners.

Ordered—That whereas certain proceedings filed with petitions for the assessment of Damages for land taken by the Boston Elevated Railway Co. have raised a ques-

tion as to the right of the Board, as County Commissioners, to assess damages, for the reason that the Railway Co. has not taken said land in conformity with the statutes of this Commonwealth, the Board first hear the petitioners and respondents on the issue so raised, and that all matters with reference to the actual assessment of damages be postponed until some subsequent meeting of the Board, of which meeting due notice shall be given to all parties in interest.

The order was passed.

The Chair stated that the Board, in accordance with the vote, would simply hear statements on the question of legality, not concerning damages.

The Board proceeded to consider No. 14 on the calendar, the petition of the Elevated Railway Company that the Board estimate and determine the damages occasioned by the taking by the Company of land of John W. Bemis, 7 Porter St.

In connection with the petition, at suggestion of Ald. Colby, the Clerk read the language of the petition in full; also a plea in abatement of Robert P. Holmes, one of the respondents in the proceedings, through his attorney, David R. Robinson, on the ground that the petitioner did not take the premises in accordance with the statutes, that his damages be assessed against the petitioner and that there be an abatement and that the respondent have judgment for his costs; also a petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, setting forth the fact that it took in fee the land referred to, being informed that on the date of taking John W. Bemis was the owner of the premises, that David H. Greenwood was the owner of a conditional contract for the conveyance of the same, that Robert P. Holmes was the owner of a lease upon the premises, that there was no mortgage upon them, and praying the Board to estimate and determine the damages occasioned by the taking; also a denial from David H. Greenwood by his attorneys, Sprout & Hurd, and B. H. Greenwood, that the petitioner has taken the property described, that therefore there is nothing for the Board to determine, that the petitioner was authorized by law to take property without purchase only when necessary for its purposes and when unable to obtain it by agreement with the owner, that the property was not taken as allowed by the statute, and that the petitioner, prior to its pretended taking of the property, was not unable to obtain it by purchase and did not make any attempt or endeavor to so obtain it, that the Elevated Railway Company in the action it has taken was a mere trespasser, acting against law and without legal authority, and without having acquired or since acquiring any legal title to the property or any part thereof, and praying that, as the petitioner has not observed the essential conditions precedent to the vesting in the Board of jurisdiction to estimate and determine damages, and inasmuch as there has been no lawful taking of the premises, the petition for assessment of damages be dismissed and that the respondent have judgment for his costs.

George C. Travis, representing the Boston Elevated Railway Company, said he did not care to be heard until he had something to reply to.

William B. Sprout, for respondents, suggested that, as there had been no time since the filing of papers for preparation, the hearing be further postponed to a day in the immediate future.

To this Mr. Travis said he had no objection, simply suggesting that he would like to have the Board pass upon certain cases, which he named, where respondents were willing to accept a finding of one dollar damages.

The Chairman ruled, however, that under the vote taken the question of damages could not be considered at this time.

On motion of Ald. Brick, it was voted that at the next meeting of the Board

there shall be hearings solely upon these matters, and that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Monday next at 3 P. M.

It was further voted on motion of Ald. Brick, that the Board take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board retired at 4.32 P.M., and re-assembled in the aldermanic chamber at 5.21 P.M.

LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that licenses be granted as follows:—

Boston Retail Grocers' Association, for the Boston Food Fair, at Mechanics Building, on Huntington Ave., for the period from Oct. 2 to Oct. 25 inclusive.

Harriet L. Tobin, for dancing academy, school and socials at Sunlight Hall, 829 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

J. J. Delaney, for musical and dancing entertainments at Red Men's and Dwight Halls, 514 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Same petitioner, for dancing and musical entertainments at Deacon Halls, 1651 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Lyman W. Rumney, for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Castle Square Hall, 446 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

A. P. Wheelock, for musical, literary and dancing entertainments at Wheelock Hall, 553 Columbia Road, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Fred T. Bridge, for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Jubilee Hall, 646 Warren St., Wd. 21, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Ned Chinchill, for a marionette show and musical and dancing entertainments, in basement at 30 South Margin St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 38 newsboys, 7 boot-blacks and three pedlars.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

W. A. Naylor, M.D.V., to erect, maintain and use a hitching post in the sidewalk in front of estate 495 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

Frank B. Gilbreth, to erect, maintain and use three guy posts and attached ropes thereto, as follows:—

One in front of 10½ Beacon St.; one in front of 6 Beacon St.; one in front of 15 Beacon St.; said posts to be used in the construction of the Women's Club House on Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Norcross Brothers, to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Boylston St., at the Old Public Library, Wd. 7.

Walworth Manufacturing Company, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault 10 ft. by 4 ft., opening not to exceed 18 inches in diameter with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in sidewalk on the Leather Sq. side of estate 130 Federal St., Wd. 7.

J. L. McKay, to construct, maintain and use four areas, 30 inches by 48 inches each, with iron covers, under and on the Ips-

wich St. side of estate 1091 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

P. H. Sheehan, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 52 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Samuel B. Hodgkins & Co., to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Prescott St., at the corner of Princeton St., Wd. 1.

Reports accepted; orders passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalk, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

R. C. Hooper (petition referred today), corner of Beacon and Herford Sts., Wd. 11, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Isaiah Nickerson (referred Sept. 1), 66-68 Kernwood St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Herman Weschkolofsky (referred September 1), 29 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Crescent Associates (referred August 21), Savin Hill Ave., corner of Spring St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John McWeeny (referred September 1), 29-31 Hunneman St., Wd. 17, artificial stone, with artificial edgestone.

M. S. Fenys (referred August 21), 50 Forbes St., Wd. 22, artificial stone.

Charlotte P. Williams (referred August 21), 493 Washington St., Wd. 20, brick, with granite edgestone.

Annie T. Wolfson (referred August 21), 249-251-353 Marion St., Wd. 2, brick, with granite edgestone.

Frederick J. Herthel, Jr., (referred Aug. 21), Willow St., corner Weld, Wd. 23, gravel, with granite edgestone.

G. A. Currier, (referred August 21), 45 Brookford St., Wd. 16, brick, with granite edgestone.

Fanny Faingold, (referred Sept. 1), 71 Morris St., Wd. 1, gravel, with granite edgestone.

J. E. Willis, (referred September 1), 25 Crescent Ave., Wd. 20, brick, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor, with accompanying order (referred July 17),—recommending the passage of an accompanying substitute order, and that the message be sent down.

The substitute order referred to was as follows:—

Ordered—That the Board of Street Commissioners be and hereby are requested to take the land situated on Warren Ave. for the location of Engine Company 22; the appropriation for the same having been provided in accordance with Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898.

The report was accepted and the substitute order was passed, Ald. Colby calling for the yeas and nays, yeas 7, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle, O'Toole—7.

Nays—Ald. Colby, Day, McDonald, Presho—4.

Sent down with accompanying message.

(4) Report on message of His Honor the Mayor (referred September 1), transmitting communication from Fire Commissioner relative to site for Engine 22,—that the same be sent down. Report accepted, message sent down.

(5) Report on the message from His Honor the Mayor (referred today) transmitting communication from Bath Trustees relative to reduction of wages of employees, that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, said message placed on file.

## RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (referred today), for a location for double tracks on Morton, Codman, Adams, Minot and Marsh Sts. and Neponset Ave., with the right to use the overhead trolley systems thereon.—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 2, 1899, when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

## STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of September, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

Report accepted; order passed.

## VETO—ERECTION OF BARBER POLE.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to take No. 39 from the table, viz.:

39. Report of the Committee on Public Improvements on the message of the Mayor vetoing a permit to John J. Dailey to place a barber pole in the sidewalk at 1423 Dorchester Ave.—recommending that said message be placed on file, and that said veto be sustained.

The question came on granting permit the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant the permit over the veto as two thirds of the members did not vote in the affirmative, the vote standing:—

Yeas.—Ald. Adams, Codman, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—6.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon—5.

## PROJECTION OF SIGNS ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Pasquale Pollia (referred today), barber pole, 21 High St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Gens (referred today), umbrella sign, 387 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

Scott & Palmer (referred today), canvas sign, 453 Blue Hill Ave.

James D. Russo (referred today), barber pole, 104 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Wm. Hartnett (referred today), sheet for stereopticon views on building on n. w. corner Maverick Sq. and Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Fred Lee Smith (referred Aug. 21), V illuminated sign, 29½ Tremont St., Wd. 6.

English Weaving Co., Limited (referred today), electric light sign, 36 Court St., Wd. 6.

John J. Douglass (referred today), campaign transparency, Winthrop Block, Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

John J. Douglass (referred today), political transparency, 35 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

Ward 16 Republican Club (referred today), transparency, 121 Clifton St., Roxbury.

Joseph F. Hickey (referred today), cloth for stereopticon views, Maverick St. corner Sumner St., Wd. 2, on evening of Sept. 15th.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Suffolk Engraving Co. (referred Sept. 1), shelf for printing frames, 234 Congress St., Wd. 7.

Massachusetts Boot & Shoe Co. (referred

Sept. 1), show case, 26 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

John B. Doyle (referred Sept. 1), swinging signs, 495 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Trainer & Everill (referred today), pole on which to hang clothing, 152 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Hyman Goldstein (referred today), sign, 47 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

Accepted.

**DEWEY SQUARE CONGESTION.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to consult with the Boston Terminal Company and report a plan, with cost, which will abate the difficulties for the public in Dewey Sq., in relieving the congestion there, with a view also that the cost should largely be assumed by the Terminal Company.

Passed.

**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

Ald. Berwin moved a general reconsideration on all matters acted upon at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

**USE OF FANEUIL HALL.**

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of Farmers' National Congress (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall, day and evening, on Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

**ELECTRIC WIRES.**

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co., (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Union Park, and in Washington, Worcester, Newman, K, L, P and H Sts., Dorchester Ave., Broadway, London, Liverpool and Paris Sts.—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m., when any parties desiring may appeal and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. Paul Haynes; said poles to be located as follows:—

A street, 4 poles, 40 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft. Date of plan; Aug. 31, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from A St. four poles, from West Fifth St. 6 poles, and from B St. 6 poles, shown by blue dots on said plan.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. to allow the attachment of, and to the Postal-Telegraph Cable Co. to attach, the wires and cables of said cable company to ten poles of said telegraph company on Dorchester Ave., between West Fifth St. and Columbia Road.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Com-

pany of Mass. (recommitted today), for leave to erect and to remove poles on Ashland St., Wd. 23—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated Nov., 1889; said poles to be located as follows:—Ashland St., Wd. 23, 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 13 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 6 ft.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Ashland St. two poles shown by dots marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the same company (referred Sept. 1), for extension of time in which to erect poles in Washington St., Dorchester—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the time allowed The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. in which to locate poles on Washington St., Dorchester, under the order passed by this Board, May 16, 1899, be and the same is hereby extended to October 16, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

**GARBAGE PLANT ON GIBSON LAND.**

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets notify the owners of the Garbage Plant buildings, so-called, on the Christopher Gibson land in Dorchester to remove the same within two weeks of said notice, or the city will consider the said buildings as belonging to the city.

Passed.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT. N. BENNET ST.**

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light on North Bennet St., Wd. 6, either permanently or temporarily during the various caucuses; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

**EIGHT-HOURS WORKING DAY.**

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to instruct the heads of departments to establish an eight hour working day during the winter months for all employes whose working day is now more than eight hours.

Passed.

**REMOVAL OF TREES, DORCHESTER.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees on the right hand side of Humphreys St. from Cottage St., opposite Daloz's factory.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

**CROSSWALK AT TERMINAL STATION.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a crosswalk at the Terminal Station, at or near the corner of the Summer St. extension and New Dorchester Ave. and Summer St. bridge.

Passed.

Adjourned at 5.40 P.M., on motion of Ald. Codman, to meet on Monday, Sept. 18, at 3 o'clock, P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Sept. 18, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Thirty-four traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Oct. 9:—

Frank H. Coyne, Wd. 5; Thomas J. Gargan, Wd. 15; Thomas Carberry, Wd. 19; Thomas O'Neill, Wd. 13; Lewis Burnham, Wd. 1; J. Marion Moulton, Wd. 20; Wm. H. Hanna, Wd. 19; Wm. F. Grady, Wd. 19; Charles E. Swain, Wd. 17; James D. Sim, Wd. 15; Albert D. Price, Wd. 16; James S. Barrows, Wd. 19; Wm. M. Collins, Wd. 14; Thomas H. Sherman, Wd. 5; Frank H. Carruthers, Wd. 1; Wm. R. Preston, Wd. 11; Joseph B. Waters, Wd. 13; Patrick C. Travers, Wd. 22; John C. Flynn, Wd. 15; Byron R. Mitchell, Wd. 12; George Finneran, Wd. 22; John J. Flanagan, Wd. 19; John J. Hannon, Wd. 25; Patrick J. Reynolds, Wd. 15; Charles E. Munroe, Wd. 16; John McDonald, Wd. 16; James Golden, Wd. 8; Henry J. Ireland, Wd. 7; William V. Baker, Wd. 16; Thomas H. Lyons, Wd. 17; Otis F. French, Wd. 25; Victor R. F. Walker, Wd. 20; Samuel T. Perry, Wd. 8; Charles P. Harding, Wd. 25.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, first session, October sitting:—

Charles E. Foster, Wd. 6; Charles A. Young, Wd. 24; Henry Andrews, Wd. 10; John H. Grayham, Wd. 23; William T. Abbott, Wd. 16; William E. Tyner, Wd. 16; Charles H. Harris, Wd. 6; John P. Mayne, Wd. 14; Percival B. Metcalf, Wd. 20; James F. Thomas, Wd. 21; Alvah W. Lincoln, Wd. 25; James Cameron, Wd. 22; Hugh C. Toland, Wd. 13; Henry H. McCarthy, Wd. 2; John B. Wait, Wd. 13; Lewis K. Howard, Wd. 5; Clarence A. Rogers, Wd. 16; M. Frank Curley, Wd. 21; David H. Hall, Wd. 16; Edward E. Drew, Wd. 25; Henry M. Sanders, Wd. 10; Timothy A. Atwood, Wd. 1; James Lewis, Wd. 14; George H. Johnson, Wd. 17; Ernest C. Wagner, Wd. 7; Thaddeus Little, Wd. 14; James J. McCarthy, Wd. 2; Jeremiah Mahoney, Wd. 18; William F. Carty, Wd. 19; William H. Hayes, Wd. 20.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, second session, October sitting:—

Edward Cummings, Wd. 2; Charles E. Morrison, Wd. 11; Herbert E. Boyden, Wd. 11; Francis Mullen, Wd. 18; Edward J. Nagle, Wd. 3; Jeremiah Mara, Wd. 12; J. Franklin Seavey, Wd. 23; Edwin R. Kidder, Wd. 13; William W. Newcomb, Wd. 15; Falcon Shedrick, Wd. 17; Charles F. Angell, Wd. 17; Albert Murdock, Wd. 12; Thomas E. Rothwell, Wd. 20; Arthur A. O'Leary, Wd. 9; Daniel J. Walton, Wd. 20; William E. McKay, Wd. 20; Irving N. Moody, Wd. 8; George L. Barraby, Wd. 4; Herbert L. Darling, Wd. 12; James A. Goodkin, Wd. 20; John B. O'Hare, Wd. 2; John M. Cryster, Wd. 23; Thomas J. Donnelly, Wd. 19; Frederic P. Stearns, Wd. 20; Frank H. Howland, Wd. 21; Frederic Eaton, Wd. 25; Michael McManus, Wd. 9; Benjamin F. Bartlett, Wd. 8; John W. Hourihan, Wd. 24; James H. Toland, Wd. 4.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, third session, October sitting:—

Joseph B. Whelan, Wd. 2; Horatio W. Adams, Wd. 3; George J. Low, Wd. 8;

Charles W. Paradise, Wd. 12; Charles J. Jacobs, Wd. 19; Herbert L. Carter, Wd. 23; Edward B. Gregory, Wd. 18; James Cooper, Wd. 21; Francis D. Cadigan, Wd. 20; David Banash, Wd. 19; Charles M. Dempsey, Wd. 1; Charles H. D. Sisson, Wd. 9; William W. Ramsdell, Wd. 18; Edwin R. Allen, Wd. 11; Thomas J. Gallagher, Wd. 8; William H. Blake, Wd. 22; John B. Smith, Wd. 14; Daniel Wallis, Wd. 13; George W. Walcs, Wd. 20; William H. Merry, Wd. 22; Joseph F. Grant, Wd. 12; Robert P. Boss, Wd. 20; Frank S. Dean, Wd. 24; Charles H. Wells, Wd. 18; Thomas F. Duffley, Wd. 20; William R. Barron, Wd. 3; James Kilduff, Wd. 18; Luther E. Martin, Wd. 12; Patrick F. Callan, Wd. 13; Ira M. George, Wd. 1.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, fourth session, October sitting:—

Adrian Wilson, Wd. 14; John J. Maguire, Wd. 2; Robert R. Starkey, Wd. 16; William Davidson, Wd. 24; George Ruck, Wd. 13; Edward E. Higgins, Wd. 6; George R. Holmes, Wd. 4; Thomas F. Maguire, Wd. 22; Hugh A. Brady, Wd. 9; William Mulligan, Wd. 2; Ernest R. Hayes, Wd. 2; Daniel J. Sullivan, Wd. 9; Frank H. Kilbourne, Wd. 14; Mathew N. Morris, Wd. 21; William S. Helah, Wd. 10; Edgar W. Putnam, Wd. 12; Henry Henricks, Wd. 17; Frank Baxter, Wd. 21; Wilbur F. Morse, Wd. 21; Charles H. Harmon, Wd. 4; Edward H. Oakes, Wd. 6; John B. Merrigan, Wd. 18; John L. Gardner, 2nd, Wd. 11; Charles Alexander, Wd. 20; George W. Twitchell, Wd. 9; Edwin T. Bonney, Wd. 20; George E. Fitzgerald, Wd. 5; Thomas F. Bradford, Wd. 15; Thomas H. Gilbert, Wd. 2; Dennis A. Horgan, Wd. 15.

## TRACK LOCATIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Sept. 14, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a plan showing track locations granted by me to the West End Street Railway Co., under the provisions of Chap. 516 of the Acts of 1896, for tracks on Atlantic Ave. from north of Summer St. to Kneeland St., and on Summer St. from Federal St. to Dorchester Ave.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(The message was accompanied by the plan referred to.)

Placed on file.

## APPROVAL OF BRIDGE PLANS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Sept. 14, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, to be placed upon your files, a letter from the Secretary of War approving the plans made by the City Engineer for the reconstruction of the North Draw of the Chelsea Bridge, and for the construction of a temporary pile bridge, with a draw therein, for use while reconstructing the permanent draw.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

War Department,  
Washington, Sept. 7, 1899.

Sir:—Referring to your application of 10th ultimo, on behalf of the city of Boston, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, for retention, an instrument approving the map of location and plans for the re-construction of the north draw of the Chelsea Bridge across Mystic river, between Chelsea and Boston, and for the construction of a temporary pile bridge, with a draw therein for the passage of vessels, for use while the work of reconstruction of the permanent draw is progressing, upon the conditions set forth in said instrument, and as shown on the drawings attached thereto. Very respectfully,  
Elihu Root, Secretary of War.  
Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston,  
Boston, Mass.

(The message was accompanied by the plans referred to.)  
Placed on file.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of M. Maloney for leave to project one bay window at 14 St. Martin St., Wd. 4.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect poles in Union park, and in Washington, Worcester, Newman, K, L, P and H Sts., Dorchester Ave., Broadway, London, Liverpool and Paris Sts.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double tracks on Atlantic Ave., beginning in Dowey Sq. and extending through said avenue to a point near Foster's wharf. Also for an alteration of the tracks of the Union Freight Railroad Company on said avenue, with the consent of said railroad company, to conform to the new location asked for.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

4. On petition of Hubert Daly for an award of damages on account of the taking of his land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

5. On petition of John H. Quinlan, et als. for an award of damages on account of the taking of their land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

No objections. Severally referred to the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

#### LEGALITY OF TAKING OF LAND.

The Board proceeded to take up the following:—

6. Hearing on the questions of law raised as to the legality of the taking by the Boston Elevated Ry. Co. of certain lands in this city, viz:—

7. Horace H. Moses et als., on Washington St., Roxbury.

8. Harriet A. Nichols et als., on Zeigler St., Roxbury.

9. James W. Stevens, on Dudley St., Roxbury.

10. Harlan P. Whitcomb, on Warren St., Roxbury.

11. Amelia T. Worthington et als., trustees, on Zeigler St., Roxbury.

12. John Ross, on Washington St. and Knower Pl., Roxbury.

13. John W. Bemis, 7 Porter St.

14. Sarah A. Carlton, on Porter St.

15. Amelia Greenbaum, on Porter St.

16. Frederiek Jenkins et al., on Porter St.

17. Margaret D. Fette, on Porter St.

18. Anna L. Messinger, on Porter St.

19. John W. Bemis, 1 and 3 Porter St. and 68-74 Pleasant St.

20. Mary H. Underwood, on Porter St.

21. Margaret D. Whelan et als., on Porter St.

22. Charles G. Way, on Harrison Ave. and Motte St.

23. Charles G. Way, on Motte and Washington Sts.

24. Annie Wyzanski, on Kirkland St.

25. William A. Matthews, on Kirkland St.

26. Hannah Greenhood, on Kirkland St.

27. Benjamin F. Shattuck, on Beach and Tyler Sts.

28. Benjamin F. Shattuck, on Beach St. and Harrison Ave.

29. Charles G. Riee, on Atlantic Ave. and Beach St.

30. Reuben E. Demmon on Harrison Ave.

31. Emma A. Goodnough, on Causeway St.

32. Hubert Daly, on Babcock Ct., Charlestown.

33. John H. Quinlan et als., on Main St. and Babcock Ct., Charlestown.

34. W. Bowman Cutter, lessee, on Warren St., Roxbury.

On No. 7, no question of legality was raised.

On No. 8, George C. Travis appeared for the Boston Elevated Railroad Company and stated that Counsel for the road and for respondent had agreed, subject to the approval of the Board, that an award of one dollar be made for damages.

On No. 9, Mr. Travis said he had not heard from counsel for Mr. Stevens, and would have nothing to say until he appeared, but that any disposition of the case satisfactory to him would probably be satisfactory to the road.

No. 10 was postponed, on motion of Ald. Codman, until the appearance of Sherman P. Whipple, counsel for Mr. Whiteomb.

On No. 11, Mr. Travis said he had nothing to say until he heard from counsel for Mrs. Worthington.

On No. 12, Mr. Travis said he had agreed with counsel for Mr. Ross, subject to approval of the Board, that an award of damages in the sum of one dollar might be made.

On No. 13, David R. Robinson said he appeared for Mr. Holmes, one of the respondents.

Mr. William B. Sprout, upon Nos. 13, 19, 26 and 34, suggested that the question involved in each was the same, and that they should be considered together. G. Hay, Jr., appearing for Mr. Bemis, who is interested in Nos. 13 and 19, believed a separate issue might be involved in those numbers.

It was suggested at this point by Ald. Brick, and corroborated by the Chair, that the only question to be heard, under previous vote of the Board, acting as County Commissioners, was the question of the legality of the takings, and not of damages.

Mr. Sprout said that, regardless of the order in which the numbers referred to were taken up, his remarks would apply to them all. He said that the petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company allege that they have taken certain lands, by virtue of and in accordance with the provisions of the statute of 1894, Chapter 548, section 11. That section says that the road may lease, purchase or otherwise take the fee of land as set forth in sections 95, 96 and 97 of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes. Section 95, Chapter 112, of the Public Statutes provides that:—

When a railroad corporation is not able to obtain by agreement with the owner the land or materials necessary for its purposes, as described in sections 88 to 91 inclusive, it may take the same."

The recent decisions of the Supreme Court are to the effect that sections 95, 96 and 97 of the Railroad Act, Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes, are in force and must be referred to in interpreting section 11 of the Acts and Resolves of 1894. As a matter of fact, there has been no attempt at such an agreement as is referred to, and therefore the conditions precedent to the action now asked for are lacking. Under the wording of section 95 of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes, the taking is therefore illegal. The mere fact that similar takings have been made in the past without question does not count, because in such cases the point had not been raised and objection to the procedure has not been made. There is a certain necessary step which would entitle it to take the land, which step the railroad company has neglected to take, and, not having taken it, the company is now improperly before the Board, under the Statutes.

Mr. Travis, upon the point raised by Mr. Sprout, stated that, while the provision referred to had existed in the state law even before railroads were built in the Commonwealth, in 1835, such a point had never before been raised; and that for more than forty years it has been the practice of the Board, acting as County Commissioners, to make a nominal as-

assessment of damages under precisely similar takings. As a matter of fact, there is no explanation in the statutes of what is meant by the word "agreement," no provision for the way in which the parties shall arrive at an agreement, by negotiation on one side or the other, or otherwise. Under the statute, how can the parties find out whether they are unable to agree or not? It does not say that the corporation must go to the man or that the man must go to the corporation. The only thing is to find out in some way, before a legal taking, that you are unable to agree. The fact is that the Boston Elevated Railway Company is unable to obtain this land by agreement whenever either party, however unreasonable, chooses not to make or to accept an offer therefor; and the Boston Elevated Railway Company may elect, and in effect did elect, not to agree when it made its taking. It does not have to go to a man and ask him whether he wants to sell; and, in effect, that has been the practice under the statutes in the past, and no question has been raised. Under the statute, when a man's land has been taken, if he is unable to agree with the company upon damages, he may file a petition; and the fact is that these parties, taking the succeeding step under the law, have filed petitions.

In support of his contention, Mr. Travis cited the cases of *Burt vs. Brigham*, 117th Massachusetts, page 307; *Etna Mills vs. Waltham*, 126th Mass., page 425; *Braintree Water Supply Co. vs. Braintree*, 146th Mass., page 488.

Mr. Sprout said the mere fact that the point had not previously been raised had no bearing on the case; that there is a distinct provision to be observed under the law, precedent to the taking of land in cases of this kind. That provision has not been observed, and the taking is therefore illegal. If any other course is to be pursued, a corporation can put a private property owner to no end of trouble in the way of litigation, compelling him to go to trouble which he should not be obliged to go, in defending his rights. Let the Corporation proceed according to the spirit and letter of the law.

Mr. Sherman P. Whipple appeared at this point, and spoke upon No. 10, appearing for Harlan P. Whitcomb. He simply desired to ask where the parties would be left, if the question of law raised by Mr. Sprout was so decided by the Board as to throw out all these petitions that had been filed, and the Supreme Court should finally decide, if the matter was brought before them, that they were improperly thrown out. A long time might be taken by such proceedings, and the limit of time within which a petition may be brought would have expired, and the whole thing might be hung up in such a manner as to be extremely perilous to the various respondents.

Mr. Hay stated, in regard to Nos. 13 and 19, that he endorsed the position of Mr. Whipple and would much prefer to have this Board assume jurisdiction for the moment at any rate, reserving the question of legality for another tribunal.

Mr. Travis thought there might be peril to the respondents in such a case, but said it would simply involve those who took the position set forth by Mr. Sprout. Those who did not raise that question would not be affected.

On No. 14, Mr. Travis stated that the attorneys for the road and for the respondent had agreed that an award of one dollar damages might be made.

It was voted at this point, on motion of Ald. Brick, nobody else desiring to be heard, that the arguments on the question of legality of the taking close.

On motion of Ald. Codman, it was voted that the Board take the question of legality, as raised, under consideration, and that a decision be rendered thereon at the next meeting.

Under the foregoing vote, consideration of Nos. 7 to 34 inclusive was therefore further assigned to the next meeting of the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Hyman Goldstein, a sign, at 47 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

O. F. Couture, a sign, at 16 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Jacob Tarplin, a political transparency, at 87 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Hyman J. Weinberg, a transparency, at 120 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Claims.

Chas. C. Collins, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by an alleged defect in the highway.

H. M. Cady, for compensation for damage to his house, 85 Maverick St., caused by shutting off the water connections of said house by a servant of the city.

County Accounts.

Board of Index Commissioners, for an appropriation for continuing the work of making new and improved indices for the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:-

For leave to erect poles in Glenway St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles in Beech St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Western Ave. and Farrington St., Wd. 25; in H St., Wd. 15; in Warren St., Wd. 21; and in Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Lamps.

William E. Littlefield, et als, for public lamps on Clarence Terrace, Wd. 24.

Police (Ald.).

Mary Brophy, for compensation for loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Railroads.

Petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:-

For a location for double curves at the junction of Columbus Ave. with Dartmouth St.

For locations for curve tracks on Washington, Warren and Dudley Sts. and the right to use the overhead electric system on the same.

Public Improvements.

Charles M. Baker, et al., executors of estate of Reuben E. Demmon, that the Board estimate the damages occasioned by the taking of land of said Demmon by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Charles P. Curtis, for leave to construct an area at 81-83 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Boston Elevated Railway Company, for leave to construct areas in sidewalks; three on Main St., and one on Alford St., in front of estate on corner of said streets, Wd. 4.

Walworth Light & Power Co., for leave to lay an iron pipe under and along sidewalk, 315-363 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. B. Thomas, for leave to construct an area on Massachusetts Ave., corner Beacon St.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-  
Giovanni Bellizia, 210-212 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Shapleigh Coffee Co., at 36 Broad St., Wd. 6.

Henry G. Allbright, 570-572 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

James W. Woodward, 41-43-45 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Wd. 17.

William B. Blakemore, 357-367 Heath St., Wd. 19.  
 D. H. Sullivan, 51 Calumet St., Wd. 19.  
 Lucy F. Copley, 302-308 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.  
 Wilfred Eolster, 137 Ruthven St., Wd. 21.  
 Wm. Spoth, 188-194 Highland St., Wd. 22.  
 A. S. Bigelow, cor. Commonwealth Ave. and Fairfield St., Wd. 11.  
 James S. Conant, 3-5 Atherstone St., Wd. 24.

## ACCEPTANCE OF ORDER.

A communication was received from the West End Street Ry. Co. accepting the order for underground conduits from Central Power Station on Harrison Ave. to Rollins and Washington Sts., near Waltham St.

Placed on file.

## LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A report was received from the Board of Health on the petition of Mary R. Charpiot (referred Sept. 12), for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 2 Binney St., Wd. 19—Approving of the same.

Approved by the Board.

## LICENSESES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted a report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 newsboys, 3 bootblacks and 1 vender.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

## PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—Recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Hyman J. Weinberg, transparency, 120 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Hyman Goldstein, sign, 47 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

Jacob Tarplin, political transparency, 87 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

O. F. Couturc, sign, 16 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

## WORK ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inquire of the Boston Transit Commission if work on the East Boston Tunnel is proceeding as vigorously as possible, and transmit their reply to this Board.

Passed.

## REMOVAL OF TREE, WD. 20.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree at the corner of Washington and Harvard Sts., Wd. 20.

Passed.

## CONVENIENCE STATION AT ROXBURY CROSSING.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to give a hearing to the residents of Roxbury in regard to the location of the public convenience station at Roxbury Crossing, and that he be further requested by this Board to instruct the Bath Trustees to suspend work on the construction of said station until such hearing is given.

Passed.

## REPAIRING OF PARK ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be hereby requested to repair Park St., Wd. 20, from Dorchester Ave. to Geneva Ave., also pave the gutters and build a sidewalk on the northerly side of said street.

Passed.

## RECESS.

On motion of Ald. DOYLE, the Board voted to take a recess at 4:47 P.M.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:45 P.M.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. Berwin, for Ald. O'Toole, submitted the following from the Committee on Public Improvements:—

(1) Report on the petition of Charles M. Baker and others (referred today), executors of estate of Reuben E. Demmon, that the Board estimate the damages occasioned by the taking of land by the Boston Elevated Railway Company—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That the petitioner be directed to give notice to the Boston Elevated Railway Company and all parties interested in said estate as mortgagees or lessees, by serving on each of them an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, fourteen days at least before the time of said hearing, that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of October, at 3 o'clock P.M., give a hearing to all parties properly before this Board on the matter of granting said petition.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Waltham Light & Power Company (referred today) for leave to lay an iron pipe to convey steam for heating purposes under and along the sidewalk from 345 to 363 Washington St., Wd. 7—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, September 25, at 11 o'clock A.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(3) Report on the petition of W. B. Thomas (referred today) for leave to construct an area on Massachusetts Ave., in front of estate corner of said avenue and Beacon St., recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to W. B. Thomas to construct, maintain and use an area 2 ft. 6 by 2ft. 6, with sidewalk covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Massachusetts Ave. at the corner of Beacon St., Wd. 11; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Reports recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to James Dolan to close the roadway on Woodawn St., from Hyde Park Ave. to Forest Hills Cemetery, Wd. 23, to all public travel, during the time necessary for the construction of said street.

Report accepted; order passed.

## THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Monday, September 25, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Passed.

## STATE TROOPS—PASSAGE THROUGH SCHOOL ST.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Adjutant General be requested to arrange for the passage of the state troops through School St. on October 9th, on the occasion of their mobilization.

Passed.

## ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports on the peti-

tions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., referred today—(1) for leave to erect and to remove poles on Western Ave. and Farrington St., Wd. 25; on H St., Wd. 15; Warren St., Wd. 21, and Bennington St., Wd. 1; (2) for leave to erect poles on Beech St., Wd. 23, and (3) for leave to erect poles in Glenway St., Wd. 20—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon Monday, September 25, at 11 o'clock A.M., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayers of the petitions, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

**RAILROADS.**

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Ry. Co. (recommitted Sept. 5)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Ry. Co. to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Cambridge St., Brighton, from and connecting with existing tracks of said company on Brighton Ave., to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Cambridge St., at a point near Winship St., with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Aug. 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Ry. Co. shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Ry. Co. (recommitted Sept. 12) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use an additional track on Cambridge St., Brighton, from the dividing line between the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston, to a point on said Cambridge St. about 425 feet westerly; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 18, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and

agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted Sept. 12) for leave to lay double curves at the junction of Columbia Rd. and Stoughton St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Co. to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curves at the junction of Columbia Road and Stoughton St., said tracks being shown by red dots on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 18, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, October 9th, at 3 o'clock P.M., in regard to the following petitions (severally referred today):—

West End Street Railway Co., for a location for double curves at the junction of Columbus Ave. and Dartmouth St.

Same company, for locations for curve tracks on Washington, Warren and Dudley Sts., and the right to use the overhead electric system on the same.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

**GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.**

Ald. BERWIN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

**KINDERGARTEN, SAVIN HILL.**

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to establish a kindergarten school at Savin Hill.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that is a very reasonable request, in accordance with the wish expressed by gentlemen living at Savin Hill, that the School Committee visit Savin Hill and look around and see the necessity for the establishment of a kindergarten in that neighborhood. At present I am told that children are obliged to go to Meeting House Hill, which is certainly a mile away from Savin Hill. I think if the School Committee will look into the matter carefully they will come to the conclusion that a kindergarten ought to be established at Savin Hill.

The order was passed.

Adjourned, at 5:52 P.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Monday, September 25, at 11 o'clock A.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, September 21, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, August 3, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting them to adopt a regulation providing that the re-opening of the schools after the summer vacation shall be on "the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September in each year." Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston.  
In School Committee.

July 31, 1899.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommended—July 31—their reports presented at the meetings of May 9 and June 13, with regard to communications from the City and Common Council requesting the School Committee to extend the length of the summer vacation for the public schools, report that in view of the action of the Board at its meeting of June 29, they recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that a Regulation has been adopted providing that the public schools shall reopen after the summer vacation on the second Wednesday of September in each year. For the Committee,

G. W. Anderson,  
Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:—

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

## TREATMENT OF POOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, August 3, 1899.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Overseers of the Poor in reply to your order requesting information on certain points in regard to the administration of that department.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Office of the Overseers of the Poor,  
Boston, July 5, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor:

Sir: Agreeably to request contained in yours of June 20, 1899, referring for report the following order passed in Common Council June 15, 1899, namely:—

"Ordered, that the Board of Overseers of the Poor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give to the Common Council a statement with regard to the general working of the department, touching particularly on the following points: The kind and quality of food furnished to the poor, whether the same is supplied by contract and by whom; why the Bertillon measurement system is applied at the Wayfarer's Lodge; how much labor is required of applicants at said lodge and the money value of such labor; and why the names of the parents of such applicants are given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees."

The Board of Overseers of the Poor beg leave to report as follows:—

That for a full report in regard to the general working of the department, you

are respectfully referred to the report for the year ending January 31, 1899, recently made to Your Honor and now in print.

As to the kind of food furnished to the poor, we furnish flour, beans, pork, potatoes, salt fish, Indian meal, oatmeal, sugar, soap, tea, rice, peas, cocoa and condensed milk. As to the quality of food so furnished it is always good and generally the very best that can be obtained in the market.

The food is purchased by the committee on supplies and is bought from time to time as occasion requires, sometimes on contract. It is supplied by

McPherson Brothers,  
J. R. Lomasney & Co.,  
William J. Emerson & Co.,  
George H. Cheever,  
The Reverse Sugar Refinery Co.,  
Rand and Byam,  
John A. Andrew & Co.,  
Charles R. Moody & Co.,  
John P. Squires & Co., and others.

The committee endeavors to keep posted as to the daily prices of the articles purchased, and to buy the same at the lowest market price.

The Bertillon Measurement System is not applied at the Wayfarers' Lodge.

About two hours' work is ordinarily required of applicants at said lodge. As to the money value of such labor, it is difficult to state exactly what it is, as the labor required is imposed as a work test, rather than with the idea of exacting any equivalent for the food and lodging furnished.

The names of the parents of applicants at said lodge are not given to the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the records at the lodge being kept for the use of the committee and the Board as private records.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor.

William P. Fowler, Chairman.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, in view of the fact that I am not prepared to reply this evening to the statement of the Overseers of the Poor, and have waited almost two months for the report, I move that it be assigned to the next meeting, that I may reply to it properly.

The communication was ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

## PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Claims—Stephen Connelly, for compensation for injuries received while at work in a sewer trench in Mattapan.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Communication from Executive Committee, League of American Municipalities, inviting this city to send delegates to its third annual convention to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., October 19 to 22, 1899.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Consent of School Committee to use Shurtleff Schoolhouse for children's entertainments on Fourth of July.

Placed on file.

3. Consent of School Committee to use of Emerson Schoolhouse, as ward-room for Wd. 1.

Placed on file.

4. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner urging the importance of early action to provide a location for Engine Company No. 22.

Placed on file.

5. Mayor's message transmitting a copy of an opinion given by the Corporation Counsel to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment relative to the order for the purchase of a site for Engine Company No. 22, and also transmitting the draft of an order for the approval and purchase of the site.

The following substitute for the latter

order comes down, passed for concurrence, the same being recommended by the Committee on Public Improvements, Aldermen, viz.:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be and hereby are requested to take the land situated on Warren Ave. for the location of Engine Company 22; the appropriation for the same having been provided in accordance with Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1898.

The communication was placed on file, and Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved that the order be assigned to half past eight o'clock.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I wish to amend by moving that it be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. Watson asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion, and the motion was withdrawn.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I most respectfully move that this order be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I have a bad eye this evening, and I could not quite understand the order on the calendar, but I think I understand it now. It is a matter of providing an engine house and quarters for the firemen of engine 22. Some weeks ago I was very much opposed to this location, for many reasons. Things have been fixed up to date. The men of engine 22 are being kicked about Boston like a football. They are homeless, and, while the site does not suit me, I appeal to every member of this body, in the interest of the firemen, not to assign this order but to pass it tonight, that they may soon have a place to stay permanently. I know of many sites that would be far better for them, but I am satisfied that if I or any other member of this council holds out for those sites, the firemen will never have any quarters. I sincerely trust, in the interest of the firemen of engine 22, that this order will be passed this evening and not assigned.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, in regard to the comfort of the firemen of engine 22, I wish to say that I would at all times be as careful of their comfort as anybody else. But it seems to me if the firemen have stood the discomfort of being kicked about, as my friend from wd. 18 says, for the past two or three months, they might stand it for a week longer, to give us an opportunity to vote intelligently on the matter. As a matter of fact, very few of us tonight know whether it is advisable to take the land, how much is to be paid for it, who owns it, or anything about it. Some of the members here are acquainted with the particulars and ought to be courteous enough to allow those who are not an opportunity to look into the matter. As a matter of fact, I think nothing will be lost by assigning the matter for a week, and I think the majority of the members can vote more intelligently next Thursday evening than tonight. I sincerely hope the matter will be assigned.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will allow the Chair, the Chair feels called upon, in view of the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Lydon) to make a statement, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and as your representative upon that Board: This is a matter that came before the Board some months ago. At that time there were eight or nine sites considered by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. As your representative, I favored the site at the corner of Buckingham St. and Dartmouth St. until the Fire Commissioners assured us that, on account of the erection of the new station on Dartmouth and Buckingham Sts., it would be impossible and entirely to the disadvantage of the city to locate an engine house at that place. The Board of Es-

timate and Apportionment then looked about, and the site before you for consideration was submitted by Mr. Minot and received the unanimous approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, being then submitted to the City Council. As your representative upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I feel that you are entitled to that information, and if the gentleman from Wd. 13 is desirous of knowing anything further, so far as I am able to do so I will be glad to furnish the information.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, as one of the Councilmen from Wd. 11, which, together with Wd. 10, has not been properly protected by the Fire Department for many months, since the removal of the engine house from Dartmouth St., I would prefer that this matter be not assigned tonight. On general principles, I believe in assignment in order to allow any one to get information, but I believe that this has been before the public so long and that it is a question of so great importance, the question of so large an amount of real estate in the city of Boston being involved, that I am of the opinion that this is something that should be passed upon tonight, for I think it is something that is well understood. This is not an ideal location, in my opinion, but I think it is by far the best that it is possible for us to agree upon, and I know that the Fire Commissioner is very anxious that some location should be selected at once, so that the engine company can be located in some place. I feel that if we defer this tonight, if in the meantime any great fire should occur and property be destroyed, we would be blamed very seriously. For that reason I hope that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I trust that No. 5 on the calendar will not be assigned. I do not arise to criticize any man or men for the long delay of over a year in providing a suitable location for engine company 22. Hardly a day passes but someone in my ward comes to me and asks why it is that this location is not settled. I know nothing particularly of the merits or demerits of this location. I have not been over the ground, and am not familiar with the different sites that have been offered, but I know this: this engine is supposed to cover the ward which I have the honor to represent in part, and should any fire occur of any serious magnitude, thousands of dollars of property would be destroyed, and possibly many lives lost, because a new site was not provided for this engine house. I think this is a matter of vital importance, gentlemen, and I trust that it will not be assigned for another week. There is no man in this City Council, perhaps, who is any more in favor of assignment in general than I am. It is true that this has not been on the calendar before, but it has been in the papers, and we all of us have known what was going on in regard to it. I trust that for the sake of the protection of property in Wds. 10, 11 and 12, some action will be taken tonight and that this site, which seems to be the best available, will be taken.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, as this is a matter of vital importance to the people of that district, I sincerely hope that it will not be assigned. I myself have realized at times how I have been handicapped time and time again in trying to secure things for the people I represent, and it is therefore perhaps only natural that I should sympathize with the councilmen who comes from that district. I believe that the city council should go on record as being in favor of the people, as being in favor of progressiveness and not of sectionism. I believe this is a matter which should be called to the attention of every member of this Council—the location of an engine house for the

protection of property, for the protection of life. It is a matter which should always receive strict consideration. I sincerely hope that the order will be passed.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. Lydon doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, but the yeas and nays were not ordered.

The order was declared passed in concurrence with the Board of Alderman. Mr. Lydon doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays. By direction of the President, a rising vote was taken, and the yeas and nays were ordered (more than one-fifth having voted therefor), nine members voting in the affirmative, twenty-nine in the negative.

The order was passed in concurrence—yeas 52, nays 4.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Brennan, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Donahce, Donovan, Eddy, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Kleim, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Miller, Newhall, Peek, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson, Wells, Wood

Nays—Connolly, Doyle, Logan, Lydon—4.  
Absent or not voting—Bennett, Fordman, Bradley, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Curcy, Doherty, Emery, Nangle, Madden, Mildnam, Moore, Muleahy, O'Brien, Rice, Stockton, Walker, Winsloe—13.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 moved to reconsider; lost.

6. Mayor's message recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized, on behalf of the city, to convey to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company the land owned by the city under Broadway bridge, with a parcel adjacent thereto, subject to a proper easement providing for the support of the bridge structure, in exchange for a parcel of land to be conveyed by said company to the city, adjacent to the engine-house lot now owned by the city, at the corner of said bridge and Dorchester Ave.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 moved that the reading of No. 6 be dispensed with, and that the whole matter be assigned for a week.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, ordinarily I am in favor of assignment, especially when the motion comes from one whom I have been with every time the past year; but I have pledged my word to a fellow-member of the Council that I shall vote for this matter tonight, and, as I have done so, it is my intention to have it voted upon, if possible. Therefore, I am opposed to assignment. The matter involved is comparatively a trifle, and I think every member of the Council is acquainted with it. It is a matter of swapping land. It is not a case of the Union station. It is altogether different from the Union station. In that case, we gave to the New York & New Haven Railroad the Union station and got nothing back. This is a case where we get back for the city property in return for that which we give them. We get back almost twice the amount of property that we give to the railroad company—and that can be used. The property that they ask for is below the Broadway Bridge; consequently it is of absolutely no use to the city of Boston—none whatsoever—and of some use to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

On the other hand, the property which the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is to give in return is of no use to it, but is of great use to the city of Boston. It is situated at the corner of Broadway and Dorchester Ave., adjoining engine 15's house. It is property that can be built upon advantageously. They can

build an extension to the engine house upon it, and can have two exits. They can add another apparatus, such as a ladder company, which is sadly needed in the locality. This thing is very plain to all those who have looked into it. It is a matter where we give them one foot of land and get back two feet. It is mighty seldom that I agree with His Honor the Mayor, and it is very seldom that he is right, but when he is right, I intend to vote with him. He has made many errors in his day—many—from a political standpoint, and has got left on them. This is the crowning effort of the day. At last, he is right. Now, I sincerely trust that assignment will not prevail, but that this matter will be voted upon tonight, and that it will be passed unanimously. It is something which is for the good of the city of Boston, and I believe that Mr. Lydon is acquainted with it somewhat. I should like to have him give some reason for assignment. I certainly am opposed to it.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I am very much surprised to know that my friend from Roxbury is so familiar with this matter. As for myself, although coming from Wd. 13, wherein this particular land is located, I want to say that I do not know anything about it. I am surprised that someone in the district has acquainted him with the particulars so carefully, and that they have not acquainted me with them at all. I want to say that I do not know what land is covered by this order. The order simply states "the land under Broadway Bridge." I do not know what land the city owns under Broadway Bridge or how much it is intended to give to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

I do not know how much land is to be given to the city of Boston by it in return. Now, as a matter of fact, the last order which I asked to have assigned was not assigned, and perhaps there have been votes enough secured against the assignment of this order; but I want to say that I have nothing in view this evening, except simply to get explanations on these matters. I knew nothing in regard to No. 5, and I thought that, as a matter of courtesy the members would assign it to the next meeting. I knew nothing about No. 6, and I find that a gentleman in Roxbury knows the entire particulars. That seems to me strange in view of the fact that I, coming from Wd. 13, knew absolutely nothing about it. I am going to ask the members of the Council to be a little more fair in this particular matter, as I will be held responsible for this as much as anybody else, if the transaction takes place. I am going to ask them to assign it to the next meeting, and I will guarantee that if I find it to be fair to the people of my ward and to the people of the city of Boston generally, the order will be passed at the next meeting.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I do not think it is anything more than the courtesy that is due to the gentleman from Wd. 13, when a matter comes up concerning his ward, to assign it to the next meeting. I should do the same thing in the case of the gentleman in the first division, if a matter came up especially concerning his section of the city. However, the order itself is very blind. The gentleman in the first division has admitted that there have been very many errors made this year. There may be an error in this. I should like to know why we are swapping one foot of land for ten feet, or why we are getting ten feet of land for one, before we make the trade. Out of courtesy to the gentleman representing the district, I believe that this matter should be assigned for one week.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I, coming from Wd. 13, know a little about this land. I also know how many feet of land the city is giving, and how many feet of land they are getting in return; and I also know the valuation of the land they

receive and the valuation of the land they give. The land that the city of Boston proposes to give to the Railroad Company is situated on Foundry St. Foundry St., on both sides, is owned by the railroad corporation. They are now contemplating laying tracks upon Foundry St. for freight cars. There are 7000 and some odd feet of land there belonging to the city of Boston, and half of it is under the bridge—wedge shaped. The land the railroad company proposes to give to the city contains 6000 and some odd feet, and is situated at the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Broadway Extension, and faces on Dorchester Ave., with an entrance from Broadway Extension, and an entrance on Dorchester Ave., making the engine house site one block on the corner. The land which they propose to swap to the city is worth twice as much money as the land which the city owns under the bridge, and, in my opinion, the city is getting the best end of the deal. I sincerely hope that the matter will not be assigned.

Mr. ATWOOD of Wd. 16.—Mr. President, I merely wish to say that I trust this matter will not be assigned. I have talked with parties in reference to this, and find the matter stated to me by them just as it has been stated by the two gentlemen who have spoken previously—the one from Wd. 18, and the Councilman from Wd. 13. As the Councilman from Wd. 13 says, this land that the railroad wishes to give to the city is worth, as I am told, three times as much as that which the city is going to turn over to the railroad. For that reason it seems to me that the city is getting the better end of the deal, for once, at least. I don't know just how many feet of land there are in the two parcels to be exchanged, but I know that the parties who have told me the facts about this case are people who should know about this matter, and their standing is such that I feel justified in voting for it here this evening and in believing that the city is getting the better end of this deal. Therefore I trust that assignment will not prevail this evening.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, I was very glad to hear the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 13, in which he gave us the information that the citizens of Boston would get the better end of this deal. It was at variance, however, with the remarks made by the other member from Wd. 13. Judging from that gentleman's remarks, I would have been inclined to vote for an assignment, for I believe that it is a courtesy which is due to any man when a proposition is brought up in regard to his ward concerning which he has had no information. Since I have heard from the other member, however, I feel that it is hardly necessary to have this matter assigned. If the city of Boston is going to get the better end of the deal, for once at least, as it has been previously stated, you had better take advantage of the opportunity. For that reason, I trust that assignment will not prevail.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that this matter will not be assigned. I knew something about this matter, although I was not familiar with the entire details in regard to the value of the land. I understood that the city was getting the better end of the bargain, and I was very glad to hear the particulars stated so exactly by the member from South Boston. One reason why I think this matter should not be assigned, although I am usually in favor of assigning matters, out of courtesy to members of the Council, is that I understand that by the exchange of this land the railroad people will be given an opportunity to straighten their passenger tracks under Broadway Bridge. Now, I have occasion to use that road every day, and I know that the present condition of the railroad tracks is the reason a good many times why we are late. I think that if the city

is getting the better end of the bargain, the matter should not be assigned, but that the railroad people should be given an opportunity to straighten their tracks.

Mr. LYDON.—Mr. President, I want to say in regard to this order that while my colleague has seemed to give us all the possible information, and while I do not doubt but what to the best of his knowledge he is telling what is absolutely true, yet I think it hardly warrants the members of the Council in voting for this order, simply because he states that the city of Boston is getting the better end of the deal. As a matter of fact, I want to state to the members of the Council that tonight there is considerable lobbying going on in regard to this order and that, as a matter of fact, it is a matter for which the members from Wd. 13, and not the other members of the Council, will be held responsible. I hope that the members will consider that fact before they vote against assignment. Now, here is a matter on which there is not one dollar to be lost by assignment for one week, and yet we find members who are very anxious indeed to have it go on its passage tonight. I would like to ask any one of those men where one dollar is to be lost by having this matter assigned for one week? If they can answer that question fully and justly, I will be satisfied. I know that every member here would like to understand a matter thoroughly, so that they would know how they should vote, before they vote upon it. They would like to vote intelligently, and not vote for a thing simply because some member gets up here and says that the city of Boston is going to get the best of it. It is our place and our duty to find out what we are doing before we vote for any such order as this. Why, look at the order. It reads:—

"Ordered—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized, on behalf of the city, to convey to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company owned by the city under Broadway Bridge'—"

Now, there is not a man in this Council tonight who can tell me whether the city of Boston owns one foot of land there or one million feet under Broadway Bridge, and yet members of the council are asking us to vote in favor of this order. They cannot tell me absolutely and truthfully whether the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is going to turn over to the city, in exchange for the land given it, forty feet of land, or four thousand feet of land. I want to ask the members of the Council to be fair with me, as I have been fair in the past with any member who has asked for assignment. Let the matter be assigned to the next meeting, and if it is just and fair to both parties, I will guarantee that there is not a member of the Council who will vote for this matter quicker than I will at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I hope that this matter will be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. As I understand it, the land that the Railroad company wants is a part of Foundry St., a public street, and if I remember right the engine house at the corner of Broadway and Dorchester Ave. faces on both Broadway and Dorchester Ave. Now, if the Railroad Company is going to give land on the corner of these public streets, where is this engine house? The engine house cannot be on the corner facing these streets, if the land the railroad company owns is on the corner facing the streets. If the railroad company's land is behind the engine house, it is rear land, and is not worth as much as the land the city of Boston is going to give. I am in favor of assigning this order to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. MCINERNEY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Mr. Connolly) strike me very forcibly. On many occasions during the summer I have gone to South Boston, and

I have taken notice I think, of the particular parcels of land that he has reference to. That land, I think, is situated on the eastern side of the engine house, and it overlooks the railroad tracks. Now, I have heard the gentleman from Wd. 13 say that the land is on the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Broadway, and, as Mr. Connolly says, I cannot see how that land can face on those two streets if the engine house faces there at the same time. The land, if I remember rightly, faces on the railroad track. Now, then, if we are to give the railroad company a parcel of land on Foundry St., on a public street, and take from the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company a piece of land on the eastern side of the engine house, which is of no value to the city of Boston, who is getting the best of the deal? On the other hand, we might ask how many feet of land under the bridge is to be given away, and how many feet the city of Boston gets? I think this is a matter that every member of the Council should consider very seriously and I hope it will be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Council, although I was against assignment of No. 5 on the calendar, as it concerned a section where I considered that property was in danger, I think this is an entirely different question. While some of the men representing Wd. 13 are in favor of passing this order tonight, there is one member here who is not satisfied with it, and I hope assignment will prevail, so that he may inform himself in regard to the matter. Besides what he says, I would like to refer to the way the order reads. It says:—"The land owned by the city under Broadway Bridge, with a parcel adjacent thereto." That is a clause which is a little indefinite—"a parcel adjacent thereto." I think it would be well for the members of the Council to inform themselves as to what that means. It is very indefinite, and I trust that the body will assign the order to the next meeting.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I would like to explain, if possible, the condition of the street—a public street—on which the city's land is located.

I put an order into the Council last summer asking the Street Commissioners the number of feet of streets and a list of the streets that had been given to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and what compensation they gave in return. In their explanation they state that, as the Railroad owns both sides of the road, they also own the roadway, because when they bought property on both sides of the road, the road being given up for public travel, the property reverted back to the original owners, the abutters. And this road is not a public thoroughfare. The Railroad owns the roadway, they own both sides of it, and the only piece of land there owned by a private individual or corporation is that small piece of land owned by the city. Now, I desire to explain to the members of the Council how this land can face on both streets.

I will illustrate with this piece of paper. Here is the corner of the two streets, Dorchester Ave. there and Broadway extension there. The engine house is located right on the corner. The land the railroad will give in return faces on Dorchester Ave. through there, and faces on Broadway there, making that a solid block on the corner, and the city will own the solid block of land right on the corner—a valuable piece of real estate. The city will get that in return for a piece of land that is practically useless. Now, I came in here the first part of the year clamoring for better roadways, for better bridges for South Boston. We have been denied Cove St. extension and today Broadway extension is practically useless, because it is not fit to pass over. The railroad wants this piece of land because it intends to

raise the bridge 8 feet, and we will have a new bridge there. The longer we delay the matter the longer we will delay a good thoroughfare for the people of South Boston. I sincerely hope that the order will not be assigned, as it has been dragging along already for over eighteen months.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Mr. Lydon doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the motion was lost, 23 members voting in the affirmative and 29 in the negative. Mr. Lydon further doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 22, nays 36.

Yeas—Bradley, Chamberlain, Connolly, Doyle, Gibbons, Jordan, Kelley, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Miller, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Stevens, Sullivan, Sweeney, Wood—22.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Batis, Brauer, Brennan, Collins, Cuddy, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Kasanof, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Leonard, Luehan, Martin, Mildram, Newhall, Simpson, Stone, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson, Wells—36.

Absent or not voting—Bennett, Bordman, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Curley, Doherty, Flynn, Madden, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, O'Brien, Rice, Stockton, Walker, Winsloe—17.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 asked that the yeas and nays be had on the passage of the order, but the yeas and nays were not ordered. The order was passed. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

The message accompanying the order was placed on file.

7. Mayor's message, transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on September 1, 1899, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. MANSFIELD of Wd. 10—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Institutions, I wish to say a word in regard to No. 7 on the calendar. The Institutions Committee visited Rainsford Island today and had ample opportunity to see just what damage was done to that building by fire. Now, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment have appropriated \$2500 for roofing in and preserving. I would like to know what they are going to roof in and preserve. There are barely the four walls there, and they have already started in on the roofing. I understand that that will cost about \$1800. That leaves them about \$700 for fixing up the interior, and I fail to see how they can fix up the interior of the building with an expenditure of but \$700. I cannot conscientiously vote to pass this order tonight unless the facts and figures, showing just what they propose to do, are presented. I think this is another illustration of what happened in connection with Faneuil Hall. If we give them this appropriation of \$2500 tonight, in a few weeks an order will come in for an appropriation of \$4000 or \$5000 more to finish up the building. Therefore, I hope this order will be assigned until we have time to look into it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair feels called upon, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, to state to this Council, as its representative, the position of this appropriation. The Trustees for Children's Institutions have asked for a far greater sum than the amount embodied in this order. They have asked for something like \$20,000 or \$25,000; but, owing to

the limited amount of money in the borrowing capacity of the City today, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment believe, especially in view of the fact that it is expected or hoped in the near future to transfer the institutions in the harbor to the mainland, if possible, that an extensive outlay of money on the island would probably be a waste of the city's money. It was, therefore, suggested to the Board that it make a temporary reconstruction of the roof, in order to preserve for a time the present property located on Rainsford Island. For that purpose, this very limited appropriation of \$2500 has been made. It is a very much smaller sum than the amount asked for by the Board, originally.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, after listening to the explanation of our president, I wish to say that I visited that place today for my own information. The \$2500 appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is something in regard to which I have nothing to say. In the first place, I want to be plainly understood upon this matter—that I am not opposed to appropriating any money for the use of the institutions which I believe is necessary, and I believe we should appropriate money for them; but I am against wasting the money. That is my position. We might as well throw the money into the Atlantic Ocean as to appropriate it for roofing there. What is there to roof in? Why, there is nothing to roof in. There are just walls and windows, and the walls are shaky at the present time. It would be better for the Board of Trustees to ask for a sum of money to build an outside cottage for the children, some outside building which would accommodate them. There is nothing left there but barracks and old skeletons of walls. We are spending \$2500 simply for a temporary roof—but they are putting on a slate roof, and I should think that was permanent. There is no doubt another appropriation will be asked for before a great while by that department, through this body. Of course, it is just and right to spend money there, but not foolishly.

Of course, it makes no difference whether we vote for this order or not; it will become a law in 30 days, anyway. The money will have to be paid out, as the labor is almost completed at the present time. Yet I want to go on record as against any expenditure of money in that manner—covering up something that is not worth covering up, and keeping certain men at work when it is not necessary, in the interest of the city, that they should be.

Mr. MANSFIELD—Mr. President, another word on the matter. In the spring, when we visited the Island before, I called attention to the condition of the rooms in the dormitories in the building that was burned. The rooms were damp and musty. I spoke to the acting superintendent today about it, and told him that they were damp and musty, but he said it was caused by the sea air. There is, however, a difference between dampness and an old musty smell. There will be \$700 left to fit up the interior—and it certainly cannot be done for that sum. That building is thoroughly soaked from top to bottom, and yet it is proposed to put the boys into it while it is in that condition, contrary to all the rules of health.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

8. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on September 1, 1899, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of ten thousand (10,000) dollars for "Hospital Department, ambulance station and equipment, South Boston," be and hereby is rescinded; and that the said sum be appropriated, to be

expended by the Public Buildings Department, for an ambulance station and equipment, at South Boston.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I don't wish to speak on every question that comes up here, but I wish to ask for information in regard to this. I don't understand why we should transfer from the Hospital Department to the Building Department the sum of \$10,000. I would like to know whether that is to be spent by the Building Department regardless of competition?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the appropriation of \$10,000 was made for an ambulance station by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in the first loan bill of this year—made in consequence of the pressing requests made by physicians, as well as by representatives of South Boston, for action of this kind. It was intended to have the station located on property that the Carney Hospital was willing to give or lease to the city. The City Hospital trustees did not favor the project, and owing to some inadvertence or error on the part of the Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the money was placed in the hospital fund. The intention in rescinding the order tonight is to take the money out of the Hospital Department and put it in the Public Buildings Department, so that the work may go ahead and the emergency station be erected.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, I have no doubt of the necessity of this being built where it is intended, but still I don't understand why \$10,000 of the city's money should be expended by any department without fair competition, without an opportunity for the public to give estimates upon the work. This is the question that I would like to be enlightened upon. Before I can vote for this order I would like to know whether the work is to be left open to competition?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that neither the Board of Estimate and Apportionment nor the City Council has control over the method of making contracts for public buildings.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I do not want the members to think that I wish to assign all orders, but here is an order which says that this sum shall be used by the Public Buildings Department for an ambulance station and equipment at South Boston.

Now, I think such a station in South Boston would be all right, and probably it will be very wise to have it; but I fail to see why something which should come under the Hospital Department should be put under the charge of the Public Buildings Department. For that reason I shall have to ask assignment of this order, and I think when the Hospital Trustees realize the true condition of affairs they will be perfectly willing to accept the trusteeship of that \$10,000 and see that it is properly expended for South Boston, for the purpose for which it is intended. I do not think, however, that the Public Buildings Department is managed today in such a way that it would be wise for us to pass that order and give them the use of that money. For that reason I sincerely trust that this order will be assigned or defeated.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, coming from the ward where this money is going to be spent, I wish to say just a word. At the first of the year, when this loan bill was made up and this sum of money was appropriated for the Carney Hospital, for an ambulance station, when the time came the Hospital Committee and the Trustees of the City Hospital refused to have anything to do with the

money. Very well. Since that time we have had several accidents over there. Lives have been lost which might have been saved if we had our ambulance station. Now, all we want is to have the money to spend. I don't care who spends the money or how it is spent, provided we have our ambulance station over there. If this thing is assigned it will simply put it off for another week. The weather is getting cold and in a short time we will have frost in the ground, and any further assignment will only delay the good work which may be completed before the snow falls. I trust that this order will not be assigned, but will be passed, and that the matter will be settled tonight.

The motion to assign was lost. The order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

9. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of D. Whiting & Sons, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said D. Whiting & Sons to build a wooden building in rear of 472 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used for stable purposes.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Collas, Whitman & Co., recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Collas, Whitman & Co., to build a wooden addition to building 329 Marginal St., Wd. 2, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used for storage purposes.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct officers and boards in charge of departments to allow employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, leave of absence, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services, during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Philadelphia, in September.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the City Treasurer, through His Honor the Mayor, be and hereby is requested to provide for earlier and more expeditious payments on Saturdays of the employes of the various departments of the city now paid on weekly payrolls at City Hall.

Passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide in the next loan order a sum sufficient to asphalt Grove St., from Meridian St. to Chelsea St., and Paris St., from Meridian St. to the gymnasium.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Thatcher Road, Wd. 20, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1892.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17 moved to amend by striking out "1892" and inserting "1891" in place thereof.

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended was passed. Sent up.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient for the purpose of extending the hospitalities of the City of Boston to Admiral Dewey.

Passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell so much of Tenean Brook as lies between Adams St. and the line of Clayton St., extended; the said portion of the brook being disused on account of the construction of a culvert for the drainage of the surrounding land.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CONNOLLY of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I move that that order be assigned

to the next meeting of the Council. I desire to look into it, and if no member of the Council can give information upon it, I trust that motion will prevail.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Mr. Giblin of Wd. 15 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was lost, 14 members voting in the affirmative, 27 in the negative.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage in concurrence.

Mr. CONNOLLY.—Mr. President, I desire to have some member of the Council give some information as to why this should go through tonight. I see no reason for rushing this matter through. I believe that some of the Dorchester members who know something about this should let the other members of the Council know the reason why they want this to go through tonight.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24.—Mr. President, this land lies between Adams St. and Clayton St., and is land for which the city of Boston has no further use. The course of Tenean Brook has been changed by the building of a new culvert, and part of the land formerly covered by the brook is not now used for any purpose, and it has got to be sold, and it cannot be sold except by order of the City Council. This is merely the customary order in such cases.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. Hibbard moved to reconsider; lost.

17. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor, in conjunction with the Joint Committee on Markets, be requested to consider the feasibility and advisability of the City of Boston acquiring by purchase or lease the land and buildings now occupied and soon to be vacated by the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, for the purpose of establishing thereon a public market similar to the Quincy Market; and that said committee shall report its findings and recommendations to this board on or before October 2, 1899. That any expense attending said hearings shall be charged to the City Council Contingent Fund.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be authorized to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, or bidders, such lands belonging to the Christopher Gibson School Fund, held in trust by said Board, as they deem proper, by advertising the same for sale in the Boston Herald, Globe, Journal, Advertiser, and Dorchester Beacon, twice each week for thirty days prior to any such sale, and that all moneys received for such lands be paid to the City Treasurer, to be held as a part of the Gibson School Fund, in accordance with the will of Christopher Gibson and Chapter 122 of the Resolves of the year 1846.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, to suspend the rule, and the order was passed in concurrence. Mr. Wood moved to reconsider; lost.

19. Ordered, That a committee, consisting of all the members of the Board, with such members of the Common Council as may be added, be appointed to make suitable preparations for extending the courtesies of the city to the officers and men of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, during their visit to this city.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Flynn of Wd. 17.

20. Ordered, That the triangular lot bounded by Crawford, Abbotford and Harold Sts., Wd. 21, be transferred from the charge of the Street Department and placed under the care and custody of the Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Later in the session the vote whereby

the order was referred was reconsidered, and the order was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Winsloe of Wd. 21.

21. An ordinance to amend Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained, etc.:

Section 43 of Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:—

"Section 43. Every such shop-keeper shall allow his shop and all articles therein to be at all times examined by the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the Board of Police, or by any person authorized by the Mayor, or Board of Aldermen, or Board of Police, to make such examination."

The question came on giving the ordinance a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Linehan, the ordinance was amended by striking out the words "Board of Aldermen" in the two places in which they occur, and by inserting in place thereof the words "City Council."

The ordinance was then referred to the Committee on Ordinances, under the rules.

#### REPORT CONCERNING PRINTING DEPT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 22, assignment, viz.:

22. Mayor's message transmitting report of committee appointed to examine accounts, finances and operations of Printing Department for financial year ending January 31, 1899. (City Document 41.) Sent up.

#### INVESTIGATION OF RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 23, assignment, viz.:

23. Report of Joint Special Committee on Investigation of Rainsford Island. (City Document 113.)

The report was accepted. Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider, hoping it would not prevail.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that No. 23 has not been called up yet.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will remind the gentleman that we are now considering 23. Mr. Linehan has just moved reconsideration, hoping that the same will not prevail—the report having been accepted.

The motion to reconsider was lost. Sent up.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JULY FOURTH ORATION.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 24, assignment, viz.:

24. Resolutions concerning Fourth of July Oration, presented by Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19. (City Document 122.)

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, I move you that No. 24 be further assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to ask the member from Wd. 19 for what purpose he wants assignment to the next meeting.

The motion to further assign the matter to the next meeting was carried.

#### LANTERNS ON BICYCLES.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit as soon as possible a report in reply to the order passed by the City Council in regard to the discontinuance of the regulation requiring lanterns to be used on bicycles in the parks.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### STREET WATERING.

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 offered an order—

That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report within two weeks relative to ordinance referred to them concerning street watering, and that said committee be requested to give a public hearing (evening session).

Passed.

#### PORTRAIT OF LATE HON. JOHN H. SULLIVAN.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to furnish a portrait of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan, the same to be hung in a suitable place in City Hall.

Passed.

#### COVE STREET BRIDGE.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That in view of the recent decision of the War Department against the location of the Cove-St. extension bridge as originally contemplated, the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be and he hereby is requested to forthwith prepare plans and specifications for the construction of said Cove-St. extension bridge in a suitable location between the railroad bridge and Broadway extension; this improvement being in demand by the citizens and taxpayers of South Boston and necessary for the welfare and development of the City of Boston.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor, FORMER LAMP EMPLOYEES.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13, for Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, offered an order—That the Civil Service Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council as to the status of the former employees of the Lamp Department on the civil service list, who are now employed by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXTRA PAY FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. LINEHAN, for Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, offered an order—That the Police Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to compensate police officers who may serve as such at any caucus meeting, convention or registration, in addition to their regular salary.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That when this body adjourns it be to Thursday, October 5, 1899.

Passed. Mr. Stevens moved to reconsider; lost.

#### ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE.

By direction of the President, the clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Batts, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblein, Harvey, Hibbard, Hickey, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, Mildram, Miller, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanders, Simpson, Stevens, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—55.

Absent—Armistead, Bennett, Bordman, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Curley, Donovan, Eddy, Kasanof, Madden, McInerney, Moore, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, O'Brien, Stockton, Stone, Watson—20.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF IDAHO STREET.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Council what is the cause of the delay in completing the construction of Idaho St., Wd. 24, the work on

same having been under way for at least a year past.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

TRIMMING OF TREE.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to trim a tree in front of house numbered 596 East Ninth St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCES.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered the following.—

City of Boston.

In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

An ordinance to amend section twelve of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Section twelve of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, as amended by chapter two of the Ordinances of 1899, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section the following words:—

“No such officer shall employ in his department any person who is already employed in any capacity in any other department”

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Mr. Cuddy moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

FOOTBALL, CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to grant to the Bunker Hill Athletic Association the privilege of practicing football on Charlestown Heights.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF CORINTH ST.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish this body with information as to the reason why Corinth St., Wd. 23, should not be widened and constructed at once.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

SALE OF CIGARS.

Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21 offered the following:—

Ordered, That all leases granted by City of Boston, where cigars are sold, contain the following proviso:—

That unless all cigars sold by lessee are in boxes marked with the blue label stamp issued by the Cigar Makers' International Union of America, that said leases be withdrawn by city.

Also, that all cigars purchased by the City of Boston for the entertainments, banquets and all public functions of any kind be in boxes marked by the stamp of the Cigarmakers' International Union of America.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EMPLOYEES

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Board of Election Commissioners are hereby directed to place upon the official ballot at the next municipal election the following:—

“Shall the provision of the Acts of 1899, Chap. 344, take effect in the City of Boston?”

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the order out as not being in proper form.

ACCEPTANCE OF FENTON STREET.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept Fenton St., Wd. 24, as a public street and construct the same under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

Passed. Sent up.

CARS ON TALBOT AVE.

Mr. HARVEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Co. be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run a line of cars through Talbot Ave, upon the completion of said laying of tracks.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FLYNN of Wd. 17 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to continue the Saturday half holiday to all city employees until the close of the present municipal year.

Passed. Sent up.

DISPLAY OF CITY FLAGS OCT. 12.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to order the flags displayed on city buildings and public grounds on October 12, 1899, the anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus.

Passed. Sent up.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Winslow of Wd. 21, at 9:30 P.M., to meet on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7:45 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Sept. 25, 1899.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 11 a. m., Chairman Barry presiding.

Absent—Ald. O'Toole.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor appointing, subject to approval of the Board, Thomas O'Connor a constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties in the Building Department of this city.

Laid over, under the law.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:—

The American Bell Telephone Co., for leave to excavate the masement of building 11-13 Oliver St. and 117-119 Milk St. to grade 10.40 feet.

Petitions for leave to droject signs, etc., viz.:

Gross & Strauss Co., two illuminated signs, at 14 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Joseph E. Livingston, a sign, at 379 Warren St., W. 21.

Michael Angelo, a drum sign, at 115 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

St. Michael's Society, flags and lanterns, from Hotel Italy to building opposite, in North Sq., on Oct. 7 and 8.

L. Wallace, a sign, at 115 Hanover St., Wd. 8.

Samuel Katz, three signs, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

T. Winfield McCabe, a sign, at 47 Warren St., Wd. 18.

A. Fellner, an illuminated sign, at 131 Federal St., Wd. 7.

A. Rotman, an illuminated sign, at 228 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Jos. P. Lomasney, a campaign transparency, cor. Lowell and Causeway Sts., W. 8.

Shepard & Wiseman, 2 signs, at 123 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Austro-Hungarian Consul, consular flag, at 80 State St., Wd. 6.

German Consul, consular flag, at 80 State St., Wd. 6.

## Claims.

Timothy Ahern, for compensation on account of the flooding of his premises by the overflow of a sewer on July 15, Aug. 22 and Sept. 20, 1899.

E. B. Stiles, for compensation for damage to buggy, robe and harness from a collision with a team of the sanitary division of the Street Department.

Laura J. Williams, for compensation for personal injuries received Aug. 14, 1899, from an alleged defect at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Dudley St.

Ann C. Crowley, for compensation for personal injuries received March 9, 1899, from an alleged defect at 185 I St., S. B.

Giacomo Morbiani, for compensation for personal injuries received from the negligence of a servant of the city.

## Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co., for the use of Faneuil Hall, Sept. 30 and Oct. 5, 1899.

Same company, for the use of said hall, June 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1900.

## Licenses.

M. Roughan, for a license for musical,

literary and dancing entertainments in Roughan Hall, City Sq., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Arthur E. Houseman, for a license for musical, dancing and literary entertainments, at Mystic Social Club Hall, 305 Medford St., Wd. 4, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

H. Rosenberg, for a license for dancing entertainments at Evans Hall, 16 Howard St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

## Public Improvements.

B. F. Keith, for leave to erect a temporary arch over Tremont St., from his theatre to Boston Common.

The American Bell Telephone Co., for leave to construct areas under sidewalk at 11-13 Oliver St. and 117-119 Milk St., Wd. 7.

Estate of John P. Nichols, for leave to construct four areas under sidewalk on Mt. Pleasant Ave. side of estate corner of Mt. Pleasant and Blue Hill Aves., Wd. 17.

Walworth Mfg. Co., for leave to construct an area on the Leather Sq. side of estate 130 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Alice H. Burrage, for leave to construct an area at 325-327 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Hairs of Samuel Guild, for leave to lay a 1½ inch pipe under and across sidewalk, at 18 Derne St., Wd. 8.

Eastern Cold Storage Co., for leave to lay iron pipes under and along Creek Square, Wd. 6.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Mrs. Annie Formanek, 151-153 Paris St., Wd. 2.

James W. Tufts, 817-819 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

W. J. Smith, 9-11 Peters St., Wd. 14.

James F. Kennedy, 18 Howell St., Wd. 16.

Richard J. Gookin, cor. Columbia road and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Michael Dolan, 53 Creighton St., Wd. 22.

Elroy W. Houghton, 10 Atherstone St., Wd. 24.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The following were received and referred to the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

Protests of David H. Greenwood and Minnie Jacobson against the Board of Aldermen taking action in assessing damages in the case of the taking by the Boston Elevated Railway Company of land of J. W. Bemis et al., at 7 Porter St., and 63 to 74 Pleasant St., etc.

## HEARINGS AT 11 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Walworth Light & Power Company for leave to lay an iron pipe to convey steam for heating purposes, under and along the sidewalk from No. 345 to No. 363 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The hearing not having been advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:

2. For leave to erect poles on Beech St., between Centre St. and Anawan Ave., Wd. 23.

3. For leave to erect poles in Glenway St., between Harvard St. and Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

4. For leave to erect and to remove poles in Western Ave. and Farrington St., Wd. 25, in H St., Wd. 15, in Warren St., Wd. 21, and in Bennington St., Wd. 1.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

## PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

8. Message of the Mayor transmitting report of committee appointed to examine the accounts, finances and operation of the Printing Department for the last financial year. (Doc. 41).

Placed on file.

9. Notice of the indefinite postponement by the Common Council, Sept. 21, of the order passed by this Board, Sept. 1, for the

appointment of a joint special committee to make preparations for extending the courtesies of the city to the officers and men of the 26th regiment, U. S. Volunteers.

Placed on file.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, Nos. 10, 11 and 12 were considered collectively, viz.:-

10. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to order the flags displayed on city buildings and public grounds on Oct. 12, 1899, the anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus.

11. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of departments to continue the Saturday half-holiday to all city employees until the close of the present municipal year.

12. Ordered, that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to furnish a portrait of the late Hon. John H. Sullivan, the same to be hung in a suitable place in the City Hall.

Severally passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept Fenton St., Wd. 24, as a public street, and construct the same under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report within two weeks relative to ordinance referred to them concerning street watering, and that said committee be requested to give a public hearing (evening session).

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Ald. Colby.

15. An Ordinance to amend Section twelve of Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc.:-

Section twelve of Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, as amended by Chapter 2 of the Ordinances of 1899, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section the following words:-

"No such officer shall employ in his department any person who is already employed in any capacity in any other department."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Ald. Colby.

16. Report of joint special committee on investigation of Rainsford Island (Doc. 113). (Aldermen Dixon and Brick dissent from said report, and reserve the right to submit a minority report.)

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, this is a peculiar report. There are ten members of that committee on investigation of Rainsford Island, five Councilmen and five members of the Board of Aldermen. There is no absolute majority report; we could not agree on a report that all of the members would sign. It was therefore decided that the five Councilmen should put in their report and that the Aldermen should reserve the right to put in as many reports as they wanted to. I wish to present a substitute for the report upon the calendar, an individual minority report.

Ald. DAY presented the following:-

"The Special Committee appointed by both branches of the City Council to investigate certain charges made against the Board of Trustees of Children's Institutions, with reference to their management of the House of Reformation at Rainsford Island, have finished their hearings, and as one member of that committee I respectfully submit the following report:-

"I have but little to add to the report submitted to this Board by the Committee on Inspection of Prisons on June 12. I believe that since the investigation began certain facts not before known to the Trustees have been brought to their attention, and as a result there has been an improvement in management and minor

defects have been remedied. I again emphatically disapprove the employment by the Trustees of non-residents secured through employment agencies.

I believe that some unnecessarily severe treatment of the boys under the charge of the Trustees has been shown, and this seems to have been recognized by them by the discharge of the Athletic Instructor.

"I disapprove of the system of dispensing medicine, and recommend the employment of a registered pharmacist, who, in addition to the dispensing of medicine, could also perform the duties of some one of the instructors, without any increase in the salary of the position.

"In conclusion, I cannot but feel that this investigation might have been avoided if the Trustees had cultivated closer and more friendly relations with the inspectors of Prisons and the Institutions Committees. Respectfully submitted,

"Frederick W. Day."

The question came on the substitution of the report offered by Ald. Day for that appearing on the calendar.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 15, together with the minority report submitted by Ald. Day, be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to say that I still reserve the right to file a special report.

No. 16 was referred, with the report submitted by Ald. Day, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

17. The order passed by this Board July 25, requesting the Street Commissioners to accept and construct Thatcher Road, Wd. 20, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1892—comes up concurred in Common Council, September 21, with this amendment: Strike out "1892," and insert "1891," in place thereof.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I would move to further amend by adding: "And that the Street Commissioners retain the name of Thatcher Road."

The Chairman requested the alderman to reduce his motion to writing, and later in the session Ald. McDonald said:-

Mr. Chairman, instead of offering the amendment which I proposed earlier in the meeting, as it would cause considerable delay, I will wait until the order No. 17 on the calendar is acted upon, and I will then offer a separate order asking that the name of Thatcher Road be retained. A great many people on that street are apprehensive of a change in the name of the street, and Mr. Thatcher being an old resident of Dorchester, they are very anxious indeed that the same name should be retained for the road. Therefore, in order that the order coming to us from the Common Council may be acted upon without delay, I will embody my suggestion in a separate order.

No. 17 was passed in concurrence.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to retain the name of Thatcher Road when said street is accepted.

The order was passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:-

(1) Report recommending that minors licenses be granted to 11 newsboys, 2 bootblacks and 1 vender of small wares.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today), for leave to give musical, dancing and literary entertainments at the places designated, viz:-

H. Rosenberg, at Evans Hall, 16 Howard St.

Arthur E. Houseman, at Mystic Social Club Hall, 305 Medford St., Wd. 4.

M. Roughan, at Roughan's Hall, City Sq., Charlestown.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ACCEPTANCE OF RAILROAD LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the West End Street Railway Co. of the acceptance by it of its 179th location, for double tracks on Cambridge St., Brighton, its 180th location, for an additional track on Cambridge St., Brighton, and its 181st location, for double curves at the junction of Columbia Road and Stoughton St.

Severally placed on file.

RAILROAD IN EVERETT ST., BRIGHTON.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of its having granted its consent to the construction of railroad track for the private use of the Thompson & Norris Co., across Everett St., Brighton, at grade, and to use steam as motive power thereon, "on the express condition that a flagman shall display a flag by day and a lantern by night whenever an engine, car or train is approaching and passing over said crossing, and that no engine, car or train shall pass over the same at a greater speed than four miles an hour."

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

A requisition for clerk hire, amounting to \$1801.91, was received from the Register of Deeds, and a certificate from him, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 493 of the Acts of 1895, that the persons named therein had been employed, that the work stated was actually performed by them, and that the same was necessary.

Approved and ordered paid.

PARADE OF STATE MILITIA.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested to close against travel by vehicles, excepting fire department apparatus, ambulances and United States Mail wagons and cars, the following named streets on Monday, October 9th next, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.: Commonwealth Ave., Arlington, Beacon and Charles Sts., and between the hours of 1 and 3 P.M., Boylston, Washington, Summer, High, Congress, Milk, Broad, State, Court, Tremont (or Washington and School) and Beacon Sts., on account of the mobilization of the state militia.

Ordered—That the City Messenger be and hereby is authorized to cause the roping off of said streets, squares and avenues that may be required at the principal points of said route, under the direction of the Board of Police; the expenses that may be incurred for said roping to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

READJUSTING HAMILTON ST. GRADES

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to make a plan readjusting the grades of Hamilton St. from Columbia Road to Bowdoin St., in such a way as to give a safe and direct entrance from Hamilton St. to Columbia Road. Passed.

COLLECTION OF JUNK, ETC.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—  
City of Boston, In the Year 1899.  
An Ordinance relative to the collecting of old junk, old metals, and second-hand articles.  
Be it ordained, etc.:—

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston may license suitable persons to collect junk, old metals and second-hand articles within the limits of the city in vehicles and receptacles which are neat and clean.

Sect. 2. Every person so collecting shall wear a badge, with the number of his license thereon, upon the outer garments of his breast.

Sect. 3. If collecting with a vehicle, the name and license number shall be on both sides of the same.

Sect. 4. No collector of junk, old metals and second-hand articles shall buy any of the aforesaid from a minor.

Sect. 5. No collector shall purchase any of the aforesaid articles, except between sunrise and seven o'clock in the evening of any week-day.

Sect. 6. No person shall collect junk, old metals and second-hand articles, as mentioned in the previous sections, except he has his license with him, and he shall show said license to any police officer when requested so to do.

Sect. 7. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these sections shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

The ordinance was referred, on motion of Ald. Adams, to the Committee on Ordinances.

SALE OF GIBSON SCHOOL FUND LAND

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That Holbrook & Co., Auctioneers, 12 Post Office Sq., are hereby authorized and requested to sell, in accordance with an order passed by this Board Aug. 21, 1899, and concurred in by the Common Council Sept. 21, 1899, all the unoccupied lands known as the Gibson School Fund land situated in Dorchester, at or near the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Gibson St., which has not been otherwise disposed of by the Board of Aldermen.

That said Holbrook & Co. shall also sell at public auction to the highest bidder or bidders all of the old garbage plant buildings now standing on said land, unless they are removed in accordance with the order of this Board passed Sept. 12, 1899.

That these auction sales shall be advertised to occur, and shall occur, on Saturday, Nov. 11, 1899, at 11 a.m.

Passed.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the City Council request the Mayor to instruct the Law Department to use all the legal means possible to hasten the construction of the East Boston Tunnel.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to take a few minutes to bring to the attention of this Board the struggle that has been going on ever since the formation of government, and that will continue to go on until the aggressions of capital finally force the people to unite on a co-operative basis. There is a tendency the world over among people who have money to take away that belonging to those who have but little; and a particular instance presenting itself at the present time, that is of interest to me, is the antagonism of Wd. 11 to East Boston. It is, of course, merely a matter of chance that the control of this Board rested on the question of whether Wd. 11 or East Boston should have representation here in the Board of Aldermen. But there is something that is not so much a matter of chance, and that is the contest that is now going on in the republican party to decide who is to be the next Lieutenant-Governor—whether it shall be a citizen of Wd. 11, with his wealth and social position, or a candidate of the common people from East Boston, with superior qualifications and superior fitness for the position. This question of

whether East Boston is going to have a tunnel or not is just the same question of Wd. 11 against East Boston; Wd. 11 is represented by the Citizens' Association, and I regret to say that, judging by the action of the Rapid Transit Commission, Wd. 11 is also represented by that royal commission. The people of East Boston have on their side an act of the Legislature and also a decision of the Supreme Court. The act providing for the construction of a tunnel to East Boston was an amendment to the rapid transit bill, put on to that bill solely through the influence of John L. Bates, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Rapid Transit Commission in a leisurely way began to build that tunnel—that is, advertised for bids, after a long delay; and then the Citizens' Association came along with an injunction, and just as soon as they asked for a hearing on that injunction the Rapid Transit Commission stopped work.

The matter dragged along month after month and no date was set for a hearing, until this Board passed an order, directing the Law Department to press for a hearing, and as soon as the Law Department took it up the hearing was held. The Supreme Court then told the Rapid Transit Commission to go ahead and build that tunnel, telling them it made no difference if they did not have money enough to build it, that they could begin on it, and telling them just what kind of a tunnel to build. In the same leisurely way in which they had proceeded before the Rapid Transit Commission sent Pasquale Somebody-or-other over to Maverick Sq. to dig a hole and fence it in, and when they had three feet of the tunnel built, last Tuesday this same Citizens' Association came along and asked for another injunction on the ground of unconstitutionality. That question was raised at the last session of the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court paid no attention to it, rendered no decision. Now, we feel over there that the Rapid Transit Commission has no right to stop work on this tunnel on so trivial a pretext. They have stopped work absolutely and propose to stop it until the Supreme Court renders its decision. We don't feel that we are being used fairly. We know that this Board of Aldermen is in sympathy with the people of East Boston; that our Chairman has had a record of nearly twenty years in City Hall, and every year has shown himself friendly to East Boston and her people. The senior member on the Republican side (Ald. Presho) has many warm friends in East Boston, as he has in Charlestown, and I feel confident that the Board will pass the order to direct the Law Department to see if there cannot be some relief for the people of East Boston, to see if the Rapid Transit Commission cannot be directed to go to work and build that tunnel which the Legislature has told us we should have and which the Supreme Court has told the Rapid Transit Commission to build.

The order was read for information, at request of Ald. Adams.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am in sympathy with the alderman on this question, but I think it would be well for him to confine himself to his own party. I think if he ever succeeds in controlling the one member of his own party who is doing more than anybody else in the city of Boston to prevent the construction of the tunnel to East Boston—that great dynamic force, Nathan Matthews, Jr.—if he ever attempts to control him and get him out of the way as an obstacle, he will find that he has all he can attend to in the ranks of his own party. As for the Lieutenant-Governorship, we republicans can take care of that, and we ask that you democrats will continue to support John L. Bates of East Boston, because then the people will see who really want him elected Lieut.-Governor.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I wish to deny that Mr. Matthews is a member of my party. No man today who does not believe in the Chicago platform or who did not vote for Bryan for President is a member of the democratic party.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I will be happy to vote for this order today if it is offered in good faith, but I am very much surprised that my good friend from East Boston should have brought it in today, on the eve of the contest that is to be settled tomorrow night in this city, with the very evident purpose of trying to make capital for one of the contestants. It seems to me that is at the bottom of the whole move, and if it is offered on that ground I shall certainly vote against the order today. I am not opposed to East Boston and its interests, and I will vote here at any time to further those interests, but I do disapprove of any attempt on the part of a member of this Board to try to bring politics into such a question in this manner.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I should feel very badly if any of my colleagues voted against the interests of East Boston, in this or any other matter, and personally favor such an order. I am at all times ready to assist East Boston. But I would like to see the members of this Board, particularly Republican members, express themselves as they feel is right, not considering that they are compelled to express themselves in a certain way by reason of politics in any form. I will, therefore, move that the order be assigned to the next meeting, so that the vote may be a fair one and will not be misconstrued.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I certainly agree with the alderman from East Boston (Ald. Day). I think he is justified in what he has said today in regard to the East Boston tunnel. The trouble no doubt is that the Rapid Transit Commissioners are not appointed for any stated period, are holding office for I don't know how many years; and it seems to me it would be better if the Alderman from East Boston would amend the order, so that there might be a special committee of three to look into the matter and report to the Board of Aldermen at its next meeting.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I dislike very much to rise in this Board and say anything that might in any way hurt the feelings of my good friend from East Boston, Ald. Day. But I am really astonished to think that a gentleman who enjoys the confidence of members of this Board should lend himself, apparently as a party tool of the democracy of the city of Boston, as a tool of the board of strategy, and undertake in this Board, as the Democrats have done right along, to help the candidacy of John L. Bates for the lieutenant-governorship. That is not an issue in the proposition now presented to the Board, and I say again that I am astonished at the conduct of the alderman from East Boston. I trust that he will guard himself more carefully in the future against any attempt to bring into this Board anything of that character. It has no place here.

The contest between the two candidates for Lieutenant-Governor is, so far as the Republicans are concerned, an honorable one, and all I say to the Democratic Board of Strategy, through its distinguished representative from East Boston, is to mind its own business in the future and the Republican party will take care of its affairs. I say this intending no offence to the alderman from East Boston. I know he would not personally, if he had not been inspired to do so, have presented such an argument to this Board. I want him, however, as a friend of mine, in the future not to endeavor to drag in matters of that kind.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I think none of us take in seriously the remarks of the alderman. The Lieutenant-Governorship has been referred to; but I don't

think that fact is as serious as Alderman Berwin desires the newspaper reporters to think. There is a great deal of good in this order, and I think there is no question that it should be passed in this Board. There is no doubt that this self-constituted committee of ten is holding back the East Boston tunnel, for some purpose.

Of course, I would say nothing against the motives of gentlemen who are opposing this tunnel. Of course, they are gentlemen of the highest character—the same gentlemen who held up the carriage bills of last year. (Laughter.) Of course, we are to understand that what they are doing is for the city's welfare; but it does seem strange that one gentleman particularly, by the name of Matthews, who is presumed to be the father of the subway—which he fought successfully through the Legislature—should now want to fight the tunnel to East Boston. It strikes me, as I look at it, that there is something more than the city's welfare at stake; that somebody's interests at least are being touched or that there is some scheme underneath for holding back the building of the tunnel. Now, the way to frustrate such an attempt to block action is by prompt legal measures. When the matter was first pressed by the alderman from East Boston and was brought to the Supreme Court, the court at once decided what should be done. I think now that the gist of the alderman's motion and resolution is right and that there should be no question of politics in our action upon the matter. Let us sink such considerations. It is a fact that there should be action taken at once by the Supreme Court, and steps with that end in view should at once be taken by the Law Department. I think that is what the alderman desires, and I don't think any member of this Board seriously thinks that the Board of Strategy or the Democrats are going to interfere in the fight for the Lieutenant-Governorship at all.

Ald. Codman's motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote this afternoon for the passage of that order, with this explanation. If the alderman remembers, I appeared in East Boston some two years ago, when Mr. Gargan, a member of the Transit Commission addressed the East Boston Citizen's Association, and I also had an opportunity to say a few words in support of the tunnel proposition. I believe in it, and I am willing and ready to vote for it. I believe it should be carried out. But perhaps there are some legal questions involved, and possibly for that reason the Transit Commissioners are not in any great hurry to move ahead. I believe you are going to have the tunnel some day, but you will never get it, Ald. Day, by any such attempts as you have made this afternoon.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I will vote in favor of this order, because I think the East Boston people are worthy of consideration upon such an important question, at this time; but I think it was an exhibition of bad taste for the alderman from East Boston to interject politics into this discussion, as he did. I think the people of East Boston need this tunnel and that it should be built as soon as possible. I will therefore vote for the order.

The motion to assign was lost, yeas 2, nays 9, Ald. Adams and Codman voting yes.

The order was passed. Sent down.

CEDAR SQ. FENCE.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to direct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to immediately repair the fence at Cedar Sq., Wd. 21, the expense of

the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department. Passed.

RESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK GALVIN.

The following was received:—  
Office of City Clerk, City of Boston,  
City Hall, Sept. 25, 1899.  
To the Honorable City Council:—  
I hereby tender my resignation as City Clerk of the City of Boston, to take effect on Oct. 1st, 1899.

Very respectfully,  
J. M. Galvin, City Clerk.  
Referred, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELEVATED RAILWAY DAMAGES.

On motion of Ald. Colby, the Board voted to take up special assignments, viz:—  
Consideration of petitions for awards of damages on account of the taking by the Boston Elevated Railway Co. of lands of certain parties, as follows:—

18. Horace H. Moses et als., on Washington St., Roxbury.
19. Harr'et A. Nichols et als., on Zeigler St., Roxbury.
20. James W. Stevens, on Dudley St., Roxbury.
21. Harlan P. Whitcomb, on Warren St., Roxbury.
22. Amelia T. Worthington et als., trustees, on Zeigler St., Roxbury.
23. John Ross, on Washington St. and Knower Pl., Roxbury.
24. John W. Bemis, 7 Porter St.
25. Sarah A. Carlton, on Porter St.
26. Amelia Greenbaum, on Porter St.
27. Frederick Jenkins et al., on Porter St.
28. Margaret D. Fette, on Porter St.
29. Anna L. Messinger, on Porter St.
30. John W. Bemis, 1 and 3 Porter St. and 68-74 Pleasant St.
31. Mary H. Underwood, on Porter St.
32. Margaret D. Whalen et als., on Porter St.
33. Charles G. Way, on Harrison Ave. and Motte St.
34. Charles G. Way, on Motte and Washington Sts.
35. Annie Wyzanski, on Kirkland St.
36. William A. Matthews, on Kirkland St.
37. Hannah Greenwood, on Kirkland St.
38. Benjamin F. Shattuck, on Beach and Tyler Sts.
39. Benjamin F. Shattuck, on Beach St. and Harrison Ave.
40. Charles G. Rice, on Atlantic Ave and Beach St.
41. Reuben E. Demmon, on Harrison Ave.
42. Emma A. Goodnough, on Causeway St.
43. Hubert Daly, on Babcock Ct., Charlestown.
44. John H. Quinlan et als., on Main St. and Babcock Ct., Charlestown.
45. Petition of W. Bowman Cutter, lessee, that the Board estimate and determine the damages to him by the taking of certain land on Warren St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

On motion of Ald. Colby the several numbers were referred to the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. Colby the Board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 12 noon.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 1:02 P.M.

ELEVATED RAILWAY DAMAGES.

The CHAIRMAN—The Board will convene as County Commissioners. The Chair presents the following for the Commissioners:

Ordered, That, in the opinion of the

Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, sitting as County Commissioners, the point raised by some of the respondents on the petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the assessment of damages for land taken by said company that an actual attempt on the part of the said company to settle with the respondents is a condition precedent to a legal taking by the company, is not sustained, and that this finding be entered on each petition on which the question was raised.

The question came on the acceptance of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely desire to ask that my vote be recorded against the order, in the Board, sitting as County Commissioners. I don't care to discuss the matter at all.

The order was passed.

Ald. COLBY presented the following:—

Ordered, That in all the petitions now pending before the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County, brought by or against the Boston Elevated Railway Co. for the assessment of damages occasioned by the taking of land by said company, damages be and hereby are assessed and awarded in the sum of one dollar to each and every person named in said petitions, interested as owner, mortgagee, lessee or otherwise in the land so taken.

On motion of Ald. Colby, it was voted:—

That the order determining the damages to be awarded by this Board in the matter of certain petitions now before it on account of the taking of certain lands by the Boston Elevated Railway Company be specially assigned to the next meeting, and that notice of the same be given to the several parties in interest by the City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Colby, the Board adjourned as County Commissioners, and went into session as Aldermen.

The CHAIRMAN—The Board will now convene to do its regular business as a Board of Aldermen.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BRICK, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Eastern Cold Storage Co. (referred today), for leave to lay iron pipes under and along Creek Sq., Wd. 6—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, October 9, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates and along the following-named streets, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners to furnish the said materials, viz.:—

Shapleigh Coffee Co., artificial stone, 36 Broad St., Wd. 6.

A. S. Bigelow, artificial stone, corner Commonwealth Ave. and Fairfield St., Wd. 11.

Henry G. Allbright, artificial stone, 570-572 Columbia Road, Wd. 15.

Wm. B. Blakemore, artificial stone, 357-367 Heath St., Wd. 19.

James W. Woodward, artificial stone, 41-45 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Wd. 17.

Lucy F. Copley, brick, 302-308 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Wm. Spoth, brick, 188-194 Highland St., Wd. 22.

Giovanni Bellizia, brick, 210-212 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

D. H. Sullivan, brick, 51 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

Wilfred Bolster, brick, 137 Ruthven St., Wd. 21.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(3.) Reports (on petition referred today)

recommending passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Alice H. Burrage, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and iron covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estates 325-327 Newbury St., as shown on a plan dated September 23, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Walworth Manufacturing Company, to construct, maintain and use an area with one coal hole opening, iron cover, of rough upper surface, under and in Leather Sq., at rear of 130 Federal St., as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Heirs of Samuel Guild, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 18 Derne St., Wd. 8.

Boston Elevated Railway Co. (referred Sept. 15), to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and iron covers under and along the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Main and Alford Sts., Wd. 4, viz., three on Main St., 18 ft. by 4 ft. each; one on Alford St. 18 ft. by 4 ft.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of B. F. Keith (referred today), for leave to erect a temporary arch over Tremont St., from his theatre to Boston Common—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to B. F. Keith to erect and maintain a temporary arch in and over Tremont St., extending from Keith's Theatre to Boston Common, as shown on a plan dated Sept. 23, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department. Said arch is to be used during the Dewey celebration, and to be removed within thirty days thereafter; providing that no part of the same shall be used for advertising purposes.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted Sept. 18), for a location for double tracks in Atlantic Ave., from Dewey Sq. to Foster's Wharf, and for the alteration of the tracks of the Union Freight Railroad Co. between said points—Recommending the passage of the accompanying orders:—

Ordered, That in addition to the right heretofore granted the Union Freight Railroad Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use a single track in Atlantic Ave., from Dewey Sq. to a point near Foster's Wharf, in place of existing track in said street; the expense of such change of location to be borne by the Boston Elevated Railway Company; said tracks being shown by green lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 1, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Union Freight R.R. Co. shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks in Atlantic Ave., beginning in Dewey Sq. and connecting with tracks there located, thence on said avenue to a point near Foster's Wharf, with necessary curves, switches, cross-overs and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 1, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; orders passed under suspension of the rule.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that permission be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with petitions referred today, as follows:—

L. Wallace, a sign, at 115 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Michael Angelo, a drum sign, at 115 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Katz, 3 signs, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

A. Rotman, an illuminated sign, at 228 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

A. Fellner, an illuminated sign, at 151 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Gross & Straus Co., 2 illuminated signs, at 14 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Jos. P. Lomasney, a campaign transparency, at corner Lowell and Causeway Sts., Wd. 8.

Shepard & Wiseman, 2 signs, at 123 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

T. Winfield McCabe, a sign, at 47 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Joseph E. Livingston, a sign, at 379 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Austro-Hungarian Consul, the consular flag, at 80 State St., Wd. 6.

German Consul, the consular flag, at 80 State St., Wd. 6.

St. Michael's Society, to hang flags and lanterns from the Hotel Italy to building opposite, in North Sq., on October 7 and 8.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of The American Bell Telephone Co. (referred today), for leave to excavate the basement of building 11 and 13 Oliver St. and 117-119 Milk St., Wd. 7, to grade 10.40—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Beech St., Wd. 23, 10 poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 5 ft. wide, plan dated September 6, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today) recommending the passage of the following orders:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser and C. H. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:—

Western Ave., Wd. 25, one pole, 40 ft. by 15 in., sidewalk 10 ft. wide, plan dated June 4, 1896; H St., Wd. 15, two poles 35 ft. by 13 in., sidewalk 8 ft., plan dated Sept. 7, 1891; Farrington St., Wd. 25, two poles 35 ft. by 12 in., sidewalk 7 ft., plan dated Dec. 29, 1898; Warren St., Wd. 21, two poles 45 ft. by 15 in., sidewalk 9 ft., plan dated November, 1899; Bennington St., Wd. 1, one pole, 45 ft. by 15 in., sidewalk 8 ft., plan dated November, 1899.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Western Ave. two poles, from H St., two poles, from Farrington St. two poles, from Warren St. one pole, and from Bennington St. one pole, severally shown by red dots on the above plans.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted today) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Glenway St., Wd. 20, 23 poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated September 18, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move that that order pertaining to Glenway St. be assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee on Electric Wires I have no objection to assignment. In fact, I have been in favor of assignment. But the simple fact is that I don't think the alderman's motion will accom-

plish what he has on his mind. The petition has been duly advertised, order of notice has been issued and hearings have been duly held, and, from my experience of last year on the Committee, at the time when the telephone people asked for similar locations, I am rather inclined to think that there is nothing to be accomplished by laying the matter over for a week. We had a hearing last year and there was some opposition. It was represented here by Mr. Bachelder, who claimed to represent the Harvard Improvement Association of Harvard and he at that time agreed to get for the telephone people rights to locate their poles in the back yards there. Absolutely nothing was done, and Mr. Bachelder never carried out his agreement in any way, as far as I could find out.

The company has now been held back nearly a whole year. As far as the company is concerned, I have no interest at all, but at least two people have spoken to me, saying that they want telephones and that they want the service of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., and there is no way to reach them unless this permit is granted by the Board of Aldermen. If the alderman would add to his motion a provision for another hearing, or for some means of getting at an expression of the people of that section—if he thinks they have not had sufficient notice—I am inclined to be with him. But it seems to me something should be done in the matter, and I hardly feel like laying it over, unless there is to be another hearing. If he asks to have it referred back to the Committee, I shall have no objections.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly agreeable to having the matter referred back to the Committee. My only object in asking for further delay is that

I may consult with the people there. If I am correctly informed, the people on Glenway St. are unalterably opposed to having twenty or thirty poles on the street. It is a fine residential street, and I think it would be a great injustice to the people who live there to pass the order at this time. I have been asked to oppose the erection of poles on that street. I hope the order will not pass today, but will be referred back to the Committee, as I believe the people are not aware that this step is being taken by these people at this time. I move that the matter be referred back to the committee.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend that by adding instructions that the Committee give a hearing and that notices be sent out.

Ald. Adams accepted the amendment, which was adopted, and the order was recommitted, with instruction to the Committee to send out notices and to have a hearing.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move that when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Monday, October 9, at 3 P.M., and that all hearings assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

The motion was carried.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, a general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

Adjourned at 1.16 P.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Monday, October 9, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday October 5 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock p. m., President Kiley in the chair, and a quorum present.

## THETFORD AVE. SCHOOL.

The following was received—

To the City Council:—I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order asking that improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford Avenue school in Dorchester. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston,  
In School Committee,  
September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred—June 13—a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford Avenue School in Dorchester, and also that the sanitary condition be improved, report that the yards and walks of this school have been improved during the past summer, but your committee are not aware of any defects in the sanitary arrangements of the building. Should they become aware of such conditions, the matter will receive their attention. Your committee recommend that this report be transferred to the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor. For the Committee,

Thos. W. Berridge, Act'g Chairman.  
Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy—Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Sent up.

## IDAHO ST. CONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting a report as to the cause of the delay in completing the construction of Idaho St., Wd. 24.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, Sept. 29, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the inquiry of the Common Council as to what is the cause of the delay in completing the construction of Idaho St., Wd. 24, I would respectfully report as follows.

The sewer work was completed on March 1, 1899, and the contract for surfacing the street was signed on April 27, the work on the water and gas pipes being then unfinished. The work on the water pipes was completed on May 9, and on gas pipes July 24. The delay in this case was caused by the failure of the gas company to do the work until after a long period.

Since then the work of construction has been in progress, some delay being occasioned by the failure of the street department to furnish the stock required, said failure being caused by the delay of the parties supplying the goods.

The street will be completed within a very few days.

Yours very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Placed on file.

## CONDITION OF MATHER SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather Schoolhouse, South Boston.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston, In School Committee,  
Sept. 26, 1899.

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred—Feb. 14—a communication from the City Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather Schoolhouse in Wd. 13, South Boston, report that they have investigated the matter, and do not find that cause for complaint exists with regard to the sanitation and ventilation of the building in question. The sanitarries in the yard are not of the most approved style, but are well cared for, and the expense of installing new accommodations of this character, including enlargement of the present building, plumbing, slate work, closets, and ventilation, would be greater, in the judgment of the committee, than the necessities of the case demand. Your committee therefore recommend that the City Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is inexpedient to take further action with regard to this matter at the present time. For the Committee,

Thos. W. Berridge,  
Acting Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio,  
Secretary.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, before that message is placed on file I would like to say just a word, as the member from Wd. 13 who introduced the order. It is almost eight months since it was introduced, and I think they have had sufficient time to look the matter up thoroughly; and when they state that the present condition of the Mather School is not a menace to the health of the people who live in the immediate vicinity, they don't know what they are talking about. Every person who lives around there has been objecting to it for the last ten years, and the school is today practically the same as it was ten years ago. When they make a statement that the school is in good condition, they don't know what they are talking about.

The communication was sent up.

## CONDITION OF FROTHINGHAM SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order, referred to me on March 30th, asking that necessary steps be taken to put the Frothingham Schoolhouse, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston, In School Committee,  
September 26, 1899.

The Committee on Schoolhouses, to whom was referred, April 11, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that the necessary steps be taken to put the Frothingham Schoolhouse, Charlestown, in proper sanitary condition, report that the matter has received their attention, and they recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor

the Mayor, that extensive alterations and improvements in the sanitation of this building are now in progress, and will be completed at an early date.

For the Committee,

Thos. W. Berridge, Acting Chairman.  
Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Placed on file.

#### CONDITION OF DUDLEY SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, October 2, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order, referred to me on March 30th, requesting that improvements be made in the sanitary condition of the Dudley grammar school-house, Roxbury.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, In School Committee.

September 26, 1899.

The Committee on School Houses, who were requested—Mar. 28—to investigate the sanitary condition of the Dudley Grammar Schoolhouse, and to take such measures as may be necessary to improve the same, and to whom was referred—Apr. 11—a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, relating to the same subject, report that alterations and improvements in the sanitary arrangements of this schoolhouse were made a year ago, and that subsequent complaints made were on account of defects in ventilation which have now been remedied. Your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the Dudley Schoolhouse is now in good condition for school occupancy.

For the Committee,

Thos. W. Berridge, Act'g Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

#### PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Ordered, That the City Council request the Mayor to instruct the Law Department to use all the legal means possible to hasten the construction of the East Boston tunnel.

Passed in concurrence.

#### ROOFING OF BUILDING AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 2, assignment, viz:—

2. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on September 1, 1899, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children in roofing in and preserving building at Rainsford Island recently damaged by fire; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that, in accordance with the act creating the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, owing to the lapse of thirty days, the order has already become operative. The Chair will therefore direct the Clerk to transmit the paper to the City Clerk.

#### TRANSFER OF LAND TO PARK DEPT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 3 assignment, viz:—

3. Ordered, That the triangular lot bounded by Crawford, Abbotsford and Harold Sts., Wd. 21, be transferred from the charge of the Street Department and placed under the care and custody of the Public Grounds Department.  
Passed in concurrence.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JULY FOURTH ORATION.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, assignment, viz:—

4. Resolutions concerning Fourth of July oration, presented by Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19. (City Doc. 122.)

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in the absence of Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19, I move the assignment of the resolutions to the next meeting.

The resolutions were assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OVERSEERS OF POOR DEPT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, assignment, viz:—

5. Message of Mayor transmitting communication from Overseers of Poor, conveying information in regard to the administration of their department. (City Doc. 140.)

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to move that No. 5 be laid on the table, for the reason that I have not yet got sufficient information to speak on the message.

The message and communication were laid on the table.

#### CONDITION OF WESTON ST. SCHOOL.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered the following:—

Resolved, That it is criminal to compel teachers and pupils to attend the Weston-st. school while the building remains in its present unhealthy condition; it is a menace to life, and it cannot be explained why this fact is overlooked.

This council demands that the schoolhouse be closed forthwith and not reopened until its healthfulness is unquestioned.

His Honor the Mayor is hereby respectfully requested to transmit this resolve to the School Committee and to urge that body to take immediate action to remedy existing evils.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, as I represent in part the ward in which this school is situated, I desire to bring to the attention of the Common Council this evening the horrible condition of affairs in that school-house. The Board of Health time and time again have condemned the building. It is in frightful sanitary condition. There are children daily taken from that school sick. Diphtheria is rampant there. The diphtheria statistics in the Board of Health office show that in the vicinity where this school is located the number of diphtheria cases is far more than what it should be. I want to say that the doctors in the vicinity demand that that schoolhouse be closed, the parents of the children demand that this schoolhouse be closed—in fact the newspapers of Boston demand that this schoolhouse be closed. If that schoolhouse, instead of being the property of the city of Boston, Mr. President and fellow members, belonged to an individual and there were five or six families in that building, it would be vacated in twenty-four hours and destroyed, because I am satisfied that what the Board of Health says is true. When the Boston Herald, the conservative newspaper of Boston, in the opinion of many, comes out with a story on its first page and condemns that schoolhouse, and condemns it again in its columns, and demands that it be closed, it seems to me that we

have sufficient reason for the Board of Health and School Committee to act at once. This schoolhouse is located in the midst of a thickly populated tenement house district. The poorer class of children attend that school, and because of that fact I contend that it is no reason why those conditions shall be allowed to exist. The conditions existing at that schoolhouse would not exist ten minutes in that Back Bay.

The conditions in that schoolhouse would not exist for five minutes in Wd. 9. The same conditions would not exist for five minutes in any other ward in Boston except the ward that I represent in part—or, at least, that I attempt to represent. I want to say that Dr. Stone lives within a stone's throw of that schoolhouse, and he has come out in an interview and said that it was a crime and a disgrace for the city of Boston to allow that condition of affairs to be continued. I want to know why this inactivity on the part of the School Committee? I want to know why there is this inactivity on the part of the member of the School Committee from my ward? I want to know, is he a dummy? I have tried to keep my hands out of this thing. I did start in to attack the Weston St. and the Dudley schoolhouse both. I attacked the Dudley schoolhouse alone, and I am informed by the School Committee tonight, through His Honor the Mayor, as a member of this body, that all the bad conditions and difficulties of the Dudley St. school have been remedied; so I have done some good for my ward. I want to say that I demand that His Honor use his influence, little or great, with the School Committee, to close this schoolhouse.

I want to say, in closing, that possibly my voice will cut little figure in this matter with either His Honor the Mayor or the School Committee, as I am inclined to believe that I am not in touch with either; but I want to say that I am in touch with the people of my ward. They have endorsed me for a term in the legislature, in spite of both the political organizations which are not interesting themselves in the conditions in my ward. I want to say to His Honor the Mayor and those who are opposed to me in my politics, and to my methods of acting in politics, and to His Honor the Mayor and the Strategy Board, that I come down here to represent my people and to speak my mind, and to do the greatest good for the greatest number.

The resolution was read a second time and passed.

#### DEWEY CELEBRATION.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the city of Boston to offer its hospitalities to Admiral Dewey, as a recognition of the valuable and patriotic services which he rendered to his country during the recent war with Spain.

Passed. Sent up.

#### STREET LIGHTING.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to submit to the Common Council at its next meeting his opinion in writing as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by the city of Boston with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company; together with a statement of all laws and ordinances relating to the subject.

Passed. Mr. Sanderson moved to reconsider; lost.

Mr. SANDERSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with a copy of the contract for street

lighting between the city of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company; together with a schedule of all city property used or controlled by said company.

Passed. Mr. Sanderson moved to reconsider; lost.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That a special committee be appointed, consisting of five members of the Common Council, to investigate the Lamp Department, and to also inquire into the contract let to the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, my object in introducing that order this evening is that I am a firm believer in taking the bull by the horns. I don't believe in asking information through the Law Department or the Corporation Counsel. I believe that the members of the City Council should investigate this matter individually, or through a committee, and I believe that there was something wrong, something radically wrong, when this entire matter was killed in the Board of Aldermen. I believe there is something wrong with the Board of Aldermen, Mr. President, or they would have stood out as true representatives of the people and investigated this matter thoroughly. They are almost a disgrace to the city of Boston. Everything that goes there is referred to some committee, some burial ground of some sort; and I have heard since this matter came up there that certain members of the Board have been reached, so as to shut their mouths on the Lamp Department. I think the members of this Council should be the ones to investigate this matter thoroughly and report upon it to this body.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, this order of Councilman Linehan of Wd. 13 appeals to me very strongly. I think when the Rising Sun Lighting Company obtained the contract to light the city there was a considerable hullabaloo about what the city government of Boston, particularly the Board of Aldermen, was going to do, as to find out how the thing was got through and who got the dough. I want to say, Mr. President, that while I don't know whether there was any dough flying around or not, we all know things have quieted down. I know that the employees of the Lamp Department have not quieted down. I know that they were used like dogs by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company. It was agreed with the City of Boston, through her honored mayor, that the men, the employees, would be protected. The way they are being protected is pretty tough. They are doing about fifty per cent more work than they did for the City of Boston and are hounded about fifty per cent more than they were by the City. I want to say further that the old employees of the Lamp Department, are not protected by Civil Service. If they see fit to try to get a job with the City of Boston they are barred many of them, because they are beyond the age limit to get into the civil service. For that reason I introduced an order here inquiring of the Civil Service Commissioners what was the status of the former employees of the City of Boston now with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company. I know what it is. They are up against it. (Laughter.) That is the condition exactly, but I want to know the facts from the Civil Service Commissioners, and when I find out, as one of the members of this body who are interested in honest employees—and I believe we all are—I shall endeavor to get the Civil Service Commissioners to make some ruling giving them an opportunity to be protected by the civil service when they are able to get a city job.

I want to say that that company is hounding the old employees out of their

jobs and putting in young blood—young fellows who can collect eight or ten votes around them, pack caucuses and send the men through that they want to have go through. I want to say that there should be an investigation on the part of the Council, because the people of Boston believe the Common Council is on the level. We never yet have undertaken anything—particularly we who are in the majority—but what we have carried out, Filipinos or no Filipinos. When we make a statement as individuals or as a body—the majority of us—we come pretty near carrying it out. Nothing generally stops us, and while we have conducted things for the benefit of the citizens in general in great shape, there is considerable kicking from the small element who cannot domineer in this body. I sincerely trust that the committee will be appointed and that it will consist of those who are chock full of nerve. I sincerely trust that the order will pass tonight.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I would like to amend that order by striking out the words providing for a special committee of five members, and inserting in their place the words "Committee on Lamp Department of the Common Council." I make that amendment simply because at the first of the year there were committees appointed in this body who have had no especial duties to perform and I would like to know the sense of having them appointed if whenever anything that would naturally be attended to by a certain committee comes up a special committee were to be appointed? Now, there is a committee on lamp department—I could not say of whom composed, but I am positive the members of it are as smart as any of the men in this Council—the average man, anyway, and I don't know why that committee cannot look into that matter as well as a special committee. At any rate, the business comes under that department, and I see no reason why that committee should not investigate that matter.

The question came on Mr. Well's amendment.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I object to striking out the words "a special committee of five" because my entire object is to have such a committee appointed. The Committee on Lamp Department has had this matter referred to it the second day of last June and has not reported yet, and I object to its going back to them. I am surprised to see or hear any member of this Council rise here and defend such a committee. I am also sorry that I did not tack on to the order a provision that the Committee on Lamp Department should also be investigated. (Laughter.) The order has been referred to the Committee on Lamp Department to bury it, to take care of the Committee on Lamps. That is the Committee which has been taken care of. Now the Common Council wants to know what is going on, what is on the inside, and I for one object to any amendment of that kind.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I am decidedly opposed to the amendment. I coincide in all that Councilman Linehan has said. It is true that Committees are appointed to do work, and to do as little as possible—(laughter)—especially those appointed at the first of the year. For the benefit of the Councilman from Wd. 16 or Wd. 20—I am not sure which ward he represents—as he has said that he does not know who the members of the Committee on Lamp Department are, I simply desire to inform him as to the membership of that committee. Reversing the order I will read the names of the Councilmen on that committee. Frank E. Wells, Joseph F. Hickey, Temple A. Winsloe, Patrick H. Bradley, Harvey W. Walker, James F. Mulcahy, Fred. A. Emery, James McInerney. That will enlighten the gentleman as to who the members of the committee are. I can easily see that he is

upon the Committee, so we can see what his desire in making the amendment amounts to. Now, I don't want to go on the Committee on Investigation, but I do believe the member who has introduced the order is just the one member of the Committee to investigate the Lamp Department; and if I were to be considered as a member, I would respectfully request the President, when the Committee is appointed, to omit my name, and substitute for it the name of Councilman Wells of Wd. 16 or Wd. 20.

I trust that the amendment will not prevail, but that a special committee of five will be appointed to investigate this matter, I understand that it has got to be a joint committee—no, I am in error about that. I sincerely trust that the amendment will not prevail, but that Mr. Linehan's order will be adopted as he has offered it.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson) I would like to say that I know that my name happens to be on the lamp department committee, but as it has met so few times this year, I was not familiar with the rest of the names; and, for the benefit of the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Linehan) I would like to say that when that order was referred by the Board of Aldermen, it was referred to the Committee on Lamp Department on the part of the Board of Aldermen, and that had nothing to do with the Committee on Lamp Department on the part of the Common Council. I believe that if that order had been referred to the Lamp Department Committee on the part of the Common Council, it would have been looked into as thoroughly as it would be if it were referred to any special committee.

Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21—Mr. President, in regard to the insinuation from my friend in the third division about investigating the Lamp Department, I would like to state that since the first night that I was appointed on the Lamp Department Committee until tonight, I did not know that I was on that committee.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 16 states as a reason for the lamp department being investigated by that committee that the committee is not doing any work. Well, I would like to say that there are other committees that are not doing any work; but, at the same time, I do not think that is a good and sufficient reason for amending this order so that the Lamp Department Committee will investigate the lamp department.

I doubt the prerogative of the committee on lamp department to investigate a thing of this kind. I do not care to go on this investigating committee, and if I should be placed upon it I should refuse to stay on it; but I believe, Mr. President, that if this matter went to the committee on lamp department it would be hung up here for the rest of the year. Now, Mr. President, if there is any wrong in this matter let it come out. If people fear an investigation, why do they fear an investigation, Mr. President? I believe that this committee of five should be appointed. It is tonight the latest idea, and the latest wish of this body sitting here tonight, that an investigating committee be appointed, and when they want a department of this kind investigated, I do not think it is right for the regular committee to do it—and I say again that I deny the prerogative of the committee on lamp department to take up this matter and do it itself. I am in favor of this special committee, Mr. President.

The amendment was rejected, and the order was read a second time and passed. Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider; lost.

#### REPAIR OF BOLTON ST.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be instructed and hereby is instructed,

through His Honor the Mayor, to place in proper repair Bolton St., between D and E Sts., Wd. 18.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LAMPS—CEYLON ST.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide three gas lamps on Ceylon St., between Quinby St. and Columbia road, Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

PURITAN AVE. IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to make plans and grant a hearing on the advisability of laying out Puritan Ave. from Richfield St. to Olney St., in Wd. 20. Passed. Sent up.

HOLIDAY, DEWEY DAY.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the various departments to grant a holiday on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899 (Dewey Day), to all employees of the city whose services can be dispensed with. In part compensation for services rendered.

The question came on the passage of the order. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 offered the following as a substitute, viz:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to order the heads of all city departments to allow all employees holidays on the days of Admiral Dewey's visit, Friday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Oct. 14, without a loss of pay.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I have no intention of being discourteous at all to the member from Wd. 20, but I had this order drawn up some time ago. I won't say that I had it drawn up before he did his, but I had the order drawn up with the intention of introducing it. I would not undertake to take the glory away from him and I do not think he cares anything about that, for I do not think he is looking for glory; but when he takes into consideration that when they grant a holiday for Saturday they only grant for half a day, I think he will see the reason for my order. As a matter of fact the Hall would probably be closed, anyway, on Saturday, by order of His Honor the Mayor. Now, why not go to work and give them a day? Friday would be a day for preparation, and so forth, and I think the city can well afford an extra day, in view of the fact that money is being squandered otherwise. Let some of the smaller fry get in to get some of it. I sincerely trust that the member from Wd. 20 will allow the substitute order to go through. I am satisfied he has got more friends among the city employees than I have. I know that I hope, in order to observe harmony in this body, the member from Wd. 20 will acquiesce and accept my order.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, if the gentleman in the first division had given any good reasons for the substitution of his order I certainly should have been pleased to accept it. As far as granting the city employees a holiday is concerned, you might as well grant them Monday instead of Friday. Admiral Dewey, for whom this celebration is to be given, will not arrive in Boston until some time Friday evening—certainly not until after all the hours of labor are closed—and no work will prevent the boys from having as good a time that evening as they see fit. I do not see any reason for granting Friday as a holiday, as there will be no celebration in Boston Friday, and there will be no parade on Friday during working hours, and probably not until after the arrival of Admiral Dewey. Admiral Dewey will be in Northfield on the 13th until sometime

after three o'clock in the afternoon. He is to be in Montpelier on the 12th, and in Northfield on the 13th. I am prepared to state that as a fact.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, well, I am in exactly the same position as the gentleman from Wd. 20. If the gentleman had given me any reason why my substitute order should not go, I would be very willing to destroy it. I should to say that I lost sight of Admiral Dewey since he left New York. I am not in touch with his press bureau as well as the gentleman from Wd. 20 is, but I know Admiral Dewey has a faculty of getting around before time. He might land in Boston the morning of the 13th, despite the gentleman's intelligence as to his whereabouts—and then where would the city employees be? I sincerely trust that, in all fairness, the gentleman will accept my substitute. He sees that I am earnest about it. If he does not see fit to accept it, and if you reject it, all right. It will not be the first crack I have got here. As a matter of fact, I think I am inviting it in protesting against his order. However, I appeal to the members of this body, in fairness to a Filipino, to vote for my order. (Laughter.)

Mr. MILLER—No one can doubt the sincerity of the gentleman in the first division—

THE PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The members will address the Chair.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT—The question is on the adoption of the substitute. Mr. Miller of Wd. 20 has the floor.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, of course no one can doubt the sincerity of the sober, sedate gentleman in the first division, but my reason was simply this, that there was no celebration on Friday, and that there was no reason for granting a holiday on that day. I am very sorry that the gentleman who offered the substitute order has got into a condition where he has lost track of Admiral Dewey since he left New York, but I want to say that I came from Vermont this week, and that I know the preparations which are being made for him up there, and they probably know something in regard to his future whereabouts. I therefore say positively that he will not arrive in Boston until that evening, and therefore there is no reason for granting a holiday to city employees; for there will be nothing on Friday for them to take a part in. I do not see any reason whatever for accepting his substitute order. I hope his substitute order will not prevail. If there were any reason for accepting it, I would be only too glad to do so.

The substitute order was declared rejected. Mr. Watson doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the substitute order was declared rejected, 13 members voting in the affirmative, 28 in the negative. Mr. Watson further doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the substitute order was rejected—yeas 18, nays 34:—

Yeas—Collins, Cuddy, Curley, Doyle, Fenton, Gibbons, Gible, Leonard, Lohan, Logan, Martin, Mulcahy, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—18.

Nays—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Bakstis, Bennett, Brauer, Chamberlain, Harvey, Hibbard, Horgan, Howard, Johnson, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Kibbin, Leftovith, Lorey, Lydon, MacDonaid, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rolland, Sandersow, Simpson, Stoketon, Wells, Winslow, Wood—34.

Absent or not voting—Amistead, Bordman, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Doherty, Donaway, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Flynn, Hickey, Madden, Mansfield, McInerney, Naughton, Rice, Roemer, Stevens, Walker—23.

The original order, offered by Mr. Miller,

was read a second time and passed. Mr. Miller moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### CONDITION OF PARKMAN SCHOOL.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to discontinue the use of the Parkman Schoolhouse, South Boston; said building being in an unfit condition for school purposes.

Mr. GIBLIN—Mr. President, the old Bigelow Schoolhouse in the part of South Boston where I live, is to be rebuilt. The old building is to be torn down and a new and more modern structure erected in its place. The school did not open this year, and either the School Board or the master in charge hired places to hold school in in charge hired outside places to hold school in during the coming year. Among the places obtained was the old Parkman Schoolhouse, down on West Silver St., in South Boston. The street is very narrow, and the schoolhouse is very old. The old Parkman Schoolhouse was built some time before the Civil War, and some few years ago it was absolutely discontinued as a schoolhouse, being a place unfit to hold school in any longer. In these same schoolrooms, school is being held today. I believe they have been brightened up a little by paint and varnish. To these same schoolrooms they have sent down a number of pupils from the old Bigelow School, a number of pupils who live up in the section where I live, and for the past week or two I have had several complaints from parents of the different children, who say that it is too far for their children to walk to school away down near Dorchester Ave. Moreover, some days when it is rainy and damp, the children have gone down to the school only to be turned home again because it was too dark. There is no gas in the place, and there is no furnace with which to get up steam heat. Very often the teachers and the children have had to wear their cloaks during half the day.

That is the condition of affairs that prevail in the old Parkman schoolhouse, and some of the parents of these children have said to me that if they were obliged to send their children to that school any longer, they would take them out of school entirely until the new schoolhouse is finished. Many of the children from the old Bigelow school have been taken care of at the Hart schoolhouse, many of them in new stores on Broadway, and many have gone over to the Choate-Burnham and Benjamin Dean schoolhouses, and what I ask the school board is for them to find a proper place for the children to go who are now going down to the old Parkman schoolhouse, before diphtheria and other diseases set in and compel them to find another place.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I am pleased to know that Councilman Giblin of Wd. 15 has introduced that order, as I know the schoolhouse and am acquainted with its location, and as it is somewhat linked with the communication from the school committee which came in here early in this meeting, I would say that when they abandoned this Parkman schoolhouse, it was almost unfit for human habitation. They have taken away its name and transferred the name "Parkman School" to the old Mather school. They have taken away the name from an old decayed schoolhouse, and have transferred it to another decayed schoolhouse—the Mather schoolhouse which I talked of earlier in this meeting. They have partitioned off the old rooms, which were then almost too small for occupation, and it is almost impossible to see in them now unless the sun is shining very brightly. In some of the rooms the gas has to be lit all day long. It is a miserable, dilapidated old structure, and, instead of being occupied, it should be torn down. There are dozens of good stores and rooms and

halls in the neighborhood which the school committee could hire for school purposes, if they would only expend the money. If the health and welfare of the South Boston scholars were taken into consideration by the school committee a little more, and if they should spend a little less time in looking up schoolhouse sites, perhaps we would have better schoolhouse facilities.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### EIGHT HOUR DAY.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the following placed on the official ballot at the next municipal election, in accordance with chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899, "Shall eight hours constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may hereafter be employed by, or on behalf of the City of Boston."

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, Chapter 344 of the Acts and Resolves of 1899 reads as follows:—

"Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may hereafter be employed, by or on behalf of any city or town in this Commonwealth.

"Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

"Sect. 3. This act shall not take effect in any city or town until accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual election. Such vote shall be taken by ballot. When so accepted this act shall take effect from the date of such acceptance."

Mr. President, the employees of the United States government for the past 30 years have worked on an eight hour basis. Throughout this country today a number of the cities employ their workmen on the same basis. In the city of Boston two-thirds of the building trades are working on the eight hour basis, and a number of the outside trades are also working on that same basis. I think the City of Boston can well afford to place its employees on the eight hour basis. This order provides for a referendum, and I think the citizens of Boston will vote favorably upon the proposition at the next election. I trust that the act will pass the Council tonight.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, this is another order that appeals to me considerably. It is a question in my mind whether or not we have the power to order the Election Commissioners to do what the member from Wd. 9 desires. I will admit, for the sake of argument that we have, and while I admit that, I desire to say that I am in favor of the order. As I understand it, all cities in the Commonwealth now employ their labor eight hours only, and I want to say that the employees of the city of Boston should be employed on that same basis—and I want to say further that while I work more than eight hours a day, although not hard work, I wear on my lapel an eight hour button presented to me by a labor man; and I want to say further that I am satisfied that the employees of the city of Boston should not work any more hours than the employees of other cities. I wish to say now that I am not talking for political effect, because I have got by all obstruction. I have got through my own struggle, so I am not talking for election day effect. I am sure of my election. But I do want to say that if we have the power—or if the Mayor has the power to compel the Election Commissioners to put on the ballot what the member from Wd. 9 desires to place there, I think it should be done. I am satisfied that every member of this body will so vote. In offering this

order the member from Wd. 9 (Mr. Tobin) has given himself and me an opportunity to make a political speech, and any others who desire to do so can follow our example. I sincerely trust that the vote will be a rising vote, and that it will be unanimously in favor of the order.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to state to the members of the Council that it is almost impossible for me to sit still here and see these orders go through without having a word to say. That is the reason that I have risen here so many times this evening. I am well pleased now to see that the Councilman who sits in the same division that I do (Mr. Tobin) realizes that it is useless to appeal to the Mayor for anything of that sort, because in my opinion he is liable to veto that order now, as he will claim that it would be surrendering some of the powers which are vested in the Mayor. I believe eight hours' work is enough for any man. It is all we work in the business I work at, and that has been carried on successfully for the employees, as well as for the employers, for the last ten years, on that basis. I see no right nor reason why the city employees should work any more than eight hours a day. I sincerely hope the order will be passed this evening by a unanimous vote.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, here is a step in the right direction. I did not know really that the statutes provided that cities and towns could pass judgment on this matter; but, as the gentleman from Wd. 9 (Mr. Tobin) has looked it up, I am glad that such is the fact, and that a golden opportunity has arrived. Not only do I hope that this order will pass the Council here tonight, but I hope it will be carried out to the letter; and I hope also that the honored gentleman who sits down stairs will do his share in seeing the thing through, in seeing it put upon the ballot on election day. He has the credit throughout a good part of this country of being socialistically inclined. As he has that credit, I trust that he will be sincere in his ideas and will do his part, with the Common Council, in seeing this carried out. What does an eight hour basis mean? Under the present conditions, Mr. President, it means that the man who is walking the streets today will get an opportunity to go to work tomorrow. That is what it means. According to the last census of this country, as stated by the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Chairman of the Bureau of Labor and Statistics at Washington, it is given out that the working energy of this country is between twenty million and twenty-two million; that there are between 17½ million and 18 million people working, leaving 3½ million people idle. That constitutes a part of what we call the working energy of the nation. They are idle, on the bricks, and why? It would be a long story to enumerate the reasons, the causes, industrial, economic and social; but one of the great reasons why those three or four million people are idle is easily understood.

Massachusetts has its share of those idle laborers. New York at one time had 30,000 people of its working energy unemployed. Boston has had its share in the past and has today. Why? Because those people who have been working have had to work too many hours a day for their day's wages. Mr. President, we hear a great deal about improvements in machinery, throwing people out of work. When trusts are formed people are also thrown out of employment, and so it goes on ad infinitum. The way to get over that is to lessen the hours of labor. Idle people will then find employment and the mill will go steadily on. Mr. President, I am most emphatically in favor of this order.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise at this time to heartily endorse the sentiments of the preceding speakers on this bill. I must also compliment the gen-

tleman from Wd. 9 (Mr. Tobin), who presented it, and state that in my opinion it is one of the most intelligent bills ever presented in this body. This is a question of the poor man, the laboring man. As the speaker from Wd. 15 (Mr. Giblin) has just stated, eight hours a day is enough for any man to work, and he should receive a fair day's pay for it, and when this question comes to a vote of the intelligent people of Boston I believe it will pass. I trust, as the other speakers have done, that when the vote is taken it will be taken by a rising vote.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I most heartily endorse the bill that my colleague from Wd. 9 (Mr. Tobin) has presented. I never thought it would be possible for us to pass anything of that sort through this council, but I give him credit for his bill and heartily endorse it. I hope it will be passed through this body by a rising vote tonight, Mr. President.

The order was passed by a unanimous rising vote. Mr. Tobin moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

By direction of the President, the clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Broderick Chamberlain, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doyle, Emery, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, Martin, Midram, Miller, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—49.

Absent—Bordman, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Flynn, Hickey, Howard, Johnson, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, McInerney, Moore, Nagle, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Stevens, Walker,—26.

#### SKATING, CHURCHILL FIELD.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to hire for skating pond purposes the lot of land known as Churchill's Field, on Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, WD. 15.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to hire or lease a suitable piece of land for a playground in Wd. 15.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

#### HOLIDAY, PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Printing to grant the Saturday half holiday, the same as in other departments.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SPECIAL LAWS.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to give to the Common Council a report of what progress, if any, the special commission appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws relating to the City of Boston, has made, and how soon a report of their work may be expected.

The question came on reference of the order to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, before that order is referred I would like to read a short extract from the

Mayor's address delivered before the City Council, Jan. 2, 1899. It can be found on page 31 of the minutes of this year.

"In pursuance of my recommendation made a year ago, the City Council, in February last, authorized the appointment of a special commission, to consist of the corporation counsel and two other lawyers, to prepare a compilation of all special laws relating to the city of Boston, with a view to the passage of a comprehensive consolidation act; and the city has been fortunate in securing the services of Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, ex-attorney general of the Commonwealth, and Hon. Patrick A. Collins as members of this commission. Their work is now nearing completion, and it is hoped that it can be presented to the City Council during this month; I trust that the proposed consolidation act, which will prove not only a great practical convenience, but will make the government of the city much more comprehensive by the average citizen, will be passed at the coming session."

Mr. President, in January of this year, His Honor the Mayor said that that report is nearly ready and will be presented during that month, to the City Council. Ten months of the year have passed and the report on consolidation has not yet been presented. I think it is time that we knew what progress, if any, this special commission has made.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LIGHTS ON WALDECK ST.

Mr. WOOD, of Wd. 20, offered an order—that the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place gas lights on Waldeck St., between Park St. and Melville Ave., before the macadamizing which is now in progress on said street, is completed.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPLACING OF STREET SIGNS.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—that the

Street Department be requested to replace street signs where said signs have been removed by the change made in the Lamp Department in Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LAMP IN WARD 20.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—that the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a gaslight at the junction of Tona-wanda St. and Ridge Road, in Wd. 20.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

INFORMATION REGARDING LAMPS REMOVED.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—that the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Council what has been done with the gas lights recently removed from the streets, and if the same have been sold, to whom, and for how much.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

FIRE BOX, MT. PLEASANT AVE.

Mr. CONNOLLY, of Wd. 17, offered an order—that the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be hereby requested to locate a fire alarm box on the crest of the hill on Mt. Pleasant Ave., Wd. 17.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Roemer of Wd. 22 on the Committee on Claims, in place of Mr. Bordman, resigned.

The President announced the appointment of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 3 on the Committee on Library Dept., in place of Mr. Bordman, resigned.

Adjourned at 9:28 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Sullivan of Wd. 4, to meet on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 9, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present. The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Doyle, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, under the law, as follows:—

Three grand, for the U. S. Circuit Court, October term:

George H. Sullivan, Wd. 8; Thos. D. Roberts, Wd. 9; George W. Bashford, 19.

Twelve traverse, for the Superior Civil Court, Fourth session:—

Michael Nolan, Wd. 14; James A. Beattie, Wd. 25; Wm. E. Sheldon, Wd. 24; Peter A. Cummings, Wd. 4; Cornelius T. Lynch, Wd. 2; John M. B. Kelly, Wd. 2; Gordon F. Erwin, Wd. 18; John F. Newton, Jr., Wd. 21; Chas. D. French, Wd. 21; James W. Cusick, Wd. 17; Wm. J. Williams, Wd. 6; James A. Wallace, Wd. 17.

## WOODEN BUILDING—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 2, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my signature an order authorizing the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to D. Whiting & Sons to build a wooden building in the rear of 472 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, in excess of range allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances. I withhold my signature from this order for the reason that I am informed that petitioners now intend to erect a brick building, instead of the wooden building permitted by this order. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on granting it, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant the permit over the veto, the vote being yeas 0, nays 10.

RECONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS,  
RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 9, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting last Friday, making an additional appropriation of \$7000 for reconstructing and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Oct. 6, 1899.

Ordered, That the additional sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said ap-

propriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

IMPROVEMENTS AT RAINSFORD  
ISLAND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 9, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting last Friday, transferring the \$5000 formerly appropriated for "Parental School, drainage of land," to an appropriation for reconstruction and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
October 6, 1899.

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27th, 1899, as appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for "Children's Institutions, Department, Parental School, drainage of land," be, and hereby is, rescinded, and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed. Sent down.

## WORK ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 9, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Boston Transit Commission in reply to your order requesting me to inquire of the Commission whether the work on the East Boston tunnel is proceeding as vigorously as possible.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Boston Transit Commission,  
20 Beacon Street,

Boston, Oct. 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—The Boston Transit Commission respectfully makes reply to your request for information for the Board of Aldermen as to the progress of work upon East Boston Tunnel.

As soon as the Supreme Court rendered its opinion of July 3, the Commission rescinded its votes looking to a surface connection between the subway and the proposed tunnel to East Boston, and August 3 voted to proceed with the construction of the tunnel, as required by Chapter 500, Statutes of 1897, and as interpreted by the Supreme Judicial Court in Browne et al. versus Turner et al.

The Engineering force thereupon recommended making plans, studies and estimates of cost, a material change from former plans in the method of construction being made necessary by the great increase of late in the cost of steel and cast iron. An immediate investigation was instituted to learn to what extent concrete masonry can be safely substituted for metal.

Additional borings have been made, some requiring the use of the diamond drill, and a small section of tunnel has been constructed in East Boston to serve for a practical test of the strength of the method of construction now proposed.

Early in September notice was received of an application by ten citizens again asking for an injunction to restrain the Commission from building the tunnel. In this proceeding the constitutionality of the act will undoubtedly be passed upon by the Court. By advice of counsel active work on the tunnel has again been suspended pending the decision of the court. The counsel of the Commission has been instructed to hasten the matter to an early hearing. Yours respectfully,

George G. Crocker, Chairman.

Placed on file.

#### DOWN TOWN RELIEF HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Oct. 9, 1899

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, which explains itself. The opportunity thus presented of securing a down-town relief station without expense to the city, and merely by the transfer to the Hospital Department of a parcel of land now vacant and held to municipal uses, should certainly be embraced, and I earnestly recommend the speedy passage of the accompanying order to enable the city to take advantage of the gift now offered. The Trustees of the City Hospital have for several years strongly urged the need of a relief station of the character proposed, and have endeavored, with my support, to obtain appropriations for the purpose. Through taking advantage of the offer now made the city can obtain this much needed institution without the expenditure of public money for its construction. There can be no question that the location proposed would be a very appropriate and convenient one for the purpose, and that such a station would meet an existing public want in that section of the city, and would receive many patients.

I trust that the action required to secure to the city the benefit of such an institution in connection with its Hospital Department will be promptly embraced.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Boston City Hospital,

Harrison Ave., opp. Worcester Sq.,

Boston, Oct. 5, 1899.

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, seconded by requests from the Visiting Staff of the Hospital and petitions from prominent citizens, have, for a considerable period, as you are aware, urged the importance of establishing a Relief and Ambulance Station in the more congested portion of the city, in order that the Hospital may more completely and satisfactorily render the service which a municipal hospital is called upon to perform.

Speedy aid to the injured and quick relief in sudden sickness are recognized duties of a City Hospital, which it should exercise, not only for the saving of lives, but for the alleviation of suffering and the shortening of periods of disease and disability.

The Trustees, some time ago, considered with your Honor the desirability of taking for the purpose of such a station a portion of the land formerly occupied by the Boston & Maine Railroad as a passenger station in Haymarket Sq., which has been surrendered to the city by the Transit Commission.

The urgency of extending this Relief and Ambulance work of the Hospital is so great that the Trustees have determined to divert for the construction of

a building for these purposes, a fund out of a private bequest which has recently been given them for the benefit of the Hospital, and which they had proposed to devote to meet pressing demands within the grounds of the Hospital proper, provided the plan shall meet the approval of your Honor and the Honorable Council, and also provided the city will furnish the land, as the sum in question would not be sufficient to include the purchase of the land.

They believe that a suitable site can be found by taking a portion of the tract referred to, beginning on Haymarket Sq. and extending about one hundred and twenty feet on Canal St.

The site is peculiarly well located, inasmuch as it supplies the important requisite of light and air on three sides, is situated on the northerly part of the city, in close connection with Charlestown and East Boston, is readily accessible to the congested portions of Boston by the great thoroughfares which extend out from Haymarket Sq., is near the great railroad and steamship docks where the larger number of accidents occur, and supplements for emergency needs the main Hospital, which is situated in the southerly portion of the city.

The Trustees hope that inasmuch as the subject is of so great importance to the people of Boston, the matter may have a speedy and favorable consideration.

The transfer of this land to the Hospital Department can be made without any expense on the part of the city, and if placed in possession of the site, the trustees will be able to erect upon it a proper building every way adapted to the desired object.

I have the honor to be on behalf of the Board of Trustees, yours respectfully,

A Shuman, President.

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,

Oct. 9, 1899.

Ordered, That so much as may be needed of the parcel of land transferred to the city of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill St., Haymarket Sq., Canal St. and Travers St. extended, be placed under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief and ambulance station, the boundaries of the lot of land to be used for such purpose to be subsequently approved by the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Eastern Cold Storage Company, for leave to lay iron pipes under and along Creek Sq., Wd. 6.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:—

2. For a location for tracks in Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot Sts., Neponset Ave., Sanford, Washington, Richmond and Marsh Sts., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

A. T. Hayden appeared for adjoining property owners, in remonstrance, stating that the parties whom he represented desired to have a hearing more at length before the Committee on Railroads.

On motion of Ald. Codman, it was voted to be the sense of the Board that the Committee on Railroads be requested to give a hearing to the remonstrants. No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

3. For a location for double curves at the junction of Columbus Ave. with Dartmouth St.

4. For locations for curved tracks on Washington, Warren and Dudley Sts., with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

5. On petition of Charles M. Baker et al., executors of the estate of Reuben E. Demmon, that the Board estimate the damages occasioned by the taking of land of said Demmon by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

William B. Durant, of 19 Congress St., appeared and said that he desired to have the matter considered with No. 16 on the calendar. If 16 is passed, it will cover this case. Otherwise he desired postponement.

No. 5 was referred to the Board acting as County Commissioners.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept.

Eben D. Jordan estate, for leave to build a wooden addition on Corey Road, corner of Westbourne Terrace, Wd. 25.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Martin Sullivan & Co., a sign, at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Geo. M. Palmer, M. D., a sign, at 7 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Di Luccio Pasquale, a shoe-maker's sign, at 174 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Isaac Pond, two barber poles, at 47 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Baker & Buckler, a V-shaped sign, at 124 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Antonio Zarella, three signs, at 88 Charlestown St. Wd. 6.

Louis Cohen, a sign, at 60 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

John J. Douglass, a campaign transparency, at 19 Lewis St., Wd. 2.

Margaret Gordon, a sign, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Ferrin & Fausnaught, a druggist's mortar, at 725 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

A. Lipkin, a sign, at 33 Green St., Wd. 8.

Suffolk Engraving Co., a shelf for printing frames, at 234 Congress St.

O. E. Couture, a sign, at 6 Avery St., Wd. 7.

T. F. Corey & Co., a lantern, at 84 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

I. H. Goldsmith, an illuminated druggist's mortar, at 1130 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Quincy Club, of Ward One, two campaign transparencies, at 262 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Frank H. Cowin, two campaign transparencies, from building on corner of Washington and Dover Sts.—one over each street—Wd. 9.

Frank H. Cowin, a campaign transparency, at 384 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Gross & Strauss Co., electric sign, corner Washington and Bedford Sts., Wd. 7.

C. E. Davis & Co., illuminated sign, 2 Park Sq., corner Boylston St., Wd. 7.

F. A. Lasky, two barber poles, 2532 Washington St.

John P. Conlan, sign, 25 Howard St., corner Stoddard St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Harlow E. Woodward et al., for payment to Selwyn Z. Bowman of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Harrison Ave.

Bridget Flynn, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Harvard St.

John H. Costello, M. D., to be paid for professional services in attending Michael S. McCaron, who was injured by a horse belonging to the Fire Department.

Michael E. Leahy, for compensation for damage to his horse and wagon caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester Ave., July 15, 1899.

Lucy Grecco, for compensation for personal injuries from a collision with a team of the Fire Department.

Edward F. Hayes, for compensation for personal injuries received on the fishing sloop "Belle and May," caused by the alleged careless or negligent acts of the draw tender at Meridian St. bridge.

Robt. L. Wetherbee, to be paid the sum of \$62.93, the amount of a judgment and costs in a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Herbert I. Nickerson, to be paid the sum of \$106.13, the amount of a judgment and costs in a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Dennis J. Sweeney, for compensation for damage to estate 31 Woodman St., J. P., caused by overflowing of water into cellar.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

District Assembly No. 30, for the use of Faneuil Hall for a convention of the General Assembly of the K. of L. on Nov. 11 to 25 inclusive (except Sunday, Nov. 19), in the daytime, and on Nov. 14 in the evening, waiving the fee.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Raphael Rosnosky, for the removal of two trees and the trimming of one tree at 29 Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Christopher Blake, that the tree in front of 634 and 606 E. Eighth St. be trimmed.

Board of Health.

Augusta P. Holmes, for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 11 Lambert Ave., Roxbury.

Lamps.

James W. Tobey, for public lamps on Lafayette Pl., Wd. 16.

Lewis F. Clarke et als., for public gas lamps on Greenwood St., Wd. 20.

George W. Curtis et als., for public gas lamps on Nazing St., Wd. 21.

Licenses.

Rich. Harris & Frohman, for a permit for Irene Foster and Ethel Martin to appear at the Hollis St. Theatre, for two weeks commencing Oct. 2, 1899.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz:—

W. M. Farrington, agent, at Alston Hall, 10 Franklin St., Wd. 25.

Harvard University Athletic Association (for football and other athletic exhibitions) on Soldiers' Field, Brighton.

C. B. Knowles, at Lawrence Encampment Hall, 724 Washington St.

Thomas M. Roddy, at Roddy Hall, 68 Market St., Wd. 25.

J. Carlton Nichols, at Bethesda Hall, Broadway, cor. F St.

Charles F. Densmore, at Arcanum Hall, cor. Brighton Ave. and Alston St., Wd. 25.

S. A. Cleaves, at Unity Hall, 633 Washington St., Dorchester.

William J. Nolan, at Tonti Hall, 327 E St., S. B.

Pierce J. Grace, Columbia Theatre.

Railroads.

Petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz:—

For a location of double tracks on Western Ave., from the Watertown line to its existing tracks on said street, with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

For location of a double track on Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St., to take the place of existing tracks.

For a location of a double track on Adams St., from Neponset to Minot St., with the right to use the overhead electric system on same.

Directors of the Newton & West Roxbury Street Railway Company, for a location of tracks in Baker, Mt. Vernon and Lagrange Sts., or such other streets as the Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the trolley system thereon.

Public Improvements.

Augustus P. Loring, trustee, for leave to excavate under the sidewalk at the Albany Building on Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

Boston Elevated Ry. Co., for leave to

erect guy posts in Corning and Porter Sts., Wd. 7.

H. S. Angus, for leave to move a wooden building from 95 Chelsea St., to rear of 106 Orleans St., Wd. 2.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from Birch St. to rear 192 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Patrick J. Calnan, for the relocation of the Pumping Station on Charles River Bridge to the northwest side of the draw of Warren Bridge.

P. Terrile, sign, 280-2 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Lotta M. Crabtree, coal hole opening, 631 Washington St.

Daniel F. Dowd, coal hole, Piedmont St., side of 51-3 Church St., Wd. 10.

Fannie Drooker, coal side with iron cover, and stone step leading into basement at 30 Norman St., Wd. 8.

John A. Rooney, for leave to erect guy posts, one on Corey and two on Centre Sts.

L. P. Soule & Son, for leave to erect guy posts in Pemberton Sq.

L. P. Soule & Son, for leave to erect guy posts in Beacon St. and Somerset St.

John Sutherland, for leave to erect guy posts, four in Bow St., four in Arrow St., and eight in Lynde St., Wd. 5.

Francis W. Kittredge, for leave to construct three coal hole openings in sidewalk corner Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

James P. Stearns et al., trustees, 7-9-11 Fulton St. and 42-52 Clinton St., Wd. 6.

Albert Geiger, Columbus Ave., cor. Wellington St., Wd. 10.

W. A. and H. A. Root, 119 Bay State Road, Wd. 11.

James W. Tufts, 817-819 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

W. B. Thomas, 479-481 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Arthur H. Flint, 768 E. Fifth St., Wd. 14.

John D. Bates, 253-5-7, 9, 61, 65 and 67 E St., and on Sixth St., Wd. 15.

C. H. Wheelock, 66-68 Middle St., Wd. 15.

Emma Kimball, 1 Robin Hood St., Wd. 16.

Gleofa Essig, 30 Washburn St., Wd. 16.

Henry G. Albright, 570 Columbia road, Wd. 16.

Hugh D. Kelly, 50-6) Burrell St., Wd. 16.

Charles May, 825 Dorchester Ave. and on Harvest St., Wd. 16.

Joseph F. Loughlin, 19 Bellflower St., Wd. 16.

John Mahan, 61-63 Dewey St., Wd. 16.

Robert Black, 15-19 Folsom St., Wd. 16.

Maximilian Kaiser, 91 George St., Wd. 17.

David Rubinovz, 369-373 Heath St., Wd. 19.

D. J. Delaney, 80 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

Julia Desmond, 70 Fisher Ave., Wd. 19.

Benjamin Harris, 9-23 Haskin St., Wd. 21.

French, Cole & Co., 81 Waumbuck St., Wd. 21.

Dennis Meagher, 96 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22.

Andrew F. McDermott, 1849-1851 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Louisa A. Means, 424 E. Sixth St., Wd. 15.

R. F. Means, 422 E. Sixth St., Wd. 15.

C. B. Hill, 28 North St., Wd. 6.

#### UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Ald. Brick and Codman were appointed as a special committee for the sale of unclaimed baggage on the petition of the Boston & Maine R.R. Co. for authority to sell certain articles of unclaimed baggage.

#### REMOVAL OF POLES.

The petition of Rev. John J. Farrell, et als., for the removal of poles of the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. on West Cottage St., Dorchester, was read.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in regard to the petition of residents on West Cottage St., Dorchester, for the removal of poles on that street, I move that the Committee on Electric Wires be requested to give a hearing to the residents of West

Cottage St. on the matter. In the Herald this morning I find that:—

"The tax payers and property owners of West Cottage St., Roxbury, last night inaugurated a movement to prevent the placing of telegraph poles on the south side of the street. The property owners and tax payers claim that the poles obstruct the sidewalk, are a serious menace to their property, and injuriously affect the value of it."

Last night I called at West Cottage St. and saw the poles that had been erected there. They are certainly not an ornament to the street, and I believe that if the officials of the Company which erected the poles would visit West Cottage St., they would come to the conclusion that the poles are not fit to erect on such a narrow sidewalk as there is on West Cottage St. During the whole year the Board of Aldermen have granted a great many petitions for the erection of poles, and the citizens of Boston have offered very little objection to them; but here is a case where I believe the citizens and tax payers of West Cottage St. certainly rightfully protest. I believe they have good ground for objecting to those poles. They are unsightly, very large, probably 20 or more inches in diameter, and they certainly cannot be considered ornamental in front of any man's house.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, in presenting that petition I certainly desire to say, as a member of the Committee on Electric Wires, that I am in favor of a hearing. Although I did not ask for one, it was my intention when the Committee met to move that a hearing be given to the gentlemen who signed the petition.

THE CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that it is in the province of the Committee to give a hearing, but as the Alderman has made a motion the Chair will put it.

Ald. McDonald's motion that the committee be instructed to give a public hearing to the petitioners, was carried.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Message from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the School Committee in reply to an order requesting that immediate steps be taken to improve the sanitary condition of the Mather Schoolhouse, South Boston.

7. Message from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the School Committee in reply to an order asking that improvements be made on the yard and walks of the Thetford-avenue School in Dorchester.

8. Notice of the appointment of Mr. Roemer as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Claims in place of Mr. Bordman, resigned, and of the appointment of Mr. Cuddy as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Library Department in place of Mr. Bordman, resigned.

Severally placed on file.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Dixon, to consider Nos. 9 to 14, inclusive, together, viz:—

9. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the heads of the various departments to grant a holiday on Saturday, October 14, 1899 (Dewey Day), to all employees of the city whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for services rendered.

10. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to discontinue the use of the Parkman Schoolhouse, South Boston; said building being in an unfit condition for school purposes.

11. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to make plans and grant a hearing on the advisability of laying out Puritan Ave., from Richfield St. to Olney St., Wd. 20.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the following placed on the official ballot at the next

Municipal Election in accordance with Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899: "Shall eight hours constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, or who may hereafter be employed by, or on behalf of, the city of Boston."

13. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient to enable the city of Boston to offer its hospitalities to Admiral Dewey, as a recognition of the valuable and patriotic services which he rendered to this country during the recent war with Spain.

The following comes up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

14. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to hire or lease a suitable piece of land for a playground in Wd. 15.

Severally passed in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 15, unfinished business, viz:—

15. Action on the appointment submitted by the Mayor of Thomas O'Connor to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in connection with his duties in the building department of this city.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Brick and Adams. Whole number of ballots cast, 12; yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### ELEVATED RAILWAY DAMAGES.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 16, special assignment, viz:—

16. Ordered, That in all the petitions now pending before the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County, brought by or against the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the assessment of damages occasioned by the taking of land by said company, damages be and hereby are assessed and awarded in the sum of one dollar to each and every person named in said petitions, interested as owner, mortgagee, lessee or otherwise in the land so taken.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer the following, as a substitute order:—

On petitions of the Boston Elevated Railway Company that this Board estimate the damages sustained by the taking by the said company of land of certain parties, as in said petitions is more fully set forth, viz:—

Lands taken October 31, 1898, situated at Nos. 2278, 2280, 2282 and 2284 Washington St.,—Horace H. Moses, Clara S. Moses, Cornelia J. Moses, Mary S. Moses and George A. Wetherbee, owners; the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, and Lorenzo D. Hawkins, owners of mortgages upon said property.

Lands taken October 31, and November 23, 1898, situated on Zeigler St.,—Harriet A. Nichols, Amelia S. Savery and L. Effie Nichols, owners; William P. Blake, trustee under the will of Eliza Shimmim, owner of two mortgages upon said premises.

Lands taken October 31, and November 23, 1898, situated on or near Warren St.,—Harlan P. Whitcomb, owner; Francis A. Brooks, the New England Trust Company as trustees of its general trust, and the New England Trust Company as trustee under the will of James W. Clark, each the owner of a mortgage upon a portion of said premises; William B. Cutter, owner of a lease of part of said premises, and Daniel P. Nichols, Henry C. Sears and Wendell L. Nichols, copartners as D. P. Nichols & Company, owners of a lease of a part of said premises.

Lands taken October 31, and November 23, 1898, situated on Zeigler St.—Amelia T. Worthington, William F. Milton, Richard S. Milton and Bentley W. Warren, trustees under the will of William H. Milton,

owners; Jean B. B. DeBeltrand as The J. B. B. DeBeltrand Grocery Company, owners of a lease of a part of said premises.

Land taken November 23, 1898, situated on Washington St. and Knower Pl.,—John Ross, owner.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 21 Porter St.,—Sarah A. Carlton, owner.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 9 Porter St.,—Frederick Jenkins and Frank Jenkins, owners; Andreas Blume, trustee for Isabella R. Estey, owner of a mortgage upon said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 23 Porter St.,—Margaret D. Fettec, owner.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 27 Porter St.,—Anna L. Messinger, owner; Charles A. Whittemore, trustee under the will of Eunice Moody, owner of a mortgage upon said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 17 Porter St.,—Mary H. Underwood, owner; George A. Dary, trustee under the will of Miriam W. Stedman, owner of a mortgage upon said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 35 Kirkland St.,—Annie Wyzanski, owner.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 7 Porter St.,—John W. Bemis, owner; David H. Greenwood, owner of a conditional contract for the conveyance of said premises; and Robert P. Holmes, owner of a lease of said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at Nos. 1 and 3 Porter St., and 68, 70, 72 and 74 Pleasant St.,—John W. Bemis owner; David H. Greenwood, owner of a conditional contract for the conveyance of said premises; Archibald M. Howe, administrator with the will annexed of Theodore Metcalf, owner of a mortgage upon said premises; Minnie Jacobson, owner of a lease of said premises; Simon Alexander, V. H. Grover, the Boston Advertising Company, John Donnelly and E. C. Donnelly, doing business as John Donnelly & Sons, Yuen Lee, and the O. J. Gude Company, severally owners of leases of parts of said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 25 Porter St.,—Margaret Doherty Whelan, Elizabeth T. Doherty, Annie M. Scott, Henry J. Bradley, Mary A. Bradley and Margaret M. Bradley, owners; Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, owner of a mortgage upon said premises.

Land taken December 19, 1898, situated on Harrison Ave. and Motte St.,—Charles G. Way, owner; Josiah Oakes and Ann Marla Kelt, owner of a mortgage upon part of said premises, and the Home Savings Bank, owner of two mortgages upon a part of said premises.

Land taken January 30, 1899, situated at No. 33 Kirkland St.,—William A. Matthews, owner; and George H. Poor, trustee under the will of Stephen J. Bowles, owner of a mortgage upon said premises.

Lands taken January 30, 1899, situated respectively at No. 37 Kirkland St., at Nos. 39 and 41 Kirkland St., and at No. 47 Porter St.,—Hannah Greenwood, owner; Abble Grace Small, owner of a mortgage upon said land at No. 37 Kirkland St.; the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, owner of a mortgage upon said land at Nos. 39 and 41 Kirkland St., and the United States Trust Company and Mary Greenwood, owners of mortgages upon said land at 47 Porter St.

Land taken October 31, 1898, situated on Beach and Tyler Sts.,—Benjamin F. Shattuck, owner; Sarah J. Garland, owner of a mortgage upon said premises; and Charles Birkenmeyer, owner of a lease of a part of said premises.

Land taken October 31, 1898, situated on Beach St. and Harrison Ave.,—Benjamin F. Shattuck, owner; Nathaniel T. Kidder and J. O. Shaw, jr., trustees for the benefit of Elizabeth H. Kidder, owners of a mortgage upon said premises; and Frank

L. Robbins, owner of a lease of said premises.

Land taken March 27, 1899, situated on Atlantic Ave. and Beach St.—Charles G. Rice owner; and Eliza Collamore, Helen Collamore and Katharine C. Pierce owners of a mortgage upon said premises.

Land taken October 31, 1898, situated on Harrison Ave.—Reuben E. Deunnon owner; and Frank L. Robbins, owner of a lease of said premises.

Land taken December 19, 1898, situated on Causeway St.—Emma A. Goodnow owner.

Lands taken October 31 and November 28, 1898, situated on Babcock Court—Hubert Daly owner.

Lands taken October 31 and November 28, 1898, situated on Babcock Court—John H. Quinlan, Daniel F. Quinlan, Mary E. Bannon, Dennis F. Quinlan, Hannah C. Quinlan and Margaret E. Hughes owners; and Catharine E. Feeley and Edward J. Tansey doing business as John Feeley and Company, owners of a lease of said premises.

Land taken December 19, 1898, situated on Motte and Washington Sts.—Charles G. Way owner; the Home Savings Bank owner of a mortgage upon a part of said premises; and Robert C. Murray owner of a lease of a portion of said premises.

It now appearing that due notice has been given to the said owners of said estates, and to those owning mortgages upon, or lease of, the whole or any portion of any of said estates, also to the said owner of conditional contracts for the conveyance of certain of said estates, of the pendency of said petitions, it is, after due consideration, hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by said owners of said estates and said owners of said mortgages upon, and lease of, said estates, as aforesaid, and by said owner of conditional contracts for the conveyance of certain of said estates, as aforesaid, be estimated at the sum of one dollar each.

Also upon the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company that this Board estimate the damages sustained by James W. Stevens, by the taking by said company on October 31 and November 28, 1898, of certain lands situated on Dudley St., of which said lands George H. Lyman, trustee, was the owner, said Stevens having on said dates a written lease of said premises by assignment, it now appearing that due notice has been given to said Stevens of the pendency of said petition, after due consideration it is hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by said Stevens, having said lease as aforesaid, be estimated at the sum of one dollar.

The CHAIRMAN—Is it the desire of the Board to refer this to any committee?

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the whole matter to the Committee on Public Improvement.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would suggest the impropriety of taking it from the County Commissioners and referring it to a committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would say that it may not be in accordance with the usual rule, but as it goes to the same men, and the Board when together can act as County Commissioners, that reference may facilitate business. However, it is for the Board to say.

The motion to refer No. 16, with the substitute order, to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried.

Later in the session Ald. Colby said:—

Mr. Chairman, I ask a reconsideration of the vote whereby No. 16 and the substitute order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and I trust that they will be considered at the present time. There is quite a number of people here who are interested, and if we know what we are going to do I think we ought to do it. If we do not know, it may then be well, perhaps, to wait until such time

as we may find out what we intend to do. There seems to me no reason why we should not consider this matter in open Board, as County Commissioners, at the present time. We have sat upon it on several occasions, and I see no reason why we should not now discuss it and act upon it here.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I agree with Ald. Colby. I believe we should make up our minds upon this matter and settle it today. It is a matter of importance and it seems to me it should be acted on at once, one way or the other. If we are going to award one dollar to these parties, let us do it. If there are reasons why we should not do so, I think counsel for the petitioners should state them. I think we ought to make up our minds upon this matter today.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that it is not the desire of any member of the Board to shut off any citizen who may want a hearing. It is in the province of members of this Board to call attention to the fact that there are people here ready to be heard on the subject. The question is on reconsideration of reference of No. 16 with the substitute order.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it was not my object to shut off those who are interested and who want to be heard on this matter, at all. But after the introduction of this substitute order it struck me that it was a document of some length and that it could be better considered in committee than here. That was my reason for moving the reference. I have no objection to its being read at length now. I believe the whole matter should be taken up and given full discussion, and that a full reading of the order should not be dispensed with.

Reconsideration was carried, and the Clerk commenced to read Ald. Colby's substitute order for information.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say that I see no necessity for the Clerk going all through the descriptions at this time, as this order includes the names of all parties who have been in here and have petitioned to be heard. But if any members of the Board want all the names read, I have no objection. I simply suggest that four or five pages are taken up with that list of names and description, and that when the Clerk is through reading them any member here will probably have very little more information than he has now.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the Board object to leaving out the descriptions? (No response.) The Chair hears no objection, and the Clerk will leave out the descriptions.

The Clerk completed the reading of the substitute order, leaving out the names and descriptions.

The CHAIRMAN—Are there any persons who desire to be heard on No. 15 on the calendar? (No response.) The Chair hears none.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter now be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if the alderman will suggest any good and sufficient reason why it should be so referred, I will consider the matter; but, as it stands at the present time, unless he has some information that we have not yet received or can suggest some new line of action that ought to be adopted, I must say that I see nothing to be gained by sending it to that committee. It is hard enough to get things through the Board here without waiting for them to also go through the Committee on Public Improvements. I have no particular interest in the matter except to see it fixed up right, as it should be. If it is not right now, I trust that any alderman will suggest an amendment; and if there is really any good reason for it, I am perfectly willing to accede to the suggestion to refer it to the Committee, because this is a

matter of importance and deserving of serious consideration. But after all the time we have given to it it seems foolish to now refer it, unless the alderman shows some good reason why it should be done. I shall ask that the motion to refer be defeated.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have some information, and that is just the reason why I ask for this reference. I cannot say that the information I have changes my opinion in the matter. I have practically made up my mind, after having given this matter considerable thought, but I have had something brought to my attention today which I would like to submit to the members of the Board in committee. I cannot see how there will be any unnecessary delay if the matter is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements and reported back today. I would be in favor of its being reported back to us later in the session. I give to the alderman my word that I have a matter which I wish to bring before the members of the Board in Committee, and if it is referred I will bring it before them there. The importance of it remains to be seen. I will not vouch for the fact that it is important enough to change a single vote; but, nevertheless, a friend of mine has raised a question with me that I would like to bring before the Board for determination. My purpose is not to delay the matter. I am perfectly willing, if the alderman wishes, to have this referred to the Committee on Public Improvements with instructions to report back today. But I would like to have it go to that committee before further steps are taken.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the gentleman accept the motion?

Ald. COLBY—No, Mr. Chairman, I do not. I have sufficient confidence in myself not to wish to be placed in the stultifying position of voting to instruct myself to report the matter back to this Board today, if it is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. If there is information of sufficient importance to warrant the Committee in not reporting back today, it would certainly be foolish for us to vote now that it shall so report; and it would certainly be foolish for us to place ourselves on record as unable to trust ourselves with a question of this kind in the Committee room.

The CHAIRMAN—It is perfectly in order for this Board to report that a matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements shall be reported back at the same meeting. That is something which has been done a number of times this year. It is not a new suggestion.

Ald. CODMAN—I did not make that motion. I merely said I would make it if it would satisfy the alderman on the opposite side of the Chamber.

No. 16, with the substitute order offered by Ald. Colby, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### TRACK LOCATION IN DORCHESTER.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 17, special assignment, viz:—

17. Hearing on petition of the Forest Hills and Quincy Street Railway Company for a location for its tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system on same, on Washington, Morton, Codman, Adams and Minot Sts., and Neponset Ave., Sanford and Marsh Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman, with instructions to give a public hearing together with another petition relating to the same subject.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. and the Union Freight Railroad Co., accepting their 132d and 17th locations respectively,

and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### STORAGE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of J. Otis McFadden for a license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 35 Portland St., Wd. 6—approving of the same.

The license was granted by the Board. A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Morse Bros. for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 23 Green St.—disapproving of the same.

Accepted and license refused by the Board.

#### TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Reports were received from the Superintendent of Public Grounds as follows:—

(1) Report of the petition of Mrs. C. F. Smith (referred Sept. 12), for the removal of a tree in front of her estate, corner of Magnolia and Quincy Sts.—that the tree be removed and another one trimmed at the owner's expense.

(2) Report on the petition of Mrs. Chamberlin (referred July 25), for leave to remove a tree at 422 Main S., Wd. 4—disapproving of the same as the tree is sound.

(3) Report on the petition of L. H. Daloz (referred Aug. 2), for the removal of two trees in front of building now being constructed at 11 Humphreys St., Wd. 16—that the same be removed.

The question came on granting leave.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the department ought to remove some of those trees. It has been the custom in the past for the department to remove certain trees.

The CHAIRMAN—There is no money there for it.

Ald. CODMAN—Then there should be money provided.

The CHAIRMAN—You might introduce an order with that end in view.

Ald. CODMAN—I know there have been trees removed at the expense of the department. It seems to me that some of these trees should be removed at the expense of the city. When a tree is on the land of a private individual I don't believe in making him pay the expense; but when it is a city tree, on the street, it seems to me the city should stand the expense of removing it. I know that trees have been so removed.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the last case read by the Clerk is of a gentleman who is building a building, and he finds that a tree interferes with it. Mr. Doogue claims that he should remove the tree at his own expense, as long as he comes in and asks for the privilege of having it removed.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I don't refer to that particular case, but there are several in the line that I have referred to, and I simply say that I shall be inclined to oppose any other action than I have suggested in such cases in the future. I know there have been trees removed, the expense for removing which has been charged to the city; and I trust that these matters will not be pushed through in this way, but will be referred to some committee to look into.

Leave was granted as recommended by the Superintendent, on the first and third petitions, and leave to withdraw was given on No. 2.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Freeman Nickerson et al., Trustees, for leave to project three bay windows from building 35 Central Sq., one over said square and two over Saratoga St., Wd. 1—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday,

Oct. 23d, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### AWNING—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Pierce J. Grace for leave to project a permanent awning at the Columbia Theatre on Washington St., Wd. 9—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 23, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. CODMAN presented the petition of Philip F. Berkwitz for the removal of a tree at 123 Park St. and in connection with the same offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of the house of Philip F. Berkwitz, 123 Park St., Dorchester, said tree being entirely dead, and for the safety of the public should be immediately removed; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 58 newsboys, 7 boot-blacks and 1 vendor.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses for entertainments for season ending Aug. 1, 1900—that the same be granted, viz:

Pierce J. Grace, Columbia Theatre.  
William J. Nolan, Tonti Hall, 327 E St., South Boston.

S. A. Cleaves, Unity Hall, 633 Washington St., Dorchester.

Charles F. Densmore, Arcanum Hall, Wd. 26.

J. Carlton Nichols, Bethesda Hall, Broadway, corner F St.

Thomas F. Roddy, Roddy Hall, Market St., Wd. 25.

C. B. Knowles, Lawrence Encampment Hall, 724 Washington St.

W. M. Farrington, agent, Allston Hall, Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; licenses severally granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Harvard University Athletic Association (referred to day), for a license for football and other athletic exhibitions on Soldiers' Field, Brighton, for the season ending August 1, 1900—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Rich, Harris & Frohman (referred today), for permission for Irene Foster and Ethel Martin to appear at Hollis Theatre for two weeks from Oct. 2—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of John Wolf, Jr., & Co. (referred June 29), to be paid for damage to team caused by an alleged defect in Endicott St., October 25, 1898—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, on account of late notice.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have that Wolff matter referred back to the Committee on Claims.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, it is perfectly easy to have the matter referred back, but there is absolutely nothing the Committee can do with it. The man met with an accident in October, 1898, and

served notice in September, 1899. The time fixed by statute within which notice shall be given was not observed, and I don't see how the Committee can do anything with it.

Ald. DIXON—Well, I beg to make a statement. Mr. Wolf notified Captain Dyer, Inspector of Claims, last year. Well, I move that the matter be laid on the table.

The report on the petition referred to was laid on the table.

(2) Report on the petition of Charles D. Stewart (referred July 17), for compensation for injuries received from an alleged defect at the corner of Causeway and Portland Sts.—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, as the claim has been settled.

Accepted. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of the Robert G. Shaw Social Club (referred July 17), to be repaid amount paid for a liquor license granted but not issued by the Board of Police—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to the Robert G. Shaw Social Club, Marshall Thompson, President, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, being the amount, less fifty dollars for use, paid by said club for a special club liquor license which was not issued by the Board of Police.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling (referred June 26), to be refunded the sum paid by them for liquor licenses which were not issued—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling the sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars, being the amount paid by them for liquor licenses of the first and fourth classes which were granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Lavinia A. Barber (referred May 1) for compensation for injuries received by her husband in the discharge of his duty while employed in the Police Department—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That an annuity be paid from the City Treasury to Lavinia A. Barber, widow of James K. Barber, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police, and the annuity so determined to be paid from the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of William R. F. Whall, and another (referred July 17)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William R. F. Whall and Thos. J. Ready the sum of eight and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 49, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charles, Spring and Washington Sts. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 68.

Report on the petition of Augusta A. Way (referred Feb. 20)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Augusta A. Way the sum of one hundred forty-three and 45-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 49, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Morris St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 228.

Report on the petition of Laura Seldner (referred Aug. 1)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Laura Seldner the sum of forty and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on northerly side of Fuller St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 40.

Report on petition of Edward Reardon (referred June 26)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward Reardon the sum of ninety-one and 77-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Fenton St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2498, fol. 621.

Report on the petition of Annie Maguire (referred June 29)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John B. Dore the sum of seventy-six and 26-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on East Fourth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 123.

Report on three (3) petitions of Catherine J. Lynch (referred July 17)—recommending the passage of the following orders:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of three hundred and twenty and 60-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 132.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of one hundred and forty-one and 60-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2530, fol. 231.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of one hundred and forty-eight and 20-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2530, fol. 233.

Report on three (3) petitions of the Jewett Lumber Co. (referred Sept. 12)—Recommending the passage of the following orders:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, Trustee, the sum of one and 23-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 620.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, Trustee, the sum of thirty-one and 11-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 625.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, Trustee, the sum of one hundred ninety-two and 47-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390,

section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Glendon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 625.

Report on the petition of Joseph Comeau et al. (referred June 12)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William H. Baker the sum of one hundred sixteen and 90-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on westerly side of Denny St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 49.

Report on the petition of Mary G. Fuller (referred July 17)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary G. Fuller the sum of one hundred fifty-nine and 40-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deed, lib. 2583, fol. 153.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed. Sent down.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Supt. of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of the house of R. W. Oliver, 244 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 4; said tree being decayed and dangerous; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Dept.

Passed.

#### WIDENING OF BATTERY ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to widen Battery St., from Commercial St. to the Ferry, on the southerly side, to a width of about 100 feet, in accordance with the plan now in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed. Sent down.

#### EAST BOSTON GRADE CROSSINGS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Law Department be requested to inform this Board what action has been taken on the petition of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, praying for the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree opposite 113 Eutaw St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### NIGHT SCHOOL—SPECTACLE ISLAND.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to consider the matter of furnishing books for a night school at Spectacle Island.

Passed. Sent down.

#### TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to provide transportation for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common on Saturday, October 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in relation to that order I would state that, in consultation with several school teachers yesterday, they thought some means should be provided whereby the school children may reach the Common in safety. With that end in view it was suggested

that the teachers should call the scholars together on Saturday morning and that transportation should be furnished either by the West End Road or by harges, so as to reach the Common. If that is not done, it will be considerable trouble for the children to get there. Their idea was this, that the children in many of the schools—for instance in Charlestown, Roxbury and Dorchester, all the outlying sections—should have transportation furnished; but at such schools as the Quincy and Winthrop schools, here in the city, a plan might be arranged whereby the teachers could march at the head of their classes to the Common. In that way they would be able to get on the Common. It seems to me that would be the better way. While we do not wish to dictate to the School Committee, this order is offered for the careful consideration of that committee. It seems to me, if carried out, that it will satisfy the fathers and mothers of the children attending the schools, who will then feel that their children are in safe hands on their way to the Common.

The order was passed.

#### CALL FOR REPORT.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I want to give notice that I will ask for a report at the next meeting from the Committee on investigation of the contract made between the city and the Rising Sun Lighting Company. I think that the Council was right in showing some feeling in this matter. I myself tried to do something towards it in the Board, but I found the force of votes against me, so that I was not able to do anything. I feel, as I said before the Committee was appointed, when the order was first brought in, that seriousness of intention was wanting in the Committee. I don't think they have ever assembled for the purpose for which they were appointed. They are surely trifling with the public on an important matter, which concerns not only the city but the lamplighters themselves, besides having a bearing on the tax levy. It is not right to deceive the public in this way—not having meetings and not doing anything. I don't blame the Council for trying to do something. I myself have run up against this stonewall; and now, if they have any explanations to make, I would like to hear them.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Committee on Lamp Department, I want to say to the gentleman who has just taken his seat that this is the first time I have heard him say anything in reference to a hearing on the Rising Sun Street Lighting contract. While I am a member of that committee and am very anxious that an investigation shall be held, still I refuse to sit in my seat while the alderman from Charlestown tries to make political capital in this manner.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will simply say that the gentleman asks for a report from the Committee. The Chair will call the attention of the Committee to that fact.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement. I understand that this has been referred to the Standing Committee on Lamps of the Board of Aldermen, of which I am not a member. If I had been a member, I assure the gentleman that he would have heard from me long before this.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Ald. Adams the Board voted, at 4:05 P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:10 P.M.

#### DEWEY DAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say

that the Board of Apportionment has appropriated \$5000 for what is known as Dewey Day, and the Mayor is willing to meet a committee on the part of the Board and a committee on the part of the Council. The Chair will appoint as such a committee on the part of the Board Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city thereto, as follows:—

Charles P. Curtis (petition referred Sept. 18), to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 81-83 Essex St.

Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred today), to erect, maintain and use two guy posts in Corning St., and one post in Porter St., with the necessary ropes attached thereto.

The American Bell Telephone Company (petition referred Sept. 25), to construct, maintain and use areas with iron and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estates 11-13 Oliver St. and 117-119 Milk St., as shown on plan on file in the permit office, street department.

L. P. Soule & Son (petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use four guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Pemberton Sq., in the following locations:—

1 in front of 38, 1 in front of 56, 2 in front of the Court House, 1 at Police Headquarters, east of driveway; 1 near the corner of Tremont Row, north side.

L. P. Soule & Son (petition referred Sept. 25), to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, in locations as follows:

1 in front of 1 Somerset St.; 1 in front of 11 Beacon St.; 1 in front of 17 Beacon St.; 1 in front of 23 Beacon St.—for use in erecting building at 8 and 10 Beacon St.

John Sutherland (petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows:

4 on Bow St., between Arrow and Mason Sts.; 4 on Arrow St.; 8 on Lynde St., between Second and Arrow Sts.—for use in constructing a retaining wall for the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Francis W. Kittredge (petition referred today), to construct, maintain and use three coal hole openings, each not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk on the Warren St. side of estate on the corner of Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21.

Estate of John P. Nichols, (petition referred Sept. 25), to construct, maintain and use four areas 12 ft. by 3 ft. 8 inches each, with granite and iron covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Mt. Pleasant Ave., at or near the corner of Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 17.

John A. Rooney (petition referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in the following locations:

1 on Corey St.; 2 on Centre St., near Corey St., and to stretch three guy ropes over and across said streets in Wd. 23.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of H. S. Angus (referred today), recommending the passage of an order that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the said Angus to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 45 ft. in length, by 22 ft. in width, by 35 ft. in height, from 95 Chelsea St., through Chelsea and Gove Sts. to

Orleans St., to lot rear of 106 Orleans St., Wd. 2, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Reports "that the veto be sustained and that the message be placed on file" on the following messages of His Honor the Mayor:—

Veto of permit to John O'Connor (referred April 12) to project bay windows at 50 Ellery St., Wd. 15.

Veto of permit to N. E. Newspaper Union (referred August 7) to place a sign on lamp-post at 132 Pearl St.

Veto of order authorizing permit to Henrietta Goldsmith (referred May 25) to erect wooden building at 1281-83 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Veto of permit to Cushing Medical Supply Company (referred August 7) for electric sign at 580 Washington St.

Veto of permit to Stanley F. Squires to excavate a cellar at 329-331 Tremont St. to grade 9.

Veto of order to remove pole of Boston Electric Light Company (referred May 22) corner of Dudley and Washington St.

Reports accepted. Reconsideration of the previous action of the Board was had, and on motion of Ald. Colby it was voted that one roll call be taken on the several vetoes.

The Board refused to pass the various orders over the Mayor's vetoes; yeas 0, nays 11.

(4) Report on message of His Honor the Mayor (referred June 12) relative to contract with Rising Sun Street Lighting Co.—that the same be referred to the Committee on Lamps (Ald.).

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(5) Report on the petition of John Soley & Sons (referred today) recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 ft. in length, by 22 ft. in width, by 15 ft. in height, from location on Birch St., along Birch, Cornth and Florence Sts. and across private land to rear of No. 192 Poplar St., Wd. 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed, under suspension of the rule.

(6) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions:—

Robert Farquhar (referred June 29) for leave to attach rail and sign to cellar opening at 3 South Market St.

A. G. Latour (referred July 3), for transfer of permit granted to A. Ladd at corner of Tremont and Eliot Sts.

William J. Keefe (referred Sept. 12), or leave to place a stand for the sale of newspapers in front of 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

S. E. Richards (referred April 24), for leave to sell temperance drinks from a wagon in the streets in the vicinity of the Post Office.

Frank Rogers (referred July 3), for leave to maintain a bootblack stand in Franklin Ave.

Hugh D. Kelly (referred Aug. 17), for sidewalk at 100-102 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Pierce F. Lonergan (referred Aug. 14), for sidewalk of artificial stone at 29-33 Devon St., Wd. 20.

Peter R. Harrigan (referred Aug. 21), for sidewalk at 302-306 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20. Reports severally accepted.

(7) Report on the report of the Committee on Fire Department (referred July 25) relative to site and engine house for engine 22, Fire Department—recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, said paper placed on file.

(8) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make brick sidewalks and to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to

furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Mrs. Annie Formanek (referred Sept. 25), 151-153 Paris St., Wd. 2.

Charles F. Hargrave (referred Sept. 12), Havre St., side of estate 62 Porter St., Wd. 1.

Michael Dolan (referred Sept. 25), 53 Creighton St., Wd. 22.

A. Diamond (referred Sept. 12), 327-339 and 349-51 Heath St., Wd. 19.

John R. Meins (referred Sept. 12), West Third St., corner of 129 B St., Wd. 13.

W. J. Smith (referred Sept. 25), 9-11 Peters St., Wd. 14, with granite edgestone.

James F. Kennedy (referred Sept. 25), 18 Howe St., Wd. 16.

Edward A. Bangs (referred Sept. 12), 17 Vancouver St., Wd. 19.

Thomas B. Noonan (referred Sept. 12), 38 Eliot St., Wd. 23, with granite edgestone.

Estate of Volney Wilder (referred Sept. 12), 34 Elm St., Wd. 22.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(9) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, owners to furnish material in front of the following estates:—

Elroy W. Houghton (referred Sept. 25), 10 Atherstone St., Wd. 24.

W. B. Thomas (referred Sept. 12), corner Beacon St., and Mass. Ave., Wd. 11.

James W. Tufts (referred Sept. 25), 817-819 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Richard J. Gookin (referred Sept. 25), corner Columbia Road and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(10) Report on the petition of W. Bowman Cutler (referred Sept. 12) asking for an investigation into acts of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the matter of alleged taking by said company of certain land, claiming that the taking was illegally made,—recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen as County Commissioners.

Report accepted, recommendation adopted.

(11) Report on the order (No. 16 on the calendar, referred today) determining awards on account of taking of certain lands by the Boston Elevated Railroad Company—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, said order placed on file by the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

(12) Report on the substitute order offered by Ald. Colby in connection with No. 16 on the calendar (referred today), estimating the damages sustained by certain parties by taking by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, etc.—that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely desire to ask that my vote be recorded as against the passage of the order.

THE CHAIRMAN—The Clerk will take notice.

The order was read a second time and passed by the Board, acting as County Commissioners.

#### TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim off the branches of trees which interfere with the Baptist Church at the corner of Fourth and L Sts., South Boston; the expense for the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the corner of Burrell and Batchelder

Sts., Wd. 16, in front of the estate of Catherine Hanrahan; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Passed.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the northerly side of Talbot Ave., between Norfolk St. and the railroad bridge, Wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost of said work.

Passed.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions, referred today:

John P. Conlan, for leave to project a sign at 25 Howard St., corner Stoddard St., Wd. 6.

E. A. Laskey, for leave to project two barber poles at 2532 Washington St.

John J. Douglass, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 19 Lewis St., Wd. 2.

Quincy Club of Wd. 1, for leave to project two campaign transparencies at 262 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Baker & Buckler, for leave to project a V-shaped sign at 124 Dudley St., Wd. 18.

Frank H. Cowin, for leave to project a campaign transparency at 384 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Same, for leave to project two campaign transparencies, one over Washington St. and one over Dover St., from building on corner of said streets, Wd. 9.

I. H. Goldsmith, for leave to project an illuminated druggist's mortar at 1130 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Ferrin & Fausnaught, for leave to project a druggist's mortar at 725 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Suffolk Engraving Co., for a shelf for printing frames from sixth story of building 234 Congress St.

A. Lipkin, for leave to project a sign at 33 Green St., Wd. 8.

Margaret Gordon, for leave to project a sign at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Louis Cohen, for leave to project a sign at 60 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Antonio Zarella, for leave to project 3 signs at 88 Charlestown St.

Isaac Pond, for leave to project two barber poles at 47 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Di Luccio Pasquale, for leave to project a shoemaker's sign at 174 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Martin Sullivan & Co., for leave to project a sign at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

T. F. Corey & Co., for leave to project a lantern at 84 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

(2) Report on the petition of Louis Nocito (recommitted Aug. 21), for leave to project one bay window from building 31½ Thacher St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of John Lorgenfeld (recommitted July 17), for leave to project one bay window from building corner of Boston and Rawson Sts., Wd. 16—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted and petitioner given leave to withdraw.

#### HOLIDAY—DEWEY DAY.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by

this Board to instruct heads of departments to allow all employees whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1899, in part compensation for their services; and that he be further requested to order City Hall closed on that day.

Passed.

#### ERECTION OF STAND.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That permission be hereby granted to W. M. McDonald to erect temporarily a stand in Postoffice Sq. for the Dewey Celebration, October 13 and 14; the location of same to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and the construction of said stand to be satisfactory to the Building Commissioner.

Passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), viz:—

(a) West End Street Railway Company, for a location for a double track on Adams St., from Neponset Ave. to Minot St., with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

(b) Same company, for a location for double tracks on Western Ave., from the Watertown line to its existing tracks on said street and on Market St., with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon.

(c) Same company, for a location for double tracks on Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St., to take the place of existing tracks.

(d) Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company for a location for tracks in Baker, Mt. Vernon and La Grange Sts., or such other streets as the Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the trolley electric system thereon.

Recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, October 30, at three o'clock P.M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed. (2) Report on petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for track locations in Washington, Warren and Dudley Sts.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use curved tracks on Washington St., near Zeigler St., connecting with existing tracks of said company on Washington and Roxbury Sts., and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington St.; also on Warren St., north of Zeigler St., connecting with existing tracks of said company on Warren St. and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington St.; also on Warren St., north of Zeigler St., connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Warren St. and extending to the property line of the Boston Elevated Railway Company on said Washington St.; also on Dudley St., between Washington and Warren Sts., the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein

contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in said location, by the overhead system, so called, and to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted and passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommended today) for a location for double curves at the junction of Columbus Ave. and Dartmouth St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double curved tracks at the junction of Columbus Ave. with Dartmouth St.; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 13, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company for leave to lay tracks and to use the overhead system thereon, on River St., Washington St., and Adams St., Dorchester—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use tracks on River St., from a point near Oakland St.,

through River St. and the square formed by its junction with Blue Hill Ave. and Oakland St., to the Milton line. Also on Washington St., from a point near Dorchester Ave., through said street and a public way supposed to be called Washington St., to the Milton line. Also on Adams St., from a point near Dorchester Ave., through said Adams St. and the said public way supposed to be called Washington St., to a point connecting with location herein granted. All with the necessary switches, curves, cross-overs and connections connecting with existing tracks of said company and the tracks of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company. And permission is further granted to said company to make, at its own expense, such changes as may be necessary in the tracks of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company as may be necessary to make such connections, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by H. T. Whitman, dated June, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying down the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby granted to the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so called, as follows:—

On River St., from a point near Oakland St. to the Milton line, on Washington St., from a point near Dorchester Ave. and through a public way supposed to be called Washington St., to the Milton line, and on Adams St., from a point near Dorchester Ave. and through said Adams St. and the aforesaid public way supposed to be called Washington St.; with necessary connections with existing systems of said company and the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company.

And permission is hereby granted to the said Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, dated June, 1899, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance

and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I must object to a second reading of the order; as this is the first I have heard of it. It is in my section, and, therefore, I wish to look into the matter. There seems to be a question of connecting the terminals at Pierce Sq., and, as I understand it, objection being made, it must be laid over to the next meeting.

The CHAIRMAN—Unless there is a suspension of the rule, it goes over to the next meeting.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I ask a suspension of the rule.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the rule will not be suspended. It seems to me this committee should allow members of the Board who have not been able to look into the matter an opportunity to do so for at least one week—especially those members who come from the section in which the location is to be granted. I trust that enough members of the Board will be of the opinion that members from Dorchester at least should have time to look into this to prevent a suspension of the rule. I am free to say that I have not had an opportunity to examine into the subject that I know nothing about it, and if the committee have had it before them it has entirely slipped my mind and my knowledge. It seems to me it is a very small request to ask that this be laid over for a week. I therefore ask that the members of the Board will not suspend the rule, but will allow me at least a week to look into the matter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the matter laid over for at least another week, because, as I understand it, quite a number of locations in Dorchester have been read off. I believe, as the alderman from Wd. 24 has stated, that it would be well for the people of Dorchester to understand exactly where those lines are to be laid. It seems to me it would do no harm to have this laid over for another week. The motion to suspend the rule was lost, and the order went over under the rule.

#### CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested to close against travel by vehicles, excepting Fire Department apparatus, Police wagons, ambulances and United States mail wag-

ons and cars, such streets as may be necessary for the parade to be held on the evening of Friday, October 13, on the occasion of the arrival of Admiral Dewey; also the following named streets on Saturday, October 14, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M., on account of the mobilization of the State militia, viz., from Commonwealth Ave. through Beacon and Charles Sts., Park Sq., Columbus Ave., Massachusetts Ave., Tremont, Winter, Summer, High, Congress, Milk, India, State, Washington, School and Beacon Sts.

Ordered: That the City Messenger be and hereby is authorized to cause the roping off of such of said streets as may be necessary under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense incurred for said roping off to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

#### LIGHTING OF GREENWOOD ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place sufficient lamps on Greenwood St., Wd. 20, for the lighting of said street, expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### LIBERTY BELL FOR BUNKER HILL DAY.

Ald. PRESNO offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to communicate with the Mayor of Philadelphia, Penn., and ask that he, as custodian of the Liberty Bell, allow the same to be brought to Boston on the occasion of the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill on June 17th 1900.

Passed.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, being in Philadelphia the other day and learning that the bell had been taken to several places—Chicago, New Orleans and Georgia—it occurred to me that it would be a most fitting part of the celebration of the day referred to to have that bell brought to Boston. I introduce the order thus early because I learned that several cities in the country are about to make application for it. I desire to forestall their applications. The order was passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration of all action taken today; lost. Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Brick, at 5:32 P.M., to meet on Monday, October 16, at 3 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock p. m., President Kiley in the chair.

## STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Law Department,  
73 Tremont Street,

Boston, Oct. 12, 1899.

To the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your communication asking my opinion "as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by the City of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and submit a statement of all laws and ordinances relating to the subject," I have the honor to reply that by Acts of 1825, Chapter 3, Section 1, "The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston for the time being may cause to be set up and affixed such and so many lamps in the streets and other places in said city for the purpose of lighting the same as they may determine to be convenient and necessary, and said Mayor and Aldermen are hereby empowered to make all necessary contracts, rules, orders and regulations respecting said lamps and the lighting of the same as they may deem most for the benefit of the city."

Acts of 1885, Chapter 266, Section 10, provides that all orders, resolutions or votes of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston which involve the exercise of any of the powers conferred by law upon the Mayor and Aldermen or the Board of Aldermen as a separate board, shall be subject to the veto power of the Mayor, and by Section 3, of the same act, the executive powers of the city and all the executive powers vested in the Board of Aldermen as such, as surveyors of highways, county commissioners or otherwise, are vested in the Mayor, to be exercised through the several officers and boards of the city and the respective departments of the city under his general direction and supervision.

Under these statutes, therefore, the Board of Aldermen, subject to the approval of the Mayor, has power to provide that lamps shall be placed in certain places as they shall determine to be necessary, and to determine whether they shall be lamps to burn gas, oil, naphtha or other material, but the executive power, the power of carrying out these orders, is vested in the Mayor to be exercised through some department of the city.

I find on enquiry that the Board of Aldermen has passed orders providing that certain lamps in the city shall be gas lamps and certain lamps shall be naphtha lamps. The naphtha lamps have for several years been lighted under a contract for furnishing the burners and the material to be burned and the care thereof by a company on substantially the same terms as the contract referred to in your order, and the Mayor, acting through the Lamp Department, has now, by the contract referred to, adopted the same system for the gas lamps. The rights of the Board of Aldermen are preserved in the contract by providing that the company shall light with gas or with naphtha only such lamps as now exist or that shall hereafter be ordered by the Superintendent of Lamps, subject to the Superintendent's withdrawal of lamps from being lighted, and I assume, of course, that the Superintendent will act in such matters only in accordance with the orders of the Board of Aldermen in relation to them.

I see, therefore, no illegality in the contract.

I do not deem it necessary to cite Chapter 23, of the Ordinance of 1898, relating to the Lamp Department, because those provisions are simply reenactments in the form of an ordinance of the provisions of said Chapter 3, of the Acts of the year 1825.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey,  
Corporation Counsel.

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Sanderson of Wd. 25.

## APPROPRIATION FOR FANEUIL HALL

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today making an additional appropriation of \$1500 for the reconstruction of Faneuil Hall. This order was passed by the Board with the understanding that this \$1500 is to be used for the purchase of chairs and other necessary furniture for Faneuil Hall not included in former estimates of cost of construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
October 12, 1899.

Ordered: That the additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up, and the order was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Stone of Wd. 7.

## APPROPRIATION FOR STREET WATERING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, October 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today making an additional appropriation of \$25,000 for street watering.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor,

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Ordered: That in addition to the sum of \$150,000 heretofore appropriated for the maintenance of the Street Watering Division of the Street Department, the additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) be and hereby is appropriated for said purpose, the same to be met by assessments for watering streets.

Passed.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

## IMPROVEMENT OF ROGERS PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, October 12, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today appropriating \$2000 for the drainage of Rogers Park, Brighton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
October 12, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000), to be expended by the Park Commissioners, be appropriated for Rogers Park, Drainage; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The message was sent up, and the order was passed, in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition, referred July 17, of Charles D. Stewart, for compensation for injuries received from an alleged defect at the corner of Causeway and Portland Sts.—leave to withdraw, as claim has been settled. Accepted in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Miller of Wd. 20, to consider Nos. 2 to 17, inclusive, together, viz.:—

2. Report of same committee, on petition of the Robert G. Shaw Social Club, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to the Robert G. Shaw Social Club, Marshal Thompson, President, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount, less fifty dollars for use, paid by said club for a special club liquor license which was not issued by the Board of Police.

3. Report of same committee, on the petition of Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to Frank Doherty and Mark F. Dowling the sum of fourteen hundred dollars, being the amount paid by them for liquor licenses of the first and fourth classes which were granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

4. Report of same committee on the petition of Lavinia A. Barber, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That an annuity be paid from the City Treasury to Lavinia A. Barber, widow of James K. Barber, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police, and the annuity so determined to be paid from the appropriation for pensions, Police Department.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of William B. F. Whall and other trustees, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William B. F. Whall and Thomas J. Ready, trustees, the sum of eight and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chap-

ter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Charles, Spring and Washington Sts., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2530, fol. 68.

6. Report of same committee on petition of Augusta A. Way, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Augusta A. Way the sum of one hundred forty-three and 45-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Morris St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 228.

7. Report of same committee on petition of Laura Seldner, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Laura Seldner the sum of forty and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on northerly side of Fuller St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 40.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Edward Reardon, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward Reardon the sum of ninety-one and 77-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Fenion St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2498, fol. 621.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Annie Maguire, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Dore the sum of seventy-six and 26-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on East Fourth St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 123.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Catherine J. Lynch, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of three hundred and twenty and 60-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 132.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Catherine J. Lynch, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of one hundred and forty-one and 60-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 231.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Catherine J. Lynch, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Sherman L. Whipple the sum of one hundred and forty-eight and 20-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwest side of Sixth St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 233.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of the Jewett Lumber Company, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of one and 23-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 620.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of the Jewett Lumber Company recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of thirty-one and 11-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Falcon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 625.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of the Jewett Lumber Company recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elbridge K. Jewett, trustee, the sum of one hundred ninety-two 47-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Glendon street for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 628.

16. Report of same committee, on petition of Joseph Comeau et als., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William H. Baker the sum of one hundred sixteen and 90-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40 of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on westerly side of Denny St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2551, fol. 49.

17. Report of the same committee, on petition of Mary G. Fuller, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary G. Fuller the sum of one hundred fifty-nine and 40-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Mt. Vernon St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 153.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed in concurrence. Mr. Miller moved to reconsider; lost.

18. Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to widen Battery St., from Commercial St. to the Ferry, on the southerly side, to a width of about 100 feet, in accordance with the plan now in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners.

Passed in concurrence.

19. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the matter of furnishing books for a night school at Spectacle Island.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I ask that that order be assigned for a week so that I may look into the matter.

The motion was carried.

20. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 6, 1899, the same coming down passed by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:—

Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars for "Children's Institutions Department, Parental School, drainage of land," be, and hereby is, rescinded, and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

The communication was placed on file

and the order passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

21. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 6, 1899, the same coming down without alteration:—

Ordered, That the additional sum of seven thousand (7000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and furnishing buildings at Rainsford Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I do not rise here to oppose the appropriation of any money for the reconstruction of those buildings; but this is the first time in the history of building where I have known where they have put the roof on first.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I wish to state here that I desire to go on record as strictly against appropriating any more money for fixing up the buildings at Rainsford Island. I don't wish it to be understood that I object to providing money for the Trustees for the benefit of these institutions, if it is going to be spent where it will be of any benefit to the children or to the City of Boston; but further expenditure of money at Rainsford Island on the old buildings that were burned is simply a waste of money, and I wish to say here that the building which it is proposed to fix up today is not worth the money we have appropriated now to fix it up. This makes, I think, in the vicinity of \$20,000 that has been appropriated or transferred for this building, and they could take \$20,000 and erect a new building that would be far better adapted for the use it is intended for than the one they have at the present time, which will be nothing but an old structure when it is completed. I hope this Council will go on record here as opposing the use of money here in the manner in which it is proposed to use it. I do not wish to say that money should not be expended and used for this institution, but the trustees of the institutions should ask the Board of Estimate and the City Council for money for other purposes rather than for repairing an old structure which is not worth repairing. There are a great many ways in which this money can be used to better advantage than by sinking it in a hole.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I don't wish to say anything against appropriating this money. At the expiration of thirty days the money will be used anyway. But even if it were not to be I should vote to appropriate this money. I wish, however, to bring to the attention of the people of Boston what an expensive outfit the Trustees for Children have been. While they have not been paid for their services, the city is incurring considerable expense in connection with the institution, which I claim is directly or indirectly incurred by their poor management.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman in the fourth division, I wish to say that this order explicitly states that the money is to be used for the reconstruction of these buildings. Some of the members of this council were appointed a committee to visit Rainsford Island early in the year, and they brought in a report of the conditions existing on the island. There is no question in my mind but what their statement of those conditions was true. The

conditions that existed at that time were bad; but now is the time, when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has appropriated an amount of money to reconstruct and repair these buildings and put them in proper condition, that we should vote in favor of remedying those conditions which the committee found so bad—and yet the gentleman in the fourth division now arises and is opposed to this order. He does not state explicitly why. He knows that nothing has been done to remedy those conditions, and now that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has appropriated money to remedy them, he opposes this order. There is no question in my mind but what the gentleman who represents us on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, if he had thought this money was unnecessary, would have voted against it, as he did against other appropriations. Now, when the gentleman in the fourth division arises and opposes this bill, he is going against the report of our committee. It is now going on into the fall when something should be done with these buildings, and I say to the members of this Council that we should go on record as in favor of repairing and replacing these buildings in proper condition. I trust that each member here will vote in favor of the passage of this order.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, reference having been made to the action of our member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I would like the President of the Common Council to make a statement in regard to this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the Council, that this appropriation was only a part of that which was asked for by the Trustees for Children, they having asked for \$10,000 for temporary structures to replace on Rainsford Island, and for appropriations for the repairing of the present structures which have been burnt down; also to provide a little better fire service for the protection of the children on the Island. Both causes seemed worthy to your representative on the Board of Apportionment, as it is the intention of the Trustees for Children to remove the children from their present bad location at Deer Island to their former home on Rainsford Island as soon as this work can be done. The Trustees for Children are very anxious to remove the children from Rainsford Island to the main land just as soon as money can be provided. This money is simply to provide better fire service for the future.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, in reference to the making of this appropriation for Rainsford Island, I wish to say that when our committee visited that island we found those buildings, as has been represented by the Committee, in a fearful state. In regard to this commission asking for \$10,000 to place temporary buildings on the island, we found nothing left there from that fire except the walls and the door sills.

The \$2500 which has been asked and appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment had already been half spent before it ever came to the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council. I know it is useless to speak against this appropriation, because it will be granted at the end of thirty days, whether we vote for it or not; but I understood, and I think every member of the Committee understood, that they desired to remove these children from Rainsford Island, and that the buildings as a whole are unfit and cannot be put in proper repair. Now, if it is ever the intention of the Trustees for Children to remove the children from Rainsford Island, this is the time to do it. To vote in favor of this order is simply to vote in favor of spending money which can never put the buildings in proper condition. They are old, tumble-down buildings, from beginning to end, and if we

are ever going to remove these boys from Rainsford Island, this is the time to remove them. If I had a boy there I should be glad to think that he had gone to Deer Island, rather than remain there, under the conditions that exist today at Rainsford Island. (A voice: "Amen.")

The PRESIDENT—The Council will preserve order.

Mr. WOOD—Mr. President, this money which is being appropriated is simply to try to place the old buildings in condition, and if I am not incorrectly informed it will be another act like Faneuil Hall—they will be in here asking for double the amount before we are through with it. I think the wisest action would be not to grant one single dollar for Rainsford Island, but to tell the commission that we will make an appropriation for them to go to some home, where they will have pleasanter surroundings, and where better buildings can be provided.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I want to say that I am opposed to appropriating this \$7000 for these reasons: I do not believe that the institution at Rainsford Island is a proper place for children. For the last two or three years, or for the last year back, we have been reading of escapes of boys from there weekly. We might say that at the fire at Rainsford Island nineteen or twenty boys escaped—their lives in danger, taking great chances. Now, the city of Boston has an institution on its hands. The Trustees for Children have a building on their hands—the Marcella St. Home. Why don't they take the \$7000 and fix the place up, make a fine institution of it? It is a plenty big enough home. Let us spend the \$7000 on the main land. There is an institution that is idle. I believe they should use that institution, and not let it lie idle. I sincerely hope that this \$7000 will not be appropriated.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I wish to say that I will go on record tonight and vote for the passage of this order. I hardly believe that there is any unpaid board in the city of Boston today capable of spending the city's money judiciously. I do not believe the Board of Trustees for Children are capable of spending this money as it should be spent. I also believe that it will only be a short time until this unpaid board is wiped out of existence. If there is any way of placing these children in another institution, and then, later in the year, when it comes within our power, giving money to provide buildings in a proper place for these boys, we should vote against this order. I believe this unpaid Board is incompetent to spend this money.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I am not in favor of appropriating this money for Rainsford Island. As a member of the Institutions Committee, as one who has visited Rainsford Island time and time again with the committee, I understand the conditions there thoroughly, before the fire and since the fire. In speaking with this unpaid board of trustees, they tell us at that time that they were of the opinion that they did not want to spend any money on Rainsford Island. What they wanted to do was to sell the Marcella Street Home and to provide a new home. Now, if it is the intention of the Board to spend this money there, why do they want a home on the main land? I think we should not throw away this money, as we are doing on Rainsford Island. I should rather wait and let the order go into effect at the end of thirty days, and let them have the money without it, and put ourselves on record as against acting in this way.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, from speeches which were delivered by the members who both followed and preceded me, I find out that I am with the wrong people; but tonight, as in the past two years, I have spoken and voted according to my conscience. I wish to say that this \$10,000 is for repairing buildings to

temporarily protect these children. I say we should appropriate it, and not make them wait the thirty days. The children confined at Deer Island are in close contact with hardened criminals, and the Reformatory was not for the purpose of making criminals of young boys, but for making better men of them. The sooner they are taken from Deer Island, the better for them. Now, so far as the reference Councilman Cuddy from Wd. 8—my friend—made to the Marcella Street Home, I want to say that his suggestion is all wrong.

The Marcella Street Home is not fit to be used for a stable for bum contractors of the city of Boston, let alone for any human being. The institution at Marcella Street Home is a disease-breathing spot. There is not sufficient light in the rooms for the children to see for an hour a day. I say that whatever bad acts the Trustees for Children have committed—and they have committed many of them—one good act which they have done was to close the Marcella Street Home. I say give them this money and let them remove the boys to Rainsford Island. No matter how bad the condition of things will be at Rainsford Island it is better than Deer Island, and then later let the next government—not the government of Mayor Quincy, but the government of one who will represent the people, the government of a man that I know will be elected Mayor of Boston—let him provide a place for the children, and not for the benefit of the Trustees. I sincerely trust that we will pass this order tonight.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would beg to differ from my friend in the first division (Mr. Watson) and to concur in a great many respects with my friend in the fourth division (Mr. Cuddy)—with one exception. I don't believe in the passage of this \$7000 to be spent there, and I think that No. 20 on the calendar should be reconsidered and the money that is to be taken away from the children's institution Parental Home for the drainage of the land remain there, and that these children should be placed there. There is a good place there, and there is plenty of room. It is a good healthy locality, providing they have proper drainage. That would be my idea of proper place to provide for these children.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will pardon the Chair for making a statement at this time, which I feel constrained to make as your representative upon the Board of Apportionment. It was made known to the Board of Apportionment that a great many of the children on Rainsford Island are sleeping in the voting booths that were formerly used by the Election Commissioners in this city. For that reason, more than for any other, your representative voted for this appropriation.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to answer the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Mr. Brauer) by saying that, while I am not a representative of the ward he comes from and while I am not in the ward that includes within its bounds the Parental School, I do know that the beds at the Parental School are less than a foot apart today. How can any more boys be put here? I ask the gentleman to answer that.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President and gentlemen, the gentleman in the rear of me, who served as a member of the Committee on Rainsford Island, knowing the condition of affairs there, stands here and tells us he would sooner have his boy on Deer Island than at Rainsford Island. Well, I am sorry for his judgment. It is very poor if he stands here and tells us anything of that kind—that he would rather have his boy on Deer Island, where drunkards and criminals are kept from one end of the year to the other, than on Rainsford Island. Those boys on Rainsford Island are sent

there for petty offences, and should not be kept, in my judgment, on such a place as Deer Island. Every member who rises tonight and opposes the passage of the order seems to throw stones at the Trustees of the Children's Institutions. Now, it is not, in my judgment, a question of the Trustees. I look at this the same as our representative on the Board of Apportionment looked at it, that it is a question of the boys; and I say that those boys should be placed back on Rainsford Island, and that the members of this body should allow this money to be spent there so as to put these buildings in proper condition.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I want to say that if that is the condition that exists at Rainsford Island at the present time—that the beds the boys are sleeping in are not a foot apart—it is more shame to the Trustees, when they have buildings like those at the Marcella St. Home, which are lying idle, to which they could send the boys, instead of sending them over to Deer Island to mix with criminals. I say that it is more shame to them, when they have buildings with plenty of accommodations, to place them in such an institution as the one on Deer Island.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I desire to say here this evening that the members of this Council have always asked our presiding officer, who is a member of the Board of Apportionment, to give an explanation of the various orders coming before the body, and have always taken his word for them. It now seems to me this evening that there is something wrong.

It was the duty of the Committee who were down to Rainsford Island and found the institutions in such a bad condition as they claim this evening to come up here and report some sort of bill to remove the children right off. But they have gone around, have neglected the opportunity, until they can come in here and seize an opportunity to make a fight against the Trustees.

What is the use of arguing, as some of the members have been arguing, when the children are in such a condition down at Rainsford Island that they have no place to sleep? I say that for humanity's sake we should appropriate the \$10,000. When we go to Spain and fight for humanity I believe it is time for us to fight in the city of Boston, at our own home, for humanity. I believe our children are just as much deserving of attention as somebody's else, and I am surprised at some of the members who have gone down to Rainsford Island from time to time and who know so much about the institutions, who have always been against the Trustees, should come up here at such a late hour, when the cold weather has set in and the children have no beds to sleep upon, and oppose an order of this kind. Let us take action so that these children will not be compelled to mix in among prisoners, thieves, drunkards and offenders of every kind. I claim that this \$10,000 should be appropriated, and I will vote for it. Every member of the Council who sits here this evening ought to do likewise, in order to give the children some kind of home until the time comes when we can give them a better home.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I cannot say that I at this time favor the passage of this order, but if the supporters of the order will not insist upon its passage tonight, I believe that later on, a week or so, the chances are that they may have their money. There is a difference of opinion here, and, as I said before, I am not prepared to vote for the passage of the order tonight. I therefore move you that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The question came on assignment.  
Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I trust that the gentleman will not insist on a motion to have this matter assigned. Sev-

eral of the members are familiar with the conditions there, and as we are getting along late into the Fall of the year and will be unable to do any building if the matter is delayed much longer. I trust that we will get down to business. The gentleman who made the motion understands that this will become a law at any rate, and it would seem useless, in my opinion, to adopt a motion to assign. I, for one, will vote for the passage of the order tonight and I trust that other members who understand the conditions will do likewise. As I have said, it is not a question of the Trustees—it is a question of these boys.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, after listening to the eloquent words of the new champion of the Board of Trustees, an unpaid failure, I think it is my duty to stand here and correct him in something he said a few moments ago. He stated that a self-appointed committee went to the Island to investigate. I will correct him—

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. As I understand it, the gentleman in the first division made a motion to assign the order for a week. The gentleman is talking to the main question.

THE PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point not well taken.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I will also correct him by saying that the Councilman who sits behind him was not a member of that committee. I would vote for \$100,000 for this unpaid board, but I would not give them any excuse for saying that the Council prevented them from doing what they wanted to do. They are wrong, and emphatically wrong, and it is our duty to give them no opportunity and no loophole to creep through.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Mr. Watson doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided and the motion to assign was declared carried, 32 members voting in the affirmative, 25 in the negative.

Mr. Mulcahy further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were ordered. The Clerk called the roll, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 31, nays 31.—

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Brauer, Cuddy, Doherty, Donahoe, Eddy, Emery, G'blin, Harvey, Howard, Jordan, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Simpson, Stockton, Stone, Turnbull, Walker, Winsloe, Wood—31.

Nays—Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Collins, Connolly, Curley, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Hibbard, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Logan, Lydon, Mansfield, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, Sanderson, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Watson, Wells—31.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Donovan, Hickey, Klemm, Leonard, Madden, Nangle, Rice, Stevens—13.

The order was declared rejected. Mr. Watson doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 42, nays 19.—

Yeas—Atwood, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Collins, Connolly, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, G'blin, Harvey, Hibbard, Horrigan, Howard, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, McInerney, Mildram, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Roemer, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson—42.

Nays—Armistead, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Cuddy, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Jordan, Lydon, MacDonald, Mansfield, Martin, Miller, Peck, Rolland, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—19.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Curley,

Donovan, Hickey, Klemm, Leonard, Madden, Nangle, Rice, Stevens—14.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JULY FOURTH ORATION.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 22, assignment, viz:—

22. Resolutions concerning Fourth of July oration, presented by Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19. (City Doc. 122.)

The question came on giving the resolutions a second reading.

Mr. MCINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I wish to sincerely thank the members of the Council for assigning these resolutions at the last meeting, in my absence. I now move you, sir, the following amendment: to strike out the word "has" in the second paragraph and insert "have" in place thereof; and that the words "and who" be stricken from the first resolution.

The amendment was adopted, and the question came on the second reading of the resolutions as amended.

Mr. MCINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I have no doubt that a great many members of the Council are not aware of the circumstances pertaining to this Fourth of July oration. A great many of the members may think that that oration was delivered from a patriotic standpoint. Being, however, on the Committee on Fourth of July I had a chance to find out that it was not. At the meeting that was held in the Aldermanic chamber there was appropriated for that oration that Fourth of July \$100, and I heard at that time a great many members express their surprise at the fact, as they always thought that a Fourth of July oration was delivered from a patriotic standpoint.

The Mayor who had sole charge at that time of the money appropriated for the Fourth of July entertainments, saw fit to engage beforehand ex-Mayor Matthews to deliver this oration on the Fourth of July, giving expression, as the resolutions say, to "opinions favorable to keeping unwilling races in subjection." Mr. President, that is something that this country never yet stood for. It has always stood by the down-trodden people of the world, always expressed its sympathy with them. A great many of the members have spoken to me and asked me if I was going to force these resolutions. I told them that I did intend to force them. Some said, "You cannot very well participate in the reception that was tendered to the 26th regiment, and still take this ground." I am always very glad to participate in any such reception to any regiment of soldiers belonging to this country; and I say, gentlemen, that I am sorry for the position that the soldiers of this country are placed in today. While attending the reception referred to I said to some of the soldiers, "I hope, gentlemen, that every one of you will come back safe. I am participating in tendering you this reception in behalf of the citizens of Boston—not as conquerors, or not as men who would be conquerors of the Filipinos, but as American soldiers;" and I prayed that when they did return from the Philippine Islands it would be as restorers of peace, not as conquerors of one of the bravest races of people. I might say, in my opinion, that ever lived.

It is understood throughout the length and breadth of the country that the war is being conducted by the trusts of this country. If they are successful in the defeat of the Filipinos it will mean that the Filipinos will have free access to this country, and the Chinese exclusion law that has existed for a number of years, established under a Republican form of government in this country will be down-trodden, because if the Filipinos can come

to this country, why not the Chinese just the same? A great many persons will tell you that events are due to the Filipinos not being capable of governing themselves. That is the only argument that is being advanced today by the trusts of this country. That is the only argument advanced by Mark Hanna and President McKinley, who are the tools of the trusts in this country. I will read an article to you from the New York Journal of July 23, written by Mr. John Barrett, ex-Minister to Siam, one of the Journal's correspondents at Manila during the war with Spain. The article was prepared by him at the request of Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews. It throws a new light on the character of the land and the people of the Philippines. Mr. Barrett says:—

"The government which was organized by Aguinaldo at Cavite and continued first at Bakor and later at Malolos developed into a much more elaborate affair than its most ardent supporters had originally expected. By the middle of October, 1898, he had assembled at Malolos a congress of one hundred men who would compare in behavior, manner, dress and education with the average men of the better classes of other Asiatic nations, including the Japanese. These men, whose sessions I repeatedly attended, conducted themselves with great decorum, and showed a knowledge of debate and parliamentary law that would not compare unfavorably with the Japanese Parliament."

Then you have perhaps read the answer of the governor of Cebu to the commander of the Petrel, when he was asked to surrender the island and all their arms. The answer of Flores, the governor of the island of Cebu was as follows. Listen to words of truth and justice from the lips of an uncivilized ruler of an uncivilized people:—

"In the face of the verbal intimation to this government by the commander of the U. S. gunboat Petrel demanding the surrender of the fort and city of Cebu, in order to hoist the flag of his nation on the Cotta within the limit of 14 hours, the great council convoked in consequence, and composed of representatives of all the live forces of the country, resolved unanimously to cede to these demands in view of the superiority of the American arms, but not without first protesting that neither the government of this province, nor the whole of the inhabitants combined, have the power to execute acts expressly forbidden by the honorable president of the Philippine republic, Emilio Aguinaldo, our legitimate chief of state, recognized, thanks to his indisputable qualities of just governor and illustrious general."

I wonder, Mr. President—as perhaps any other man in this country who has read that answer to the commander of the Petrel from Governor Flores might do, whether Mark Hanna or the President himself could give as good an answer. And this is the race which is uncivilized, which is uncultured, as we hear from day to day! At present there are dead and buried in the Philippine Islands no less than seven hundred of our American soldiers. For the protection of those who have shown their patriotism to this country, and for that reason alone, this resolution should be passed, demanding that the President of this country withdraw the troops at present in the Philippines. As I say, this war is being waged by trusts, and we can see it. If we should subjugate the Philippine Islands it will mean that we will have the hatred of the smaller nations instead of the love. Ours has been looked upon as one of the leading nations of the world, a country where any man of any nationality could come and enjoy the same freedom that the people of the country enjoyed.

Now, then, if we subjugate the Philippines, as I have said, it will mean the

hatred by foreign nations of this land; it will mean that we will be placing ourselves in the same position that England occupies today. England, gentlemen, you know as well as I, is one of the most hated nations on the face of the globe, and I doubt if any man hates her more than I do. I will say, gentlemen, that this is an indirect road to an alliance with England. What I maintain is that if we subjugate the Filipinos we will have to band ourselves with the people of England in order to hold our foreign possessions. If we should get into trouble in any other quarter of the globe the people of other countries will be ready to jump on us just as they are ready to jump on England today wherever she holds possession. I say, gentlemen, that a following of the path marked out in the oration of Mr. Matthews would be an indirect road to an alliance with England. That is what the Mayor of this city, one of the greatest imperialists we have, one of the leaders of a great trust in this country at the present time, as everybody knows, would like to bring about. I hope that the resolutions will go through unanimously, and I expect that they will.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I want to admit at the opening one thing and to declare myself on another thing. I want to admit frankly and honestly, as I have many times on this floor on matters, that I know very little about the Filipino question; and I want also to declare that I intend to vote for the resolution offered by Mr. McInerney of Wd. 19. As I am not at all versed on the conditions in the Philippines and as I am somewhat mixed up with the local Filipinos (laughter), I desire to say just one word, that I am opposed to the method pursued to stop the war in the Philippines, because I say that it is unchristian. I think it is wrong to shoot the Gospel to anyone out of a gun. I am sorry that the political line has been drawn so close. I am sorry that any reference has been made to power or to office holders in the Republican party. I claim that imperialism is wrong. My trust to the people I represent is to vote for the resolution offered by Councilman McInerney, and I sincerely trust that it will get a unanimous vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the members to hereafter refrain from personal allusions during debate in the Council Chamber.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I tonight heartily endorse these resolutions, and at the same time I would not want to be counted exactly as a critic; but on the 4th of last July, the Hon. Nathan Matthews—I don't know whether he was hired or asked to deliver an oration for the city of Boston, but he delivered one. While it has been the custom of orators in the past to lay aside whatever little private sentiment or feeling they had on a matter, and to endeavor to touch the public sentiment, feel the public pulse and to discuss the issues of the day with an equality and justice befitting the birthday of the nation, on this day this gentleman alluded to bringing the sunlight or the good influences of civilization to the people of the East. He said, "We must not be behind in taking our place in the East with other nations." And while he presented the case of the expansionists or of the imperialists in a very able manner from a commercial standpoint, he advocated the bringing of a flag to a foreign land and planting it on foreign soil without the aid or wish or consent of the people who inhabited that soil. If that is the motive of bringing the influence of civilization to another people, I very much doubt the benefit of a civilization of that kind. I say that from the moment the American people take that stand, their star is on its downward course. Mr. President, they have taught us in the past to

honor the name of Washington. They have taught us to honor the men who fell on Bunker Hill and who stood at Yorktown, and today they forget those same men that stood out against the greatest power of the time, stood out for principle and the same idea that influences and that animates the people of the Philippine Islands today. Like our forefathers, they are standing out for the boon of freedom, human happiness, liberty and independence for themselves. But, Mr. President, nations, like individuals, very often forget the conditions from which they arose. They very often forget the struggles they had to maintain a position in this world, and very often, through gluttony and avarice for this world's goods, they seek, when they get on top, to stamp the iron heel of oppression upon some weaker nation.

That was not the history that was held up for us to admire in the schools. That is not American justice. No, Mr. President, it is not. Mr. President, to what end is this struggle going on in the East? To bring the benefits of civilization to a people who do not want them? Or is it, Mr. President, to control territory in the hope of taking charge of the civil duties of a country, to be able to give out to a lot of political henchmen a lot of offices? Or is it, on the other hand, one of the reasons, to establish a large standing army, in order that positions and long tenure of service may be given to people, to nurse that great military octopus, which has been the curse of all countries, and which will be the curse of this country, if continued. A standing army, the very thing which the Fathers fought against. The very thing which they saw that, if it was started in this country, would lead eventually to an empire. And why? Because a standing army has been at all times within the power of the chief executive or emperor or king, to use as they saw fit. I ask you today if the organization of a large army is to overawe the people of this country in the near future? And to what end is this war? To the subjugation of a race of people. And, indeed, Mr. President, they are a race of people of the same Christian faith as ourselves. They send their children to schools; and they have schools. They speak, not English, but they speak the modern romance tongue of the nation that was their mother. They deal with the world, and what have we against them? Why, it is said they are inferior. Are they inferior? A nation that has modern institutions, a nation that can boast of a leader of whom Senator Hoar said that there were very few men in this country that could write his appeal to the world? Is a nation an inferior nation that can bring forth a man who can write an appeal such as Aguinaldo did to the world for his ten million fellow citizens? It may ultimately lead to the subjugation of a race like that.

They are a different race, to be sure. They are of the Malay race and the Creator, Mr. President, in His wisdom, has seen fit to make them a dark-skinned race; but I say today, if Lincoln were alive, he would say the same thing that he said on that memorable day in 1862—"Let them be free." Perhaps, Mr. President, we are waiting for a Lincoln. Perhaps we are waiting for someone to bring us out of this gloom and slough of despond. Perhaps the great Admiral, George Dewey, may be able to throw some light on this subject—the greatest fighter of modern times. God bless him, Mr. President! The day in the spring time when he sailed into Manila harbor and fought the battles of his country thirteen thousand miles from home, little did he think that the situation of affairs would exist that does exist today. All honor to him! He fought the good fight, and he won; but it is not a fight such as that today.

We know not exactly from what motive

the poor fellows who left us last month went out there, but we know that at the present day it is not a question of Guantanamo or San Juan Hill. It is not a case of Santiago. It is not a case where their country is in danger, and where the country needs her sons for a public defence. No, it is a sense of piracy, a sense of self-destruction, of murder of the people in the East. Mr. President, history repeats itself. When Caesar, in all the glory and splendor of the empire before him, started out for Britain, crossed the Rubicon, from that day his downfall and the downfall of the empire commenced. He went to Britain to bring the grandeur of the Roman Empire into Britain and Gaul. And what did he do? He brought back the ancient Briton Queen a captive to Rome. When Napoleon, glutted with success, tried to force the code Napoleonic on other people, from that day his downfall began, and he wound up in St. Helena. England—yes, modern England—is following in their footsteps. Look at the spectacle of India today.

The Hindoos, once an agricultural, peace-loving people, are what today? A nation of hungry wolves, fighting for an existence. That thing is being repeated in South Africa. She is today trying to repeat in South Africa what she did in China. When the Chinese refused to open their ports England demanded that they open them and give the drug opium free access. What was the result? Today the Chinese are a nation of opium users and are easy prey to even Japan. That is civilization, as some of the citizens of the United States see it today. I say we should not enter into affairs of this kind with other nations. We have troubles of our own on our hands, and with God's help we will settle them ourselves. We ask no help from any other nation, neither do we care to ally ourselves with any other nation, no matter what part of this earth it may be in, and I hope the day will come—and I hope it is near at hand—when we will see our country rise out of the gloom in which she today finds herself, when liberty will once again raise her head on high, in pride for the great American people.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, believing as I do that these resolutions were offered for political effect and for political purposes, I move the indefinite postponement of the resolutions.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I can hardly see why my friend from Wd. 24 imagines that these resolutions were offered for political effect. We find here that the resolutions were offered on a date which was a very short time after the speech was delivered by Nathan Matthews, and as Nathan Matthews is not a member of the same party which my friend from Wd. 24 happens to be a member of, I can hardly see why he objects to a member of the Democratic party differing with a so-called democrat who delivered an oration on the Fourth of July.

I shall not attempt to rehearse the arguments in favor of this resolution, for they have already been ably stated, but I want to appeal to the members of this Council to make them as unanimous and as weighty as possible. I hope it will not be indefinitely postponed, but, on the other hand, I want to ask the members of the Council to vote for the resolution. The Republican party will hardly admit that it is in sympathy with all that Nathan Matthews said, and I believe that a Republican voting for this resolution tonight will do no harm to his party or himself, and will do a benefit to the country generally. I hope that indefinite postponement will not prevail, but that the resolution will receive the hearty support of the members of the Council.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that indefinite postponement will not prevail, and, Mr. President, it would be impossible for me to sit in my seat and allow those resolutions to go on

their passage without having a few words to say. I, myself, was born in a foreign country, but I am a good American citizen. I have been educated in the schools of Boston, and I have been educated in the history of these United States, and when my memory drifts back to the days of Washington, to that cold night when he crossed the Delaware, where the ice for yards and yards was covered with the blood of the soldiers, Washington's army being closely pressed by Cornwallis, I realize that he was in the same position that the Filipinos are today; and, Mr. President, claiming to be a good American citizen, claiming to be a believer in freedom for all mankind, it is impossible for me to sit here and allow those resolutions to go on their passage without having a few words to say.

I would say that in my mind the man who delivered that oration was selected personally by the Mayor of Boston; and the man who selected the orator, in my opinion, also selected his subject—and that was Josiah Quincy, once a Republican, now a so-called Democrat; Josiah Quincy, once an imperialist but now an anti-imperialist. He was the man who selected the subject. It was a God-send that that oration was not delivered in the "Cradle of Liberty"—grand old Faneuil Hall. It was delivered in Tremont Temple, directly opposite the graves of Adams and Hancock, the grand old Filipinos of the Revolutionary days. If I remember rightly the words of Hancock when they proposed to burn the city of Boston, although he owned perhaps two-thirds of the property in the city, he said to them: "If it is for the good of the cause, why, certainly, set fire to the town." Supposing the Filipinos set fire to any town. We would class them as bandits and robbers—and yet that is what our fore-fathers thought of doing to Boston. These people are fighting for liberty, personal liberty, political liberty, the same as the fore-fathers did in the days of the Revolution. The men who framed the constitution of the United States knew their business, because they realized that all just laws were founded on philosophy, and all laws that are founded on philosophy are just laws. There is no one that can deny it. They took their laws from the laws of the old Romans, and if you have studied Roman history you know that, according to any of the reliable histories of Rome, in those days, the citizens were the real rulers. They were the people and nobody else. And, Mr. President, I would like to say just a word in reference to commerce. The orator said, "In the name of commerce, we demand it. We must have it." Do you know what commerce means? It has been well said by the Councilman who sits in the first division that the merchants of India, realizing that the most productive plant of India was her opium, cast their eyes around the entire world for a place in which to sell their product. They settled on China, but the officials of China, realizing the terrible results that would arise from the use of opium, closed her ports; but they were opened—opened in the name of commerce, by that grand civilizer, England; opened at the mouth of the guns. What was the result?

As the speaker told you, that nation is today in a state of stagnation and decay. That is the result of the expansion of commerce, given to them by the grand civilizer, the greatest colonizer in this whole world, England. They are in a state of decay, mental and physical. We, the American people, will never find ourselves in that state, and we should not force conditions upon other people which will result in their becoming in that state. I sincerely hope, Mr. President, that every member of this Council will see these resolutions as I see them. I realize that there may be

members who will not agree with them, but I hope that they will at least give us the credit of being honest in our intentions. I sincerely hope that the resolutions will pass.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was declared lost. Mr. Mildram of Wd. 24 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost—yeas, 29; nays, 32.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brauer, Carroll, Eddy, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Johnson, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—28.

Nays—Bennett, Brennan, Broderick, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Horrigan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovich, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Martin, McInerney, Newhall, O'Brien, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—32.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Chamberlain, Doherty, Donovan, Emery, Hickey, Jordan, Klemm, Leonard, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Stevens—15.

The resolutions as amended were read a second time and the question came on their passage.

On motion of Wd. 18, it was voted that the yeas and nays be called, and the Clerk proceeded to call the roll.

When Mr. Horrigan's name was reached, he said:—

Mr. President, I desire to say that I am paired with Councilman Emery. I vote yes, he would vote no.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that no pair can be received while the Clerk is calling the roll.

Mr. HERRIGAN—Then, Mr. President, I will vote yes.

The resolutions as amended were passed, yeas 34, nays 27:—

Yeas—Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Donahoe, Doyle, Fenton, Flynn, Gibbons, Giblin, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Leftovich, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Martin, McInerney, Newhall, O'Brien, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Watson—34.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Battis, Brauer, Broderick, Eddy, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stockton, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—27.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Chamberlain, Doherty, Donovan, Emery, Hickey, Klemm, Leonard, Madden, Mulcahy, Nangle, Rice, Stevens—14.

Mr. McInerney moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up

#### OVERSEERS OF THE POOR DEPT.

The Council proceeded to take No. 23 from the table, viz:—

23. Message of Mayor transmitting communication from Overseers of Poor conveying information in regard to the administration of their department. (City Doc. 140.)

Placed on file.

#### CLAIMS REPORT.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the order (referred May 11) cancelling agreement of Bennett H. Nash relative to Hyatt light and flagging at 56 Boylston St.—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

#### BATH HOUSE, NORTH END.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6, offered an or-

der—That the Trustees of the Franklin Fund be requested to set aside the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of establishing an all-the-year-round bath-house at the North End.

Referred to the Committee on Bath Department.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF ADAMS STREET.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place Adams St., between Milton St. and Pierce Sq., Wd. 24, in a safe condition for public travel; the present condition of said street demanding immediate attention.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I just wish to say in regard to that order that Adams St. is the main thoroughfare from the southern part of Dorchester direct to the city; that that street as it is today is in a disgraceful condition; that every day teams are going through up to the hub. It is a street that should be attended to at once, and I hope the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets will look after it.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### INTIMIDATION OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. SWEENEY of Wd. 7 offered the following:—

Whereas, It is a well-known fact that about election time annually many of the employees of the City of Boston are either directly or indirectly threatened with discharge from the city service or otherwise interfered with in the exercise of their rights as citizens; and

Whereas, such action is contrary to the spirit of the ballot law and against the principles of American citizenship and the Declaration of Independence, therefore

Resolved, That this Council hereby expresses its willingness to receive any complaints that may be made by city employees against those who may subject them to inconvenience in voting as they wish, and agrees to have all such complaints properly investigated by a special committee.

Passed.

#### OBSERVATION STANDS ON COMMON.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to revoke all permits for the erection of observation stands upon Boston Common in order that a view of the Dewey parade by the citizens of Boston whose property the Common is may not be obstructed by structures erected thereon.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, my purpose in introducing this order is because I cannot stand by and see the rights of the people made a football of without entering at least my humble protest.

The Mayor of Boston has gone beyond his right in issuing permits to non-residents and speculators and others, allowing them to erect observation stands upon the people's own property, the Boston Common, but my objection would still prevail, even had all the permits been granted to Boston men, because the law intended and said that these structures or buildings should not be erected.

I desire to read the statute relating to Boston Common, which, up to today, has not been amended in any manner. It is very specific—Chapter 54, section 16, of the Public Statutes:—

"No building exceeding six hundred square feet in area upon the ground shall be erected in or upon a common or park dedicated to the use of the public, without leave of the General Court."

Now, the question arises, is the stand an observation stand, a building? Webster says it is a structure, is a building, one member of the Law Department gives me an opinion that a stand is a building. Judge Holmes gave an opinion in the case of Blakemore vs. Dudley, I believe in the

159th Massachusetts Reports, wherein he decided that even a tent was a building, Mr. President. I want to say, further, that the Building Department of Boston, superintended by Capt. Damrell, had occasion this year to have trouble with the Chute people. They erected some stands, among them bandstands, to see firm, without a permit. The City of Boston proceeded against them, and the opinion was given by Justice Holmes that a stand was a building. Consequently he issued an injunction compelling them to take down such stands.

Without anticipating a decision by the supreme court, I will simply say that anybody who knows anything about law—little or much, I care not—knows that as a rule Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes's decisions are backed up by the full court. So much for the question whether a stand is a building. The gentleman who helped to draw up the act restraining people from putting anything on the Common told me that at the time he intended to make the statute so sweeping that nothing could be built on the Common. He told me it was admitted years ago that the band stand was illegally erected there, and is there today illegally. Now, I desire to say that if the Mayor does not see fit to notice this order I and others, influential people besides myself, intend to go further—intend to go to the courts and attempt to get an injunction; because I contend that the Common belongs to the people, and if I am right why should stands be erected thereby shutting out their view of the parade unless they pay the speculators' price or try and see it elsewhere than from the Tremont St. mall.

I have no fault to find with those having permits, for they have at least recognized the city government by sending us each two tickets for one of their stands, but if they send us one hundred each the fact remains that these stands are illegally erected, and my duty would be to protest against this encroachment upon the people's breathing spot, the Boston Common.

What is there to stop His Honor from giving to these same gentlemen from New York the right to erect a large stand in the vicinity of the band stand, when band concerts are about to take place, thus reaping the benefit as they are today? I say there is no way to stop it unless these stands are illegally erected. Whatever my faults may be, no man can question my courage to express at all times my opinion on any matter that affects in any way my constituency. My people sent me here for a specific purpose, which was to at least try and look out for their interests, and until I leave this hall in December I shall continue to do so regardless of the toes I may walk upon.

There is still another side to this matter. It is, are the stands safe? I have my doubts. In the first place, they are being erected by non-union help, and I believe incompetent help. I was informed by a well known builder that many of the men working as carpenters never drove a nail before. If this is a fact, how can the stands be safe? They are not under the supervision of the Building Dept., as I have been informed by the Building Dept. that they have nothing to do with them. I want to say that the Tremont St. Mall on the Common was to be the "Mecca" of many of my constituents, from which they intended to view the parade, but if the proposed plans of the Mayor and the speculators prevail, they must see the parade from some other spot of not see it at all.

I demand, in the name of the citizens of my ward and of the city in general, that the permits that have been granted be revoked by His Honor in order that the people, to whom the Common belongs, may see it if they so desire, free of charge, as is their right as custodians of the Common, which belongs to them.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, the present state of affairs does not surprise me one particle, because it is only in line with what the Mayor, His Honor, the almighty Mayor, has been doing the entire year. I believe the New York people, the speculators have received very little as it is, because if we stop a moment and consider the number of deals His Honor is in, I think we can connect him with this. First, he is interested, in my opinion, in the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company; second, in the Sanitary Refuse Utilization Company; fourth, in the Boston Asphalt Company; fifth, in the Antiseptic Mouthpiece Company; sixth, in the Massachusetts Telephone Company; seventh, in the Seventh Avenue National Bank of New York; eighth, in automobiles, Abner McKinley, Quincey & Company; and last, but not least, he is chairman of Boston's municipal political trust, better known as the Board of Strategy (Laughter). Those are the people who have got this franchise—the Board of Strategy. Members of the Council, if this matter were investigated you would find out that what I say is a fact. It has been secured under cover, and the Board of Strategy are the people who are doing this job.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, it is within considerable reluctance that I feel called upon tonight to say that I am at least surprised that an alderman coming from my end of the city should be a party to usurping land and property which rightfully belongs to the people.

I have not mentioned the laboring man, the working man or the poor people very much—not because I am not in sympathy with them, but simply because I think they have champions in the Board or in this Council more competent to set forth their sorrows and their position than myself. I learned today that a certain alderman used his influence with His Honor the Mayor to get a permit for a gentleman who is not even a citizen of Boston, who lives in Everett. I also understand that this same alderman is circulating tickets pretty freely. I haven't any. I don't want any. I believe I have two which were extended to me through the courtesy of Mr. Berwin, and I thank that gentleman for his good intentions, but, nevertheless, I will not use them myself and I do not propose that anybody else shall use them on a stand erected where the people should have a right to at least stand. I don't know that I can say anything more. This has been pretty thoroughly ventilated in the papers today—the whole condition of affairs. Nevertheless, I will say, in the interest of those who are not in a position to pay \$3 for a seat, or whatever these shysters may see fit to charge for their seats, that in this case, if I have not been always apparently in sympathy with some orders offered here in their behalf, I do hope they will have the right to occupy the space on Boston Common that is now being covered with stands for the benefit of private individuals. I hope, Mr. President, that the Supreme Court will take some action against these stands. Such a proceeding as the placing of these stands by speculators on Boston Common is decidedly wrong, is decidedly against the purpose for which the Common was given. It was intended to be a playground and an open space for all people at all times. His Honor the Mayor has attempted to make a bath-tub of the Frog Pond, a bicycle path on another part of the Common, and I don't know what he has not undertaken to use the Common for. His Honor the Mayor comes from good stock, but it didn't last down to him. I hope, as I said before, that some action will be taken. I am willing to go before my people now, and I hope that in the coming election—which I shall not be a party to or a candidate in—this thing will be remembered, as I have no doubt it will be. We live away out in the woods and

don't get a chance to get to Boston very often, but when we do we like to get an opportunity to stand on the Common occasionally.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope the order by the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) will receive the unanimous vote of the Council this evening. In order to acquaint myself with the conditions on the Common I walked down there myself this afternoon, and there is not an available spot to speak of but what is taken up by these speculators—fakirs, you might call them. I want to say that it is nothing new to have fakirs entering the Mayor's office and receiving favors at the hands of the Mayor. I myself am not quick to attack any democratic Mayor, but I believe His Honor Josiah Quincy has done something which will hurt the party more than a little. There is not a man in Boston today but what is interested in this question of the encroachment upon their rights on Boston Common, and it will not be forgotten very easily. The Mayor claims that he had a right to grant this permit, and my friend from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson) quotes the law to show that he has not the right to allow anything of this kind on the Common. I certainly hope my friend from Wd. 18 is sincere in the matter and will pursue the course he says he intends to pursue; and if the Mayor has no right to encroach upon the rights of the people on Boston Common, it will become our duty, a duty which will be appreciated by the people generally, to see that the matter is remedied in the courts. This is the first time for a considerable period that a parade has passed the Common so that the people might have an opportunity to stand there and view the parade; and it now turns out that instead of the Common being our own property, we have to give to speculators anywhere from one dollar to five dollars, whatever they may ask, for a seat there. That certainly is an outrage. The Mayor of Boston should set an example for the citizens to go by, but I am sure that if we follow the present Mayor's example we will be very poor citizens, to say the least. My only hope is that the gentleman from Wd. 18 will pursue the course he has outlined, and if there is any possible way, through the courts to prevent this use of the people's property during the Dewey parade, I hope it will be done. The people should have the right to view the parade from the Common and I trust they will be granted that privilege.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to offer an amendment to my order. After the word "requested" I would like to insert the words "by the Common Council," so that the order will read "That His Honor the Mayor be requested by the Common Council to revoke," etc.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will consider the amendment adopted.

The question came on giving the order as amended a second reading.

Mr. MILLER—Mr. President, this is not a matter of politics, it is a question of justice to the people of Boston. Politics should not enter into it. It seems, however, that politics has got into it from both sides—not only through our democratic mayor, but through some of our republican or so-called republican aldermen, who go to the mayor and recommend a man from New York to come here and take possession of property that was given to the people of Boston for their free use at all times. This is an injustice to the citizens of Boston, regardless of politics, and I hope that this Council tonight will go on record unanimously in favor of the resolution presented by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson). I wish to say, further, that if I can assist him in any way, financially or otherwise, I am willing to go down into my pocket to help serve an injunction against these parties who are infringing upon the rights of people who cannot afford to pay to see the

Dewey parade, and who by the action that has been taken will be kept away from the only place they could go to. The boys from our district, and the men and women wish to go there, and it is the only open space we have. I have heard today from several quarters objection on the part of people who have not money enough to feel able to spend three dollars for a seat on a grand stand. This is a speculative scheme, and there are many more than the mayor interested in it. In New York city a Boston party was refused an opportunity to figure on anything in connection with the Dewey parade. One party who asked for a chance to figure on fireworks was refused the opportunity, because he was not a resident of New York. Yet the very first man who goes to the mayor's office is a man from New York, well recommended by a Boston man, and he is given this privilege without any question.

There is no need of saying why the Boston man recommends him to a man who can see through a stone wall; and the Mayor grants a permit to a man outside the state to erect this stand, thereby perpetrating an injustice upon every citizen of Boston. The Mayor is well aware of the fact, as it came from his own lips, that Boston people were refused the privilege of figuring on fireworks in New York. I heard the Mayor make that statement myself in a meeting. Now, why should he, knowing the facts, grant such a privilege as this to an outsider the first time it is asked? It is an injustice, and I hope this body will vote unanimously to condemn the action of anybody, be he Republican or Democrat, who is interested in this matter. Furthermore, I would be glad to see the citizens of Boston rise up in their wrath, and, if they cannot get the injunction from the courts, take the stands on the Common and use them. I trust that they will take such action that every man, woman and child can go and view this parade.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to add to my few remarks a few moments ago by saying that one of the leading members of the Massachusetts bar informed me today, after looking up the law quickly, that in his judgment any number of people who saw fit could go down and occupy those stands, and not a person in Boston could take him away. That was his position. I would not care to say much about it, and would not care to give the lawyer's name, as he is a very reliable lawyer, for fear they might do it. (Laughter.) So much for the taking of the stands, I desire to thank the gentleman from Wd. 20, (Mr. Miller), for his kind offer in connection with the injunction.

I will accept his offer in its entirety after the meeting. I want, in justice to one of the gentlemen who has erected a stand on Boston Common, to read a letter which he has seen fit to send to me. I feel that it may be wrong to read it, and then, again, I feel that it would be wrong to him not to read it. It is from Mr. Keith, whom I have seen fit in the past to criticize. I went to see him last evening, but he was away, but I saw his manager, Mr. Dupee. I inquired of him if it was his intention to sell seats, and the look I got almost killed me. He said, "No." I said, "For what purpose is the stand to be erected?" He said that they intended to erect seats for 1500 poor children, selected from different charitable institutions. I told him I thought it was very kind of him, but as long as stands were illegal I told him I thought it was my duty to protest against any stands there, which, of course, I have done. However, he has sent me this letter, which I will read in all justice to him. It has nothing to do with the matter, but I will read it:—

Boston, Mass., Oct. 12, 1899.

Councilman J. A. Watson,

Boston, Mass.:

Dear Mr. Watson:—

Referring to our conversation of last evening about the stand being erected on the Common for Mr. Keith's use on Saturday next, I thought you would be interested to know how he has distributed the tickets:—

Father Ford's Working Boys' Home,  
Bulfinch Place Chapel,  
Parker Memorial,  
Unity Chapel,  
South End House,  
North End Union,  
Barnard Memorial,  
Morgan Chapel,  
St. Andrew's Church.

"These are for the children and, of course, they will be accompanied by an adult to take care of them. The boys and girls included in this list are of all creeds and nationalities, carefully selected and worthy. Then he has given for the use of the families of employees from one to two tickets. Very truly yours,

"Henry D. Dupee."

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, after having listened to the remarks of the gentleman on my right and to the letter he has read in my hearing from Mr. Keith, the proprietor of the theatre, I desire to offer the following amendment: Amend the order by inserting after the words "Boston Common," the following words: "Except the permit granted to B. F. Keith."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I have stated my position on this order, and if I had not read that letter I doubt if this amendment would have come in. Now, I say that I am in favor of the tearing down of every stand or no stand. It is a question of right and justice. If I am right on the law I have quoted, every stand must come down. We are all created free and equal.

According to the law the speculator has the same right there as Benjamin F. Keith, and if that amendment is pressed here tonight I will vote against it, and will proceed for the injunction tomorrow. I say this is not a proper advantage to take of me. I was not in duty bound to read that letter, but in all fairness to Mr. Keith's representative I have done so. The gentleman who has introduced the amendment knew I had that letter. I informed him that if he offered the amendment I would oppose it, and that if he offered it I would not read the letter from Mr. Keith. I waited to see if he would introduce the amendment. He did not do so. Seeing that he did not introduce it, I offered the letter, in all fairness. Now he comes in with the amendment. I say there is either virtue in my order or there is not. I say if one stand is against the law they are all against the law. If one has the right to be there they all have that right. I want him to understand that I have to look to the poor people for my support, those who have nothing, those who must use the Common or else stay at home in their little shacks in my ward. I want to say that they have come to me and thanked me for the interest I took in this matter. Now, Mr. President and fellow members, why should Mr. Keith's employees have the pleasure of viewing the parade, with only one per cent. of the poor children of Boston. Why not give the entire stand up to the poor people? I did not question his motives. I tried to give him credit that did not belong to him. It is an advertising scheme, pure and simple, and the gentleman has now brought it from me. I intended not to refer to it. I say that I will thank no member of this body to vote for the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11. I take the position I do regardless of politics. Forget my politics, forget my humor, forget the funny cracks I may make, and consider me seriously. I say, if one stand is right the other stands are

right. Take down every stand or none. I hope the amendment will be defeated.

Mr. BRAUER—Mr. President, I heartily concur with the last speaker. I think that if one of these stands should come down, all should come down. I think it is an encroachment on the rights and privileges of the citizens whom I have the honor to represent in part. I think they should have the privilege of coming in there and standing on the Common. I know that many of them have been making preparations, and have been counting for weeks upon coming in there and reviewing the parade, and now that the stands are going up, they don't know where to go. As the gentleman in the second division has stated, the people in the suburban wards do not come into the city every day, and those who wish to view this parade consider that they have a right to come onto the Common and view it.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I hardly believe that the gentleman from Wd. 11 will insist upon his amendment. I believe, that he introduced his amendment in all sincerity, but as the amendment has no ground to stand on, and as it is entirely out of keeping with the order as offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18, I would like to ask him if he won't withdraw the amendment and allow the original order to go upon its passage?

Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I offered the amendment in all good spirit, and I desire to say to the gentleman on my right, who claims that I promised him that I would not offer that amendment, that he is in error. It would not have been necessary for me to have offered that amendment, or I should not have deemed it necessary to offer that amendment, had I not read the letter read by the gentleman from Wd. 18. I believe that he is sincere in his object in bringing in the order that he has brought in tonight before the members of the Council and I desire to say that I agree with him from beginning to end. I do not believe that such a sacred spot as the Boston Common ought to be utilized at all, and if I had my way about it, I should not have granted a permit to anyone. Inasmuch as the matter has gone as far as it has, I desire to say that the object stated by Mr. Keith in his letter seems to me to carry out to the letter the idea contained in the gentleman's order. He desires the citizens of Boston to see that parade, and especially the young people—the children. Here is a man, one of the most patriotic citizens that there is in the city of Boston, a man who is assisting the city government to entertain Mr. Dewey and the men on the Olympia, and you object to his giving children and young people a chance to see this parade. Right here, let me digress and say that personally I have no interest in this matter. I have not seen Mr. Keith, or any of his representatives. I offered that amendment from a good purpose, and I believe that a man who is doing so much for the advancement of the citizens of Boston as is Benjamin F. Keith, ought to have some consideration given to him. I am opposed to a New Yorker coming here and allowing the privilege of erecting a stand and charging the people exorbitant prices, but the stand which is to be erected by Mr. Keith is to be put there to be used distinctly by the poor people from charitable institutions, and if I am not right, then the letter read in our hearing is not right. It is only in that spirit that I have offered this amendment, and I trust that the amendment will prevail.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, I am very much opposed to the amendment, and I am also opposed to stands upon Boston Common at all. I am just as much opposed to Mr. Keith having a stand there as I am to a man from New York. This man is always advertising at the expense of somebody else. Why don't he pay his employees proper wages, instead of trying

to make something out of cheap advertising?

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I want to say, for the benefit of the member from Wd. 11, that Mr. Dupee specifically says: "Also for the employees and their families," or, rather, "Also the employees, who will receive one or two tickets." Everybody knows that there must be nigh onto 900 employees at Keith's—one moment, and I will read the letter again, for the gentleman's information. Mr. Dupee says, in closing: "These are for the children, and, of course, they will be accompanied by an adult to take care of them." How many? There may be one for each child. The language of the letter admits of that interpretation. Then, he says: "The boys and girls included in this list are of all creeds and nationality"—well, I admit that; nobody raised that question—"and carefully selected and worthy. Then, he has given for the use of the families of employees from one to two tickets." Now, let us see how many poor children will get seats on that stand. Two tickets to each employee would leave about 200 for these children, and there are ten institutions—20 children from each institution. Twenty boys from the Working Boys' Home. Just think of picking out 20 boys from the large number in that institution to be given the privilege of seeing this parade.

Just think of putting the burden on any one person of selecting 20 inmates of that institution as his particular favorites to see this parade. Why, it would create more hard feeling than if they never saw Dewey. I do not intend to move an inch. I want to say that the speech of the gentleman from Wd. 11 coincides with what I say. He is opposed to encroaching on the sacred soil of Boston Common—but he wants to give a special permit to one individual because he has seen fit to invite the "jolly tars" from the Olympia to a smoke-talk. What member of this Council would not invite them to his home, if they would come? What theatre in Boston would not be glad to have them? It is simply a question of which one can get them. Nothing is too good for those gentlemen, in my judgment. Why should his permit not be revoked, as well as the rest? I have not heard any reason. He says he agrees with all I have said. I do not see, then, how he can offer the amendment. I hope the amendment will be voted down, and that the order will be passed as I introduced it; and I want to say, in closing, one thing. In my judgment, Mr. Keith has done a great deal for Boston—and Boston has done a great deal for Keith. (laughter.)

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to voice at this time the sentiment of the preceding speaker, and desire to say here that I, as a representative of my people, will oppose this matter tonight, and will favor the passage of this order opposing the granting to any New Yorker of a permit to come here and build stands on our Common. As I have understood it in the past, the Boston Common, the largest space of land in the centre of the city, is for the use of the people, as was explained thoroughly by the gentleman in the second division. Mr. Keith should not have been granted a permit to build, any more than a New Yorker. I am opposed to him, as well as anybody else, having any stands there. I say that the Boston Common is for the use of the people, and that it should be so used. It has been in the past, and should be now. It is not for the use of speculators or anybody else that desires to use it. I trust that the order will pass, and I will certainly vote for it.

Mr. LINEHAN, of Wd 13—Mr. President, I am confirmed in my belief that if that letter had never been read, the order would have gone upon its passage without a dissenting vote. I am opposed, anyway,

to members of the Council bringing in letters here and using the City Council as an advertising bureau for any individual. If B. F. Keith is such a patriotic gentleman, such a great friend of humanity, I would like to ask him why is the entire town billed with great posters reading: "Wage-earners, do not patronize B. F. Keith's. He is unfair to organized labor." (Applause in the gallery).

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I wish to say that in my judgment the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 is inconsistent with the order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18. He introduced an order requesting the mayor to revoke all permits granting the privilege to use the Common for stands, on the ground that this is illegal, and the amendment reads that he shall make exception in the case of B. F. Keith. Now, if it is illegal in one case, it is illegal in all cases, and the mayor cannot make an exception if he would like to if put on that ground. It must be a general rule, or it cannot be a rule at all. Therefore, I respectfully move the previous question.

The main question was ordered, the amendment was rejected, the order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I move that the vote be taken by a rising vote, and I hope it will be unanimous.

Mr. Watson's order was passed by a unanimous rising vote. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

#### TRANSFER OF AUSTIN SCHOOLHOUSE.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Austin Schoolhouse on Paris St., East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of

the School Committee, the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I simply desire to say that the Austin School House has been in charge of the street commissioners for the past year or two, and now that the Chapman schoolhouse is being built, the school committee are at a loss to find a place for the school children. They have hired a church over there, and are unable to obtain sufficient room; so they now ask to have this transferred back to the school committee, which desires it for that purpose.

The order was passed. Sent up.

#### CITY BOAT TO VISIT OLYMPIA.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to grant the use of one of the city boats to the members of the city government for the purpose of enabling them to visit the United States Ship Olympia at such time as may be agreeable to the officer in command of said ship.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.

Mr. FENTON of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the lot of land in South Boston known as the Locust-Street Playground, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. LEFTOVITH of Wd. 8—Mr. President, as there is not a quorum present, I move we now adjourn.

Adjourned at 10:20 P.M., to meet on Thursday, October 19, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 16, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 16, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint William H. Powers a Constable of the City of Boston, for the term ending April 30th, 1900, in place of Edward J. Holland, who has this day been removed from the position of Constable.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 16, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation I hereby appoint James O'Connor a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30th, 1900, in connection with his duties in the Building Department of this city, in place of Thomas O'Connor, resigned.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

## PROJECTION OF SIGN—VETO.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, October 16, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board granting permission to Martin Sullivan & Company to project a sign two feet from building at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7, for the reason that this projection is further than is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered and the question came on granting the permit, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to know who introduced the order in the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—It came through the ordinary course as a permit. The Clerk will call the roll.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have consideration of this matter assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

Prudential Insurance Company of America, a sign, at 10 Hyde Park Ave.  
Chandler & Farquhar, a sign, at 36 Federal St.

David Gaffen, a sign, at 234 Main St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Pecone, a sign, at 316 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Burk & Co., an illuminated sign, at 294

Washington St., Wd. 6.

Remnant Tailoring Co., a sign, at 353

Washington St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Mary A. Doyle (two petitions) that the balances remaining from tax sales of estates on Keith St. be paid to Edward A. McLaughlin, attorney.

Maria Joel, for compensation for damages to estate on Hollander St. caused by construction of a sewer in Waumbeck St., Wd. 21.

Jennie L. Grush, for compensation for damage to house No. 35 Everton St., Dorchester, caused by blasting.

John E. Shea, for compensation for damage to his carriage caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., W. R.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for extension of time in which to erect poles on La Grange, Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Democratic City and State Committee, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Frank Jenkins, for removal of a tree at 96 Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Dr. James H. Payne, for removal of a tree at 1472 Washington St.

Lamps.

Augusta S. Walker, for public lamps on Palmer St., Wd. 17.

John McLaughlin et als., for lamps on Farrington St., East Boston.

Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz:—

Mary A. Brainard, at St. Omer Hall, 376 Broadway.

Wm. MacDonald, at Association Hall, Y. M. C. A., at the corner of Boylston and Berkeley Sts.

Frank O. Otto, at German Workingmen's Association Hall, 22-26 Amory St., Roxbury.

Roanoke Social and Athletic Club, 2 No. Russell St.

Wm. MacDonald, at Association Hall, cor. Union and Lawrence Sts., Charlestown.

C. H. Waldron, at America Hall, 53 Hanover St.

John H. Cauley, at Cauley Hall, 544 Main St.

Public Improvements.

David J. Brett, for leave to place a small order box on sidewalk at 1278 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Woodbury & Leighton, for leave to erect guy posts in Cazenove and Chandler Sts.

John Danielion, for leave to place a box sign on sidewalk in front of 1029 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

J. F. and W. H. Falvey, for leave to construct areas in front of building on Broadway, F and Silver sts., Wd. 15.

A. M. Richards B. M. Co., for leave to move a wooden building from Arlington Ave., Wd. 4, to Dorrance St., Wd. 4.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from 23-25 Sewall's ct., Wd. 4, to 20-22 Dorrance st., Wd. 4.

Museum of Fine Arts, for release of conditions and restrictions in deed of its estate in Copley sq.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

Fannie Bible, 728 E. Seventh st., Wd. 14.

James V. Devine, Cottage st., side of estate 949 Dorchester ave., Wd. 16.

James M. Cross, 103-107 Sidney st., Wd. 16.

Timothy McCarthy, 1536-1542 Tremont st., Wd. 19.

Walter H. Baldwin, 10-16 Minden st., Wd. 19.

H. J. Freeman, Bowdoin st. side of es-

tate corner Bowdoin st. and Geneva ave., Wd. 20.

Samuel G. King et als., trustees, 23 Trull st., Wd. 20.

French, Cole & Co., 73, 75 and 81 Waumbek st., Wd. 21.

M. Grant Daniell, 9 Schuyler st., Wd. 21.  
Edward Carroll, cor. South and Poplar sts., Wd. 23.

#### LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITION.

Ald. McDONALD presented the petition of John B. Boyle for a sign at 493 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Ald. McDonald, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Ordered, That, in addition to the sum of \$150,000 heretofore appropriated for the maintenance of the Street Watering Division of the Street Department, the additional sum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for said purpose, the same to be met by assessments for watering streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

2. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:—

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars, to be expended by the Park Commissioners, be appropriated for Rogers Park drainage; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Austin Schoolhouse on Paris St., East Boston, which was surrendered by the School Committee February 12, 1895, be transferred from the custody of the Street Commissioners to the custody of the School Committee; the use of said building for school purposes being again required.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the lot of land in South Boston known as the Locust St. playground; the expense of the same to be charged to appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Brick.

5. Whereas, On July Fourth, the Hon. Nathan Matthews, representing in an official capacity as orator of the day the city of Boston, having been appointed to such position by the Mayor, and who, in the course of his remarks at the official observance of the day at Tremont Temple, gave expression to opinions favorable to keeping unwilling races in subjection, denying the maxim of this Republic, "that government is by the governed," and

Whereas, Such utterances coming from the official Fourth of July orator, upholding Imperialism, Expansion and Trusts, have given the entire country the impression that his words are the real sentiments of the City Government of Boston, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the City Council of the city of Boston, disapprove of these sentiments, which are not expressive of the views of the people of Boston, in whole or in part, while, on the contrary, we also disapprove of the tendency of the times to abandon the fundamental principles of this Republic, as wisely put forth by Washington, Jefferson, Munroe and Lincoln, and we believe that a colonial policy is dangerous to the welfare of the Republic because it means military and naval rule against the right of the citizen to govern.

Resolved, also, That we disapprove of the policy outlined by Mr. Matthews which would make this Republic an empire where classes would rule, where the sacredness of the ballot would be violated, and where the rights of American citizenship would be invaded, simply to gratify the greed of American and foreign capitalists, who seek to make the masses subject to the classes.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the official records, and copies be sent to the Hon. Nathan Matthews, Mayor Josiah Quincy, Hon. F. A. Collins, Hon. George S. Boutwell, President of the Anti-Imperialist League, Senators George F. Hoar and Henry Cabot Lodge, Congressmen Fitzgerald, Napfen, McCall, Sprague and Roberts, who represent Massachusetts in the National House, also the Boston press. (Doc. 122.)

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the reading of the resolutions be dispensed with and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I would like to make a personal statement of my position on that matter. On Saturday morning I heard the Mayor of Boston, in an eloquent speech in which he presented the city's gift to Admiral Dewey, give utterance to sentiments that I don't agree with. But I do not, on that account, think that I have any right, or that it would be proper for me, to bring in a resolution condemning him for what he then said. Nor would I vote for such a resolution if any one else brought it in. It seems to me that the same rule ought to apply to the Fourth of July oration. A Fourth of July orator should be allowed the fullest freedom of opinions. I fully agree with the wording of these resolutions, and if it were possible in any way I would like to put myself on record in condemnation of the gentleman who made those references. But I think he acted properly, that he was giving expression to his honest views, and that the city council has no right to condemn him. I move reference of the resolutions to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, after the experience I have had in the past, I am a little timorous about making any lengthy utterance today on these resolutions. With the spirit of the resolutions I am in entire sympathy. I heartily concur with them, and think they express what the people will find to be a fundamental truth, before the trouble in the Philippines is entirely settled. But I cannot agree to vote for the resolutions as they stand, because, as Ald. Day has already said, the man who is given the honor of being the public orator on the Fourth of July should have the fullest freedom in his public utterance. While I do not agree with him in this case, and while in private I have condemned him, and while I am willing to publicly go on record in opposition to his utterances at that time, still I don't feel that I can vote for these resolutions condemning him, because I think it would be an abridgement of public speech. Therefore, while I agree with the sentiment of the resolutions, I feel that I should vote against any special condemnation of the orator.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I very heartily concur in the motion to refer, as I understand that this is simply to be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements for burial purposes. I do, however, wish to express my feelings in regard to the resolutions themselves. I think they were only excelled by the celebrated copperhead resolutions, passed so unanimously and so unanimously abhorred in 1863, and of which no man dared claim himself the originator or supporter in after years.

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## TRACKS IN DORCHESTER.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

6. Order granting the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Company locations for tracks on River St., from a point near Oakland St., through River St. and the square formed by its junction with Blue Hill Ave. and Oakland St. to the Milton line. Also on Washington St., from a point near Dorchester Ave., through said street and a public way supposed to be called Washington St., to the Milton line. Also on Adams St., from a point near Dorchester Ave., through said Adams St. and the said public way supposed to be called Washington St. to a point connecting with location herein granted. All with the necessary switches, curves cross-overs and connections connecting with existing tracks of said company and the tracks of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company. And permission is further granted to said company to make, at its own expense, such changes in the tracks of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company as may be necessary to make such connections." Said order also gives the consent of the Board of Aldermen to the establishment of the overhead trolley system, so-called, on said locations.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I asked for the assignment of this order, and intended at the time to take the matter up within the past week. As you know, however, this has been a busy week for all of us, owing to the celebration and one thing and another, and I have not had an opportunity to look into the matter as I would wish. I dislike to ask for further delay; but, at the same time, I believe this is a matter of so much importance to the people of my section that I should be given further time. If this is referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, I could state there just how it appears to me and perhaps ask the indulgence of the Board to have it laid over for a week more. I move that this be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## CLAIM COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 7 from the table, viz.:

7. Report of Committee on Claims, recommending leave to withdraw, on account of late notice, on petition of John Wolf, Jr., & Co., to be paid for damage to team caused by an alleged defect in Endicott St.

Accepted. Sent down.

## ENTERTAINMENT OF IRISH VISITORS

The CHAIRMAN offered the following:

Resolved, That, in view of the approaching visit to our city of the Right Honorable Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, and Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P. for Waterford, Ireland, a committee of five members of this Board, with such as the Council may join, be appointed to act in conjunction with His Honor the Mayor, and in co-operation with the civic committee, in extending the hospitalities of the city to the distinguished visitors.

Passed. Sent down.

Later in the session the Chairman appointed as said committee on the part of the Board, Ald. Barry, Codman, Day, Berwin and O'Toole.

## TAKING OF LAND—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petitions of Matthew and Mary Desmond and of Daniel Mahoney that the Board estimate and determine the damages by the taking of their land by the Boston Elevated Railway Co. in Charlestown—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Nov. 6th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

## AWNINGS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project awnings, viz.:

Eastern Cold Storage Co., awning in front of 28-32 North St., Wd. 6.

Boston Auction Co., permanent awning in front of 46-52 Clinton St. and 38 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 30th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

## EXTERMINATION OF GYPSY MOTH.

A copy of the Acts and a copy of the rules and regulations made by the State Board of Agriculture relative to the extermination of the Gypsy Moth and the Brown Tail Moth was received.

Placed on file.

## LICENSE TO STORE OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Max Finkelstein for a license to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 37 Spring St., Wd. 8, disapproving of the same.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

## ARBITRATION OF LABOR TROUBLES.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Affairs be requested to consider the advisability of requesting His Honor the Mayor to petition the next General Court for the passage of a law for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between capital and labor, similar to that now in vogue in New Zealand; and that the committee be authorized to give public hearings, to employ a stenographer and to report in print if they deem it advisable.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, a lecture was recently delivered at Boston University by the ex-Minister of Education of New Zealand, Mr. Reeves, upon the New Zealand law for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between capital and labor. That law seems to embody the proper principle in settling disputes between labor and capital. New Zealand is, of course, a new country in the formative stage of government, and in such a government a great many new ideas are introduced. We owe to such ideas our new system of conveying land titles, known as the Torrens system; and the system of bailoting which has been adopted all over the United States, known as the Australian system, we owe to those younger countries. I think we can borrow something from them in this respect, and I know that anything which will do away with strikes and disturbances, as this is said to have done in New Zealand, will be welcomed by the public at large. I feel that Boston, standing, as it does, pre-eminent in these matters, should consider this subject thoroughly and make some report embodying its views upon the problem, and perhaps if the subject is examined into propositions will be forwarded to the Legislature having some such law in view.

The order was passed. Sent down.

## GARBAGE PLANT NUISANCE.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting what action it proposes to take relative to the abatement of the garbage plant nuisance now existing at the Cow Pasture, of which many complaints and protests have been made by the citizens of Dorchester and South Boston.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, this is a matter which has been agitated by the citizens of Dorchester and also by the citizens of Boston for the past six months. I do not propose to take up any of the time of

the Board today on the matter, but simply to say that the people of Dorchester think it is about time that the Board of Health took some action one way or the other. It has been brought to the attention of the city government before by my colleague, Ald. McDonald, and the Board of Health has certainly had time enough to consider the matter in all its bearings and to give us the relief we ask for, if in its power to do so. I am willing to give to that board the opportunity, which I hope it will embrace, to inform this Board at its next meeting what is proposed to be done in regard to the matter. The garbage plant was located on its present site, I believe, not at the instance or with the approval of the members of the city government. When we voted on the matter last year it was with the understanding, according to the message of His Honor, the Mayor, that this garbage plant was to be located on an island down the harbor, where there could possibly be no bad results to people on shore.

But on being located where it has been, on the Cow Pasture, within a very short distance of the residential section, it has become a public nuisance and it is high time, in my opinion, that some steps should be taken to remove the nuisance which the Board of Health itself admits now exists there. I sincerely hope the Board of Health will give us some definite information at our next meeting regarding the matter.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I heartily concur with my colleague from Wd. 20 in relation to this garbage matter in Dorchester—that the time has certainly come when the Board of Health should take the matter in hand and abolish the nuisance out there. The citizens of Dorchester will not be satisfied with a garbage plant in that territory. It should be located, as it was understood in the first place that it would be—as stated by the alderman from Wd. 20—on some island in the harbor. It seems to me the Board of Health has been considering this matter long enough. I sincerely trust that at the next meeting it will make a definite report, for the people of Dorchester are anxious to get some information upon the subject. They will not stand a garbage plant out there much longer.

The order was passed.

#### CLOSING OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. DAY offered the following:—  
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permit to William L. Miller & Co. to close the roadway on Western Ave., between Barry's Corner and the bridge, to all public travel during the time necessary for the rebuilding of the Western Ave. bridge.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permit to Simon J. Donovan to close the roadway on Ninth St., from Old Harbor to G Sts., to all public travel for three weeks, beginning on October 17, 1899, or during street construction on said street.

The rules were suspended and the orders were passed.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:36 o'clock p. m., on motion of Ald. Brick, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:50 o'clock p. m., by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of David J. Brett (referred today), for leave to place a small order box on sidewalk at 1278 Wash-

ington St., Wd. 9,—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Patrick J. Calnan (referred October 9), for the relocation of the pumping station on Charles River Bridge to the northwest side of the draw of Warren Bridge,—recommending reference of the same to the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted, said reference ordered.

(2) Report on the petition of Fanni Drockner (referred Oct. 9) for leave to construct a coal slide under the sidewalk, also an entrance from sidewalk to basement at 30 Norman St., Wd. 8,—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(4) Reports on petitions referred Oct. 9, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Emma Kimball, 1 Robin Hood St., Wd. 16, brick.

Gleofa Essig, 30 Washburn St., Wd. 16, brick.

Joseph F. Loughlin, 19 Bellflower St., Wd. 16, brick.

David Rubinovz, 369-373 Heath St., Wd. 19, brick.

Arthur H. Flint, 768 E. Fifth St., Wd. 14, brick.

John D. Bates, 253-259 E. St. and on E. Sixth St. 70 ft. front, Wd. 15, brick.

Julia Desmond, 70 Fisher Ave., Wd. 19, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Maximilian Kaiser, 91 George St., Wd. 17, brick, with granite edgestone.

Charles May, 825 Dorchester Ave. and on Harvest St., Wd. 16, brick.

Benjamin Harris, 9-23 Haskins St., Wd. 21, brick.

C. H. Wheelock, 66-68 Middle St., Wd. 15, brick, with granite edgestone.

Louisa A. Means, 424 E. Sixth St., Wd. 15, brick, with granite edgestone.

R. F. Means, 422 E. Sixth St., Wd. 15, brick, with granite edgestone.

Dennis Meagher, 96 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22, brick, with granite edgestone.

D. J. Delaney, 80 Calumet St., Wd. 19, brick, with granite edgestone.

French, Cole & Co., 81 Waumbeck St., Wd. 21, granolithic stone, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports on petitions, referred Oct. 9, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

W. A. and H. A. Root, 119 Bay State Road, Wd. 11, granite edgestone.

Albert Geiger, Columbus Ave., corner of Washington St., Wd. 10, granite edgestone.

James P. Stearns and others, trustees, 7-9-11 Fulton St. and 42-52 Clinton St., Wd. 6, granite edgestone.

Henry G. Allbright, 570 Columbia Road, Wd. 16, with granite edgestone.

Robert Black, 15-19 Folsom St., steel edgestone.

W. B. Thomas, 479-481 Beacon St., Wd. 11, granite edgestone.

John Mahan, 61-63 Dewey St., Wd. 16.

Hugh D. Kelly, 50-60 Burrell St., Wd. 16, with granite edgestone.

James W. Tufts, 817-819 Beacon St., Wd. 11, with granite edgestone.

Andrew F. McDermott, 1849-1851 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

C. B. Hill, 28 North St., Wd. 6, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(6) Report on petitions (severally referred today), recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J.F. & W.H. Falvey to construct, maintain and use areas, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalks in front of estate on Broadway, F and Silver Sts., Wd. 15, dimensions as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Woodbury & Leighton to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows, viz: One opposite No. 4 Cazenove St., one opposite No. 74 Chandler St. and one opposite No. 96 Chandler St.; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, flat roof, 40 feet in length, by 30 feet in width, by 20 feet in height, from 23-25 Sewall's Ct. over private lands and across Dorrance St., to Nos. 20-22 Dorrance St., Wd. 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. M. Richards Building Moving Co. to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 49 feet in length, by 15 feet in width, by 18 feet in height, from present location on Arlington Ave., to rear of said lot and across Dorrance St., to lot on Dorrance St., Wd. 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(7) Reports on petitions (severally referred Oct. 9), recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lotta M. Crabtree to construct, maintain, and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 in. in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate N. 631 Washington St., Wd. 7, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Daniel F. Dowd to construct, maintain, and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Piedmont St. side of estate numbered 51 and 53 Church St., Wd. 10, the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Aug. P. Loring, Trustee, to construct, maintain and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate known as "Albany Building," on Lincoln St., as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Eastern Cold Storage Company to lay, maintain and use six-inch iron pipe, with a 1½-inch iron pipe enclosed therein, under and along Creek Sq., at rear of No. 44 North St., as shown on a plan dated Oct. 16, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be

completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(8) Report on the petition of the Museum of Fine Arts (referred today) for release of conditions and restrictions in deed of its estate in Copley Sq.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into an indenture with the Museum of Fine Arts for releasing all the restrictions and conditions imposed by the City on the land conveyed by it to said Museum of Fine Arts under its former name of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts; provided that said Museum of Fine Arts shall by said indenture agree to a restriction for the future on said land requiring all buildings thereon to be set back at least 25 feet from any street by which said premises are bounded, and requiring the exterior walls of all buildings thereon to be of brick, stone or iron, and that said Museum of Fine Arts shall further agree to give the public the same right of access as now to the building or buildings on said premises so long as the same belong to said Museum of Fine Arts, and are used by it for a Museum of Fine Arts; and requiring the owner of said land to protect the City against all damages from raising the grade of Dartmouth St. or other streets as provided in the fifth of said conditions; such indenture shall be in such form and contain such other provisions as His Honor the Mayor shall approve.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. Colby, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports, on petition referred today recommending that licenses be granted on the usual conditions, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, as follows:—

Mary A. Brainard, for musical, dancing and literary entertainments at St. Omer Hall, 376 Broadway.

C. H. Waldron, for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at America Hall, 53 Hanover St.

William MacDonald, for Association Hall, corner Union and Lawrence Sts., Charlestown, for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing.

Roanoke Social and Athletic Club, 2 North Russell St., for literary, musical, and dramatic entertainments and dancing.

Frank O. Otto, for German Workmen's Association Hall, 22-26 Amory St., Roxbury, for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing.

William MacDonald, for Association Hall, Y. M. C. A., corner Boylston and Berkeley Sts., for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing.

John H. Cauley, for dancing and musical entertainments at Cauley Hall, 54½ Main St., Charlestown.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 21 newsboys, 2 boot-blacks and one vendor.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Mary Doyle (referred July 17), for payment of balance from tax sale of estate on Ellingwood St., for the year 1897, recommending the passage of the accompany order:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary Doyle the sum of \$151.85, being the amount held

by the city under Chapter 390, section 40 of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Ellingwood St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 107.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

(2) Reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions:—

Mary Dolan and N. Kalbskopf, (referred from last year), to be repaid certain sums paid by them on account of title to estate 3492-3494 Washington St.—as the claim has been settled.

Mary F. Mallon (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Harvard St.—as the claim has been settled.

M. F. Morley (referred April 12), for compensation for damage to property caused by construction of sewer at corner of Western Ave. and Market St.

Reports severally accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

David Gaffen, to project a sign at 234 Main St., Wd. 5.

Joseph Pecone, to project a sign at 316 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Burk & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 294 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Prudential Insurance Company of America, to project a sign at 10 Hyde Park Ave.

Chandler & Farquhar, to project a sign at 36 Federal St.

Remnant Tailoring Co., to project a sign at 553 Washington St.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions on the following petitions:—

T. H. Connolly (referred Aug. 14), to project two bay windows from building 2985-2987 Washington St., Wd. 22.

M. Maloney (referred September 18), to project a bay window from building 14 St. Martin St., Wd. 4.

C. E. Davis & Co. (referred Oct. 9), to project an illuminated sign at 2 Park Sq., corner Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that petitioners have leave to withdraw on petitions referred October 9, as follows:—

O. F. Couture, for a permit to project a sign at 6 Avery St., Wd. 7.

George M. Palmer, M.D., to project a sign at 7 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending a passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of October, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment.

The report was accepted and the order passed, the reading of names of beneficiaries being dispensed with, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. CODMAN, for Ald. Doyle, Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted a report on the petition of the N. E. Tel & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for an extension of time in which to erect poles on Lagrange St., Wd. 23,—recom-

mending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That the time allowed the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. in which to erect poles on Lagrange St., under the order passed by this Board, June 26, 1899, be and the same is hereby extended to December 31, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted a report on the petition of the Democratic City and State Committee (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 25, 1899—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### SIDEWALK ON CALUMET ST.

Ald. CODMAN, for Ald. Doyle, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Calumet St., from Tremont St. to St. Alphonsus St., with paved gutters, in front of the several estates on said street; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestones, and report to this board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Passed.

#### BRANCH LIBRARY AT NORTH END.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the establishing of a branch of the Public Library at the North End.

Passed. Sent down.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES FROM WEST BROADWAY.

Ald. BERWIN, for Ald. McDonald, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be and is hereby directed to remove two trees from West Broadway, opposite Nos. 417 and 423, also to remove three trees on the south side of F St., between West Broadway and Silver St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### DEWEY DAY EXERCISES.

Ald. DAY, for Ald. McDonald, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to publish as a city document the exercises held on October 14th, 1899, in connection with the presentation by the city of Boston of a watch to Admiral Dewey.

Passed. Sent down.

#### WORK ON LAURIAT AVE. CROSSING.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to use every effort to have the work on the Lauriat Ave. Crossing completed at the earliest possible day.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, some-time ago—I think something over a month—I put in an order requesting that when the contract for the grade crossing on Lauriat Ave. be made, it contain a provision that the work be finished within two months. I believe that condition was put in the contract, and it was accepted with that condition. The time that the contractor has been working there has already stretched out to upwards of three months, and the work is proceeding at present very slowly.

It seems to me when a contractor takes a job of this sort, with the winter approaching, as is the case now, extra service should be employed upon the work, in order to give the people out there an out-

let, which is certainly very much needed, as soon as possible, not compelling them to be tied up all winter, on account of the slowness of the contractor. As those who are acquainted with the district know, the people of the Lauriat Ave. section are entirely cut off from the rest of Dorchester—from stores, schools and everything else—unless they have this outlet under the railroad. I trust that the rule will be suspended, that the matter will be taken up by the Superintendent of Streets, and that the work there will be hastened so that the residents may be relieved.

The order was read a second time and passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Colby, general reconsideration of all action taken today was refused.

#### RISING SUN LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I will say in the absence of Ald. Doyle, chairman of the Committee on Lamps, that I will defer calling for a report from that committee on investigation of the contract between the Rising Sun Lighting Company and the city of Boston until the next meeting.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Day at 5:06 P. M., to meet on Monday, October 23, at 3 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, October 19, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## AMBULANCE STATION, SO. BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 19, 1899.

To the City Council:—

In connection with the building of the ambulance station in South Boston, for which the sum of ten thousand dollars has been appropriated, it is important to arrange at once for a site. The appropriation was urged on the ground that an ambulance was very greatly needed in that section of the city, and particularly in connection with the work of Carney Hospital; and my understanding is that the appropriation was made by the Board of Apportionment and the City Council with the desire of making the ambulance station available for use in connection with this very worthy and useful institution. The appropriation is now in the hands of the Public Buildings Department for expenditure, and the building can be started as soon as the site is arranged for. It has seemed to me that the best course was for the city to lease from the Carney Hospital authorities the lot of land owned by them, which was suggested as offering the most suitable site for the ambulance station, and for the city, then to lease the station, when completed, to Carney Hospital at a normal rental, for use in connection with that institution. As Carney Hospital now derives some revenue from the lot of land which it is proposed to use for this purpose, the authorities of the Hospital believe that the city should pay a ground rent of \$250 a year for the use of this site, and this seems to me a reasonable proposal,—particularly in view of the fact that the ambulance will thus be put into public service. A lease of this character should be authorized by the City Council, and I therefore recommend the passage of the following order.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to lease for the term of twenty years, and at a rental of two hundred and fifty dollars a year, for the purpose of using the same as a site for the ambulance station for South Boston, for which the sum of ten thousand dollars has been appropriated, a certain parcel of land situated in South Boston, owned by the Carney Hospital, and bounded and described as follows: Easterly by National St., which leads into Fourth St., near its intersection with Dorchester St., forty feet six inches; southerly by land now or formerly of Martin, eighty-seven feet; westerly by land now or formerly of Calvin Aiken, by line parallel with the westerly line of said National St. (and also parallel with Old Harbor St.), forty feet six inches; northerly by land supposed to have belonged to George Sweetlin, eighty-seven feet.

The communication was sent up, and the order was passed. Mr. Giblin of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 13, to consider Nos. 1 to 4, inclusive, together, viz:—

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on

petition, referred June 29, of John Wolf, jr., & Co., to be paid for damage to team, caused by an alleged defect in Endicott St., Oct. 25, 1898,—leave to withdraw, on account of late notice.

2. Report of same committee, on petition, referred April 12, of M. F. Morley, for compensation for damage to property caused by construction of sewer at corner of Western Ave. and Market St., in 1889,—leave to withdraw.

3. Report of same committee, on petition, referred Dec. 12, 1898, of Mary F. Mallon, for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Harvard St.,—leave to withdraw, as the claim has been settled.

4. Report of same committee, on petition, referred Dec. 12, 1898, of Mary Dolan and N. Kalbskopf, to be repaid certain sums by them on account of title to estate 3492-3494 Washington St.,—leave to withdraw, as the claim has been adjusted.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Mary Doyle, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary Doyle the sum of \$154.85, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Ellingwood street for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 107.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

6. Petition of Museum of Fine Arts for release of conditions and restrictions in deed of its estate in Copley square.

In connection therewith the following order comes down passed for concurrence, the same being recommended by the Committee on Public Improvements, Aldermen, viz:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into an indenture with the Museum of Fine Arts for releasing all the restrictions and conditions imposed by the city on the land conveyed by it to said Museum of Fine Arts under its former name of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts; provided that said Museum of Fine Arts shall by said indenture agree to a restriction for the future on said land requiring all buildings thereon to be set back at least 25 feet from any street by which said premises are bounded, and requiring the exterior walls of all buildings thereon to be of brick, stone or iron, and that said Museum of Fine Arts shall further agree to give the public the same right of access as now to the building or buildings on said premises so long as the same belong to said Museum of Fine Arts and are used by it for a Museum of Fine Arts; and requiring the owner of said land to protect the City against all damages from raising the grade of Darmouth street or other streets as provided in the fifth of said conditions; such indenture shall be in such form and contain such other provisions as His Honor the Mayor shall approve.

On motion of Mr. Turnbull of Wd. 4, the reading of No. 6 was dispensed with.

The petition was placed on file and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I don't exactly understand this order, and I think that there are several other members here tonight do not.

I would like to know what this really means. It says: "Hereby is authorized to enter into an indenture with the Museum of Fine Arts for releasing all the restrictions and conditions imposed by the city on the land conveyed by it." Now, if there is anyone here who can give an explanation of this, I would be glad to hear from him before I vote upon the order. If no explanation is given, I would like to have the matter assigned for one week.

Mr. STOCKTON of Wd. 11—Mr. Presi-

dent, I think I can explain the meaning of this order. The Boston Water Works Company about the year 1885 conveyed to the city of Boston the land on which the Art Museum now stands, with certain restrictions on the land, then. The city conveyed to the Boston Art Museum the land, with one or two further restrictions. At present, the Trustees of the Boston Art Museum would like to be able to mortgage this property, to raise money to buy land to be used in the future sometime for an annex to the Museum. It is necessary to do it at this time, because all the available land in the Fens and in other parts of Boston that would be suitable for such a Museum is being cut up into lots, and the Trustees think that it is for the interest of the City and of the Museum itself to have this done now. The interests of the city and the Museum are substantially identical. The Trustees are merely working for the public good. They have no private interests, and if you would look over a list which I am sorry to say I have not with me at this present moment, I think you would find that the Trustees are all perfectly trustworthy, and that whatever they say can be believed. I therefore sincerely hope that this order will go on its passage tonight, especially as the Museum is in the ward which I in part represent, and as both of my colleagues from that ward agree with me.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence. Mr. Stockton moved to reconsider; lost.

7. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to publish as a city document the exercises held on October 14, 1899, in connection with the presentation by the city of Boston of a watch to Admiral George Dewey.

8. Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide an appropriation sufficient for the establishing of a branch of the Public Library at the North End.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Affairs be requested to consider the advisability of requesting His Honor the Mayor to petition the next General Court for the passage of a law for the compulsory arbitration of difficulties between capital and labor, similar to that now in vogue in New Zealand; and that the committee be authorized to give public hearings, to employ a stenographer and to report in print if they deem it advisable.

10. Resolved, That in view of the approaching visit to our city of the Right Honorable Daniel Tallon, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, and Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., for Waterford, Ireland, a committee of five members of this Board (Aldermen Barry, Codman, Day, Berwin and O'Toole) with such as the Council may join, be appointed to act in conjunction with His Honor the Mayor and in cooperation with the civic committee, in extending the hospitalities of the city to the distinguished visitors.

The resolve was passed in concurrence, and the President appointed as said committee on the part of the Council Messrs. Collins of Wd. 13, MacDonald of 12, Martin of 15, Simpson of 1, Flynn of 17, Wells of 1, and Stone of 7.

#### WIDENING OF BATTERY ST.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 11, reconsideration, viz:—

11.—Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to widen Battery St., from Commercial St. to the ferry, on the southerly side, to a width of about 100 feet, in accordance with the plan now in the office of the Board of Street Commissioners.

The question came on motion (notice given by Mr. Cuddy) to reconsider vote of Oct. 12, whereby said order was passed.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, inasmuch as I filed the notice to reconsider at the last meeting, as I was outside at the time when this order was passed I wish to say that since then I have looked into the matter thoroughly, and am satisfied that the order is all right. I therefore move reconsideration, hoping that the same will not prevail—or, if there is no objection, I should like to withdraw the notice of the motion to reconsider.

There being no objection, the notice of the filing of the motion to reconsider was considered withdrawn.

#### REFURNISHING OF BUILDINGS, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 12, reconsideration, viz:—

12. Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board on February 27, 1899, as appropriated the sum of five thousand (5000) dollars for "Children's Institutions Department, Parental School, drainage of land," be, and hereby is, rescinded, and that the said sum be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children, for reconstructing and refurnishing buildings at Rainsford Island.

The question came on motion (notice given by Mr. Brauer) to reconsider vote of October 12, whereby said order was passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I desire to say, in relation to this order, that I have been up to the Parental School and have made an investigation on my own hook, and I think that it is absolutely necessary that this appropriation should be had for those boys at the Parental School. It is to drain a certain parcel of land near a playground that the boys now occupy, and which is very low and unhealthy. I think that they should have this appropriation, as they have had no other appropriation this year, and it is a great detriment to the children to use this playground with this low land there. There are at least 150 of them, I believe, and they are in crowded quarters, and I think that inasmuch as Rainsford Island has had so much from the city we should consider these boys and let them have this \$5000, in order that this land may be drained and properly cared for. It is a disease-breeding locality if it is not drained, and the superintendent of institutions tells me that unless it is drained it will be a source of inconvenience and annoyance to them for the rest of the year. I hope that reconsideration will prevail.

The PRESIDENT—If the Council will pardon me, as the representative of the Council on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment I desire to state for the information of the Council, and particularly for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 23, that this order was passed upon a request made by the board of trustees for children, who requested the transfer of this money on account of the fact that it will take from \$10,000 to \$12,000 to drain the land, whereas they have only an appropriation of \$5000.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, my position in reference to this money for Rainsford Island is the same as my position was in the other matter last Thursday evening. I am satisfied that conditions at Rainsford Island demand some immediate attention, and that money is needed. I am not thinking of His Honor the Mayor's interest, but the interest of those boys—and while I am speaking on the matter I desire to read in part a letter which I received from Acting Penal Institutions Commissioner Hunt, in which he says:—

"I was very much surprised in reading a speech made by you in the Common Council last Thursday night, to find you charging that the Rainsford Island children, who are now at Deer Island, are in close contact with hardened criminals."

This is not so, and you do us an injustice by making such assertions. The fact is that the boys who were transferred from Rainsford Island work in a separate room, and in the cell building they are entirely separated from the prisoners. They have a separate dining room, and in going from the prison to their work-rooms, as well as to the schoolroom and dining room, they do not come in contact with our prisoners."

Now, Mr. President, I accept his statement—or, rather, I apologize to Acting Penal Institutions Commissioner Hunt; but I do want to say that no matter how far they are from those hardened criminals on Deer Island, they should be got from there at once. I don't care if they are at the other end of the Island—they are on Deer Island, and not Rainsford. You have told us, Mr. President, that those boys were sleeping in voting booths. Many of us have been almost frozen in those voting booths, with a red hot fire in them. This money is very much needed at Rainsford Island, and, in view of the fact that the \$5000 will not do the work that the member from Wd. 23 desires to have done, I trust that he will not compel us to wait for the thirty days in order to give them this money, but that they will be given it immediately. I approve of the course of the President of this body, acting as a member of the Board of Apportionment, and I sincerely trust that we will not reconsider this order this evening.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

#### NIGHT SCHOOL AT SPECTACLE ISL'D.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 13, assignment, viz:—

13. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to consider the matter of furnishing books for a night school at Spectacle Island.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I desire to say that since last Thursday night I have looked into this matter a little, and I find that there are about fifteen men down on Spectacle Island, who are desirous of attending school in some way or other, and they are perfectly willing to hire a teacher if they can have the books furnished to them. I am perfectly willing that the order should go through.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I think the member from Wd. 1 is taking advantage of this Council. Some of us are intelligent. Who are these people at Spectacle Island?

Mr. BAGLEY—Mr. President, I will simply state that they are citizens of Boston, but that they are employed by N. Ward & Company.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

#### LEGALITY OF STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 14, assignment, viz:—

14. Communication from Corporation Counsel giving his opinion as to the legality of the contract for street lighting entered into by the city of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company. (City Doc. No. 145.)

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I move that that be referred to the Special Committee on the part of the Council for the Investigation of the Lamp Department, when appointed.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I move as an amendment to this motion made by the gentleman in the second division, that it be referred to the Committee on Lamp Department on the part of the Council.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I rise here to oppose the amendment. I think the proper place for that opinion to be

referred is to the committee that is going to try and investigate that contract. I sincerely hope that the members of the City Council will for once refuse to bury any communication that comes from His Honor the Mayor or the Corporation Counsel. Of the legality of the contract, there is no doubt in my mind, because I realize that the statute gives to the Mayor the right to enter into any contract, no matter how large it is and gives to any department the right to make any contract, no matter how large it is, so long as it has the approval of the Mayor. But I also have an opinion that the man who introduced that bill at the House, which became the law, did it on behalf of the people, to protect their interests. He did it to prevent heads of departments entering into any contract amounting to over \$2000, without the approval of the Mayor. He did it in all good faith, never thinking for an instance that there would be a Mayor of Boston who would take advantage of that law. I sincerely hope that communication will be referred to the committee to investigate.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President and fellow members, we are all satisfied that there will be a committee on investigation of the lamp contract appointed, and I am satisfied, as well as every other member, that the gentleman who introduced that order will be on that committee. So long as he makes the request that this committee be given the opinion, I think it only courteous that it should be done. Now, what is the use of going to work and putting this opinion into the hands of the Lamp Department Committee, when the other committee that is about to be appointed will be acting on this very matter? As a matter of fact, I suppose we might as well refer this to the Committee on Vessels and Ballast, a committee of which I was a member last year, as to the Committee on Lamps. It would do as much good. But the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan), a true representative of the people, requests that his hands be not tied in the matter of the investigation, and I think it only fair that we should go to work and accede to his request. I sincerely trust that my friend McInerney's amendment will be voted down, and that Mr. Sanderson's motion will be adopted. Mr. McInerney's amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sanderson's motion, to refer the communication to the committee to be appointed to investigate into the street lighting contract, etc., was carried.

The President appointed as said Committee, Messrs. Linehan of Wd. 13, Chamberlain of Wd. 12, Cuddy of Wd. 8, Wood of Wd. 20 and Watson of Wd. 3.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF FANEUIL HALL

The Council proceeded to take up No. 15, assignment, viz:—

15. Ordered, That the additional sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, at the request of Councilman Chamberlain, I ask the members of the Council to assign this matter for one week. It is impossible for him to remain here, and he requested me to ask the members to assign it.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned for one week. I see no reason why the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain) should ask the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan) to move the

assignment of an order of this nature. The gentlemen from Wds. 12 and 13 know that the reconstruction and remodeling of this building are going on, and they know, as well as I, that money is needed for the purpose. I trust that this order will be passed this evening.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I hope the order will be assigned until the next meeting. Ever since the order was put in here to reconstruct Faneuil Hall it has been one constant request for additional money, and before we get through twice the amount which we were told originally was needed will be appropriated for the purpose. Now, I think it would be far better to assign this order to another meeting and to allow all who want it an opportunity to look into the matter. I was told that this item was simply for buying chairs. Whether that was so I do not know, but I would like the privilege of seeing whether it is needed for chairs alone. I therefore trust that the order will be assigned.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I think it would be a pure, unadulterated insult to refuse to assign the order tonight in the absence of the gentleman from Wd. 12, who is specially interested, and I am satisfied, after I get through my few remarks, that Councilman Mulcahy will, in all fairness to his colleague in his division, withdraw his objection to the motion made by Councilman Linehan. Councilman Chamberlain is his friend—

THE PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman to refrain from personal designation.

Mr. WATSON—At least, Mr. President, I hope he will in all fairness withdraw his opposition to the assignment of this order. I will say, frankly, that no matter how much I have opposed the gentleman this past two years, if some friend of his requested that an order be assigned because of his absence, I would vote for the assignment of any matter that he was interested in, providing he was not here. Now, if the gentleman will not withdraw his opposition, I trust that the Council will be fair to Mr. Chamberlain and will vote to assign this order for one week.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I want to state to the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson) that I am just as liberal and broad minded as any other man in this body. But I see no reason why one man should send word in here, asking this body to assign an order for a week. If this gentleman is personally interested in this order on the calendar tonight, it is his duty, in my opinion, to be present to defend his position, if it is possible for him to be here. Of course, if it is a question of illness I will at any time be willing to give way. But, hearing no reason advanced why the gentleman is not present, I urge the passage of the bill, and I trust that it will go through.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I would like to state that very urgent business called Mr. Chamberlain away, or he would be here to answer for himself—and he is one who can answer for himself.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared carried. Mr. Mulcahy doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by yeas and nays. A rising vote was taken and the yeas and nays were not ordered.

Mr. Linehan moved to reconsider; lost.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

The President, for the Committee on Finance on the part of the Common Council, submitted a report on the Mayor's message and order (referred June 29), making an appropriation of \$1300 for an electric plant at the Dover St. bath-house—Recommending that the same be returned to the City Clerk, as owing to the lapse of thirty days from presentation to the City Council, the order has become operative.

The report was accepted, and the papers were ordered returned to the City Clerk.

#### WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. EDDY, of Wd. 16, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of Henry E. Wright (referred Aug 7)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Henry E. Wright to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Spice St., Wd. 4; in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for mercantile purposes, main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

The report was accepted, and the order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, owing to the fact that I was unable to get at the committee meeting at which this was considered, I would like some information on this order. My reason is that the Mayor has already vetoed an order for building the same sort of a building, and I want to be sure that this is all right before I give him a chance to veto this. I would like to have some member of the Building Committee give me some information.

Mr. STONE of Wd. 7—Mr. President, at a meeting of the Building Committee on Wednesday last that matter was brought up before the committee. We found that it had been before the committee for some time. A committee was appointed, and after going over to Charlestown, we found no valid objection; therefore we recommended to the committee yesterday that the order should be passed. The order which he refers to as having been vetoed by the Mayor is an entirely different order, and not at all connected with this one, which is to be passed tonight, I hope. The order was passed. Sent up.

#### PLAYGROUND, WD. 22.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to purchase a site for a playground in Wd. 22.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS TALBOT AVE.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide electric lights on Talbot Ave., between Norfolk St. and Blue Hill Ave.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PNEUMATIC TUBE CONTRACT.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary to compel the Boston Pneumatic Tube Company to carry out the terms of the contract entered into by said company with the City of Boston.

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage.

Mr. MARTIN—Mr. President, this is a matter that should be given some consideration by the Corporation Counsel. It is a franchise, a right given to a company to lay certain pipes and tubes in this city two years ago. They entered into a contract with this city, and agreed to give a certain percentage of their earnings to the city. After some deliberation, it was voted down. The Mayor vetoed that order. After several meetings it was agreed on behalf of the city by the Mayor and Mr. Ferguson on the part of the Company that they should have the permission they desired. They received the permission, and

as far as I am able to learn at this time they have not paid one cent to the city. Now, if they have not paid one cent, we should know the reason why, in these days of hard times. We are looking for money for certain transfers, time and time again, and if there is so much need of money, I do not see any reason why some cannot be obtained from this company, which entered into this agreement. I hope the Corporation Counsel will look into this matter.

The order was passed. Sent up.

#### ELECTION RETURNS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming State and City election, and that the Common Council chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

#### CONDITION OF ALLEYS.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out and improve the condition of public alleys in Roxbury and in the tenement districts in general.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, my purpose in introducing this order here tonight is that some time last year the City Council of Boston accepted an act of the Legislature relative to public alleyways. A short while after accepting that act, I introduced an order asking the Mayor to have the alleyways laid out in thickly settled and tenement house districts. In the ward which I represent in part, there are many alleyways which will eventually be taken by the city and made into public alleys. They are in a frightfully unhealthy condition. In many places, when it rains, you cannot go through the alleyways, and the cellars are flooded. I would like to ask the members of this council from democratic wards if the Board of Health or His Honor the Mayor have laid out one alley in their wards? I would like to know, was this act accepted for the purpose of making His Honor the Mayor strong in wds. 10 and 11? If so, I made an error in voting for him. I want to know why he, a democrat, who is supposed to represent, and only supposed to represent the plain people, does not do something for the ward I represent? I want to know, is it because I represent my constituency that he neglects to do something? If so, I want him to understand that the people of my ward will endorse me again, although they never would endorse him if he ran for pound keeper. Now, Mr. President, it is only proper and right that some member from some democratic ward should get up here and inform me how much good has been done to their business by this so-called alleyway act. I want to say that you will find if you look through the records that something like alleyway nine hundred and something has been laid out, and you will find that it is in Wd. 11. Why, the alleyways in Wd. 11 are better than many of the streets in my ward—far better. I want to ask, in closing, that His Honor the Mayor for once forget that I am asking for something for my district, forget that I may get a little honor if he does something, forget that I am not with him or with his, but that he will do something for the people who voted for both him and me—and today they are satisfied that they did right in voting for me, and that they did wrong in voting for him. (Laughter.)

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PLAYGROUND, WD. 16.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Park Department be requested to inform the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, what they have done towards locating a playground in Wd. 18, if anything.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEW HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN

Mr. DOHERTY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the General Court, at its next session, for the passage of an act to authorize a loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, outside of the debt limit, to be expended in the construction and furnishing of a new high school building in the Charlestown District.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WD. 24.

Mr. MILDGRAM of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the surface of Granite Ave., in Wd. 24, from its junction with Adams St. to the Neponset River bridge, the street at present being in a dangerous condition to travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. MILDGRAM of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a catch-basin at the northeast corner of the junction of Adams and Milton Sts., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. MILDGRAM of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct a crosswalk across Adams St., along the projection of the northerly line of Milton St., Wd. 24.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CHANGE IN DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to notify the School Committee that the entrance to the new high school building in Dorchester, on the west side, which is the most prominent side of said building, is not in keeping with the general plan of the structure; and, in the opinion of the Common Council, said committee should take such action as will bring about a satisfactory alteration of said entrance.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I wish to say just one word in regard to this matter, so that the architects or the School Committee may not misconstrue my motive in presenting this order. We are expending in the vicinity of a half a million dollars for a Dorchester High School, which is being built on a lot bounded by Talbot Ave., Centre St. and Washington St. Now, Washington St. is the main thoroughfare, and through some oversight or error, the rear entrance, or a door supposed to be one of the rear entrances, faces Washington St., and this is really the most conspicuous part of the building. I simply want this brought to their attention, to see if something cannot be done to change the outside appearance of this building without in any way necessarily affecting the interior. I simply wanted to make this explanation in regard to it.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAIRS ON PHILLIPS SCHOOL.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why repairs have not been made on the Phillips school-house in accordance with the appropriation already made for the purpose, and that the attention of said committee be hereby called to the necessity of immedi-

ately causing said repairs to be made in order to ensure the health of the teachers and pupils who are obliged to occupy this building.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ADDITION TO CONTRACT.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why the contractor, Frank G. Cobourn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a schoolhouse in East Boston at a cost of \$35,000, was allowed to add over \$7000 to his original figure after the bids had been opened and contract signed.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DELAY IN OPENING CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Boston Transit Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council as to the cause of the delay in opening the new Charlestown bridge and when it is expected that said bridge will be ready for the use of the public.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, before the reference of that order to the Mayor, I wish to make a few remarks. It might seem to some unnecessary to introduce the order at this meeting after what has appeared in one of the Boston morning papers, but I wish information from the Transit Commission and not through any other source. I had an order to this effect drawn up at the last meeting of the Council, but, through the kindness of a gentleman who moved to adjourn the Council before its business was completed, I did not get an opportunity to introduce it. Mr. President, to my knowledge that bridge has been completed since the first of the summer. I have made no secret of the fact that I proposed to find out from the Boston Transit Commission why the bridge has not been opened. Perhaps I know and perhaps I do not, but I want an authentic report from the Commission, not through a newspaper. When that report comes in I propose to pay my respects to the Boston Transit Commission.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### DRAINING OF LAND, PARENTAL SCHOOL.

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to provide a sum sufficient to drain the land at the Parental Home, West Roxbury.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### VOTING LIST IN GERMANTOWN.

Mr. NEWHALL of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a voting list in that portion of Wd. 23 known as Germantown.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

Mr. NEWHALL offered an order—That the Street Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put the sidewalks on Temple St., Wd. 23, in a proper condition.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### TRIMMING OF TREES.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59 Thomas Park; the same being a menace to travel.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EXPENSES OF BATH DEPT.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Bath Commission be requested to report at the next meeting of the Common Council the amount of money they have expended since Jan. 1, 1899, to Oct. 1, 1899; also the amount of unpaid bills and for what they were contracted; also the number of people who have used the different bathhouses; the report to be so worded that we can see what each bathhouse has cost to be maintained and the amount spent for construction.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Clerk, by direction of the President, called the roll to ascertain the number of members present, with the following result:—

Present—Armistead, Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Brauer, Brennan, Broderick, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Doyle, Eddy, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hickey, Horigan, Howard, Jordan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Kiernan, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Mansfield, Martin, Millard, Miller, Moore, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Stone, Sullivan, Sweeney, Tobin, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—60.

Absent—Bordman, Bradley, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Donovan, Emery, Flynn, Hibbard, Johnson, Lydon, McDonald, Madden, McInerney, Nangle—15.

Adjourned at 8:38 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Walker of Wd. 25, to meet on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7:45 P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 23, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermen's Room, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:—

Thirty-four traverse, Superior Criminal Court, Nov. 13th: Timothy J. Deasy, Wd. 7; Edw. J. Dowd, Wd. 19; Geo. W. Locke, Wd. 15; John J. Glacken, Wd. 6; Patrick McNulty, Wd. 4; Chas. A. Dodge, Wd. 25; Nathan C. Child, Wd. 23; Geo. B. Brewster, Wd. 9; Wm. J. Duffy, Wd. 16; Austin Bigelow, Wd. 25; Chas. C. Collins, Wd. 13; David B. Shaw, Wd. 3; John A. Martin, Wd. 13; Daniel F. Kelly, Wd. 13; John B. Duffy, Wd. 17; Daniel Donovan, Wd. 13; James F. Dowling, Wd. 23; Creighton J. Hill, Wd. 21; George W. Gale, Wd. 11; Dennis D. Driscoll, Wd. 9; Joseph Wagner, Wd. 25; John B. Dullay, Wd. 3; Daniel H. Gillespie, Wd. 17; Thos. C. Chase, Wd. 20; Frank J. Wermers, Wd. 20; Gustave A. Friedel, Wd. 23; Bartholemew Flynn, Wd. 6; Burton B. McCully, Wd. 3; Chas. R. Arlen, Wd. 9; Fred'k C. Moseley, Wd. 24; Joseph Mode, Wd. 21; Edw. W. Butler, Wd. 18; Lewis Myers, Wd. 21; John J. Farrell, Wd. 6.

Nine petit, United States District Court, October term: Edw. Briggs, Wd. 24; James Otis Leman, Wd. 20; Frank S. Hussey, Wd. 20; Michael J. Golden, Wd. 14; Hosea R. Tillison, Wd. 15; Wm. F. Robinson, Wd. 6; Edw. F. Dunham, Wd. 20; James T. Souther, Wd. 7; O. Herbert Hodgkins, Wd. 23.

## GARBAGE PLANT NUISANCE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what action the said Board proposes to take relative to the abating of the garbage plant nuisance existing at Cow Pasture."

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Health Department, Old Court House,  
Boston, Oct. 21, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear sir:—

In response to an order of the Board of Aldermen asking to be informed at its next meeting "what action the Board of Health proposes to take relative to the abating of the garbage plant nuisance now existing at Cow Pasture," we have to say that the matter referred to has been thoroughly investigated by the Board of Health and its conclusions were sometime since communicated, through His Honor the Mayor to the Superintendent of Streets, who, under the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Co., is authorized and empowered to abate any nuisance shown to be prejudicial to the public health or comfort in the operation of the new garbage plant. Very respectfully,

The Board of Health,

Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, after listening to the communication from the Board of Health, I would state that notwithstanding the report from that office,

ent body, there still exists a nuisance from the garbage plant in Dorchester. The matter should have been attended to and looked into more carefully, it seems to me. However, I will move that the communication be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## ADDITION TO RESERVE FUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today making an additional appropriation of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, the said appropriation to be met by additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor in excess of his estimate made at the first of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Oct. 23, 1899.

Ordered, That an additional appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is hereby made to the Reserve Fund, the same to be met by the additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor under date of October 18th in excess of his previous estimate of revenue.

Passed.

John P. Dore,

David F. Barry,

Laurence Minot,

Josiah Quincy,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

## NEW FERRYBOAT AUTHORIZED.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston,  
October 23, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to construct and equip a new ferryboat, the expense to be met from the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895. The City Council authorized the Superintendent of Streets to construct the "Noddle Island," the idea being to increase by one the number of ferryboats. This increase has been offset, however, by the taking of the "East Boston" by the United States government, and the need for a new boat is pressing.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

Oct. 23, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to construct and equip a new ferryboat for the Ferry Division of the Street Department, the expense thereof to be charged to the loan authorized by Chapter 435 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,

David F. Barry,

John P. Dore,

Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed. Sent down.

## ORDER BOX ON SIDEWALK—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith, without my signature a vote passed by your Board grant-

ing permission to David J. Brett to place a small order box on the sidewalk at 127 1/2 Washington St., Wd. 9, for the reason that, in the opinion of the Law Department, said vote is illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby leave was granted to place an order box on the sidewalk was reconsidered and the question came on granting leave, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant the permit over the Mayor's veto, the vote being:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Day, Doyle—3.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, McDonald, Presho—4.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Freeman Nickerson et als., trustees, for leave to project three bay-windows, from building 35 Central Sq., corner of Saratoga St., Wd. 1—one over the corner of said square and street, and two over Saratoga St.

2. On petition of Pierce J. Grace for leave to project a permanent awning over the sidewalk on Washington St., Wd. 9, in front of Columbia Theatre.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Buildings Dept. (Ald.)

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Carlton W. Crocker & Co., two signs, at 108 Trenton St., Wd. 1.

Kalish & Rosen, an illuminated sign, at 20 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Abram Petow, a sign, at 38 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

A. P. Welch, two barber poles, and two V-shaped signs, at 62 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Eli Goldstein, a sign, at 44 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

New England School of Engineering, an illuminated sign, at 121 Haverhill St., Wd. 8.

Mich Daniele, a sign, at 148 Shawmut ave., Wd. 9.

L. W. Eddy & Co., a sign, at 709 Dudley st., Wd. 16.

F. H. Thompson, two barber poles, at 46 1/2 Warren st., Wd. 17.

Bradbury Bros., a druggist's mortar, at 559 Dudley st., Wd. 17.

Hugh W. Bresnahan, four campaign transparencies, at 301 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Fred J. Kneeland, a campaign transparency, at 376 1/2 Washington st., Wd. 23.

Diamond Bros., wooden advertising sign, 20 Salem st., Wd. 6.

Diamond Bros., wooden advertising sign, 43 Salem st., Wd. 6.

W. C. S. Healey, illuminated sign, 2 North Ferry Ave., Wd. 2.

Philip Logue, transparency, 41 Washington st., Wd. 6.

J. F. Tehan, illuminated sign, 136 Court st.

James H. Doyle, two transparencies, 1042 Tremont st.

Margaret Gordon, sign, 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Gross & Strauss Co., electric sign, corner Washington and Bedford sts., Wd. 7.

John W. Green, transparency, 2 1/2 Charter st., Wd. 6.

##### Claims.

John F. Kelly, Admr., for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Bismarck st.

John F. Kelly, Admr., for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Messenger st.

F. W. Hunnewell, Trustee, for compensation for damages to house caused by an accident in removing tree in constructing Boston Elevated Railway.

Geo. F. Byrne, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in East Third st.

George S. Haddock, for compensation for damages to estate 76 Lonsdale st., caused by overflow of surface water.

W. J. Gallivan, for a hearing on the question of compensation for damage to carriage.

George A. Jordan, to be refunded \$244.18, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

##### Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to remove poles on Hastings st., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to attach wires to trees on Magnolia and Catawba streets. Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Democratic State Committee of Mass., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Oct. 27, for a political meeting.

Social Labor Party, for the use of said hall on the evening of Nov. 3, waiving the fee.

Josiah Quincy, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of November 9, 1899.

##### Lamps.

Geo. W. Armstrong, for a public lamp in front of 76-78-80 Utica St., Wd. 7.

##### Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1900, viz:—

Division 22, A. O. H., for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Sheridan Hall, Gurney St.

F. Weisenberger, for literary, musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at Germania Hall, 148 Columbus Ave.

Hugh W. Sanford, president of Harvard Shooting Club, for license for shooting clay pigeons on Soldiers Field.

##### Police (Ald.)

Elizabeth P. Hodson, to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs.

##### Public Improvements.

Norcross Bros., for leave to erect a guy post on A St., S. B.

Albert R. Whittier, for leave to construct an area with ash lift in sidewalk, at 13-15 Exchange St., Wd. 6.

Geo. C. Cornan, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk at 805 Albany St., Wd. 17.

Eastern Cold Storage Co., for leave to lay a pipe under and along Creek Sq., in rear of 33-44 North St., Wd. 6.

Israel Nesson, for leave to erect two posts, with electric lights, in sidewalk on Albermarle St., Wd. 10.

Estate of John P. Nichols, for leave to construct four areas in sidewalk at 11-13-15-17 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 17.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

Robert Garner, 19 Condon St., Wd. 1.

James S. Dorsey, 278-280 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16.

Christina Single, 23 Schiller St., Wd. 19.

Wm. James Day, 8 Fenelon St., Wd. 20.

B. F. Roach, 1175 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Michael H. Burke, 35 Sagamore St., Wd. 20.

Enoch J. Shaw, 37 Sagamore St., Wd. 20.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

3. Message from the Mayor, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to lease, for the term of twenty years, and at a rental of two hundred and fifty dollars a year, for the purpose of using the same as a site for the ambulance station for South Boston, for which the sum of ten thousand dollars has been appropriated, a certain parcel of land situated in South Boston, owned by the Carney Hospital, and bound-

ed and described as follows: easterly by National St., which leads into Fourth St., near its intersection with Dorchester St., forty feet six inches; southerly by land now or formerly of Martin, eighty-seven feet; westerly by land now or formerly of Calvin Aiken, by line parallel with the westerly line of said National St. (and also parallel with Old Harbor St.), forty feet six inches; northerly by land supposed to have belonged to George Sweetlin, eighty-seven feet.

The Chairman offered the following amendment:

Add at the end thereof the following: "The city shall also assume and pay all taxes, assessments and betterments of all kinds assessed upon said land during said term."

The message was placed on file and the order as amended was passed. Sent down for concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be hereby requested to take such action as may be necessary to compel the Boston Pneumatic Tube Company to carry out the terms of the contract entered into by said company with the City of Boston.

5. Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on the days of the coming state and city elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental Expenses.

6. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Henry E. Wright to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Spice St., Wd. 4, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for mercantile purposes; main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

7. James O'Connor, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Thomas O'Connor, resigned.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Brick and Presho. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yes 9, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 8, unfinished business, viz.:—

8. William H. Powers, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of Edward J. Holland, removed.

Laid on the table, on motion of Ald. Presho.

**VETO OF PERMIT.**

The Board proceeded to take up No. 9, special assignment, viz.:—

3. Message of the Mayor vetoing permit to Martin Sullivan & Co., to project a sign at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The question came on granting the permit the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant the permit; the vote being yeas 0, nays 12.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.**

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting its

183d and 184th locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions therein.

Severally placed on file.

**APPEAL FROM AWARD.**

Notice was received from D. P. Nichols & Co., lessees of part of estate of Harlan P. Whitcomb of appeal from award on account of the taking of said estate by Boston Elevated Railway Co.

Placed on file.

**CLERK HIRE.**

Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, submitted a report in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been performed to the amount of \$1600.98.

Approved by the Board.

**CANOPY—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On the petition of F. L. Ames Estate for leave to construct a canopy over gallery entrance to theatre on Boylston St., Wd. 7—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 6th, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**FOWLS KILLED BY DOGS.**

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Police (Ald.) submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Elizabeth P. Hodson (referred today), to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs,—recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Elizabeth P. Hodson the sum of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, Oct., 14, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

(2) Report on similar petition of Mary Brophy (referred Sept. 18), recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Mary Brophy the sum of Six Dollars (\$6.00) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, September 8, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

(3) Report on similar petition of Ellen Hannan (referred May 8), recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Ellen Hannan the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs April 11, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on similar petition of Edith F. Conness (referred May 22), recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Edith F. Conness the sum of Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs April 16, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

(5) Report on similar petition of George F. Burckhart (referred June 29), recommending the passage of the following order.

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to George F. Burckhart the sum of Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$6.50) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs, June 25, 1899, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors'

licenses be granted to 26 newsboys, 2 boot-blacks and vendors.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

Division 22, A. O.H., for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Sheridan Hall, Gurney St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Hugh W. Sanford, President Harvard Shooting Club, to shoot clay pigeons on Soldiers' Field, Wd. 25, for season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

F. Weisenberger, for Germania Hall, 1448 Columbus Ave., for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLOSING OF FREEPORT STREET.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Freeport St., between Preston and Tenean Sts., Wd. 24, to public travel during necessary repairs on Commercial Point Bridge.

Passed.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATE ELECTION.

Ald. COLBY offered an order, That the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, for the election of a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Councillors, Senators, and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at four o'clock P.M.

Passed.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (recommitted Sept. 18)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Co. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington, dated Sept. 11, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., 9 poles, 46 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 12 ft.

Union Park St., 2 poles, 40 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Worcester St., 1 pole, 40 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Newman St., 4 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

K St., 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

L St., 5 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

P St., 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

H St., 4 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Dorchester Ave., 1 pole, 60 ft. high, 18 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.

Broadway, 2 poles, 40 ft. high, 15 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 12 ft.

London St., 2 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Liverpool St., 6 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

Paris St., 3 poles, 35 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to remove poles on Hastings St., Wd. 23—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove from Hastings St., Wd. 23, five poles shown by red dots marked "removed" on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated January 13, 1899.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on petition of the same company (referred today), for leave to attach wires to trees on Magnolia and Catawba Sts.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach wires to six trees on Magnolia St., between Hooper Ave. and Magnolia Sq., and to one tree opposite 22 Catawba St.; said attachment to be made by bending wire around a part of each of said trees, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### LAYING OUT OF VINSON ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to make a plan for the laying out of Vinson St., from Park St. to Geneva Ave., Wd. 20, give a public hearing and accept and construct said street under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891.

Passed.

#### GRADES ON HAMILTON ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to give a public hearing at the earliest possible date on relocating and changing the grades on Hamilton St., Wd. 20, in accordance with a plan just completed and approved by the City Engineers.

Passed.

#### BRANCH LIBRARY, DORCHESTER.

In connection with the petition of Thomas F. Lamson and very many others for a branch library, Ald. Adams offered the following:—

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston Public Library be hereby requested to establish a branch library to be located at Proctor's Pharmacy, corner of Olney and Bowdoin Sts., Dorchester, for the accommodation of the public in that vicinity. The order was passed.

#### ATTACHING OF WIRES TO TREES.

Ald. DOYLE offered the following:—

City of Boston. In the year One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

An ordinance relating to trees. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be section 105 of said Chapter, and by re-numbering section 105 so as to be section 106; said new section to be as follows:—

"Section 105. No person shall attach any wire to a tree belonging to the city, or in any street, except by bending wire around a part of the tree, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.  
Sent down.

### FRANKLIN FUND REPORT.

Chairman Barry presented the following:—

City of Boston.

October 17, 1899.

To the Honorable the City Council:—

The managers of the Franklin Fund submit herewith a preamble and order providing for the disposition of the Franklin Fund, and recommend its passage by the City Council.

For and in behalf of said managers,  
David F. Barry, Chairman.

City of Boston,

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 23, 1899.

Whereas, The Managers of the Franklin Fund, the donation to the Town of Boston under the will of Benjamin Franklin—propose to lay out one-half of that part of said fund now in the hands of the City Treasurer and all accumulations thereof, to be used by the city for erecting a building, to be known as the Benjamin Franklin building, upon the lot of land owned by the city on Washington St., near the corner of Dover St., now partially occupied by the old Franklin School building, and upon other lands of the city adjoining said lot, so far as the same may be considered desirable therefor, said building to contain a branch of the Public Library with reading-rooms, also a ward-room, public hall, lecture-rooms and rooms for the use of the Grand Army posts now quartered in said old building; also a public convenience station in the basement; and to lay out the remainder of said part of said fund and its accumulations, to be used by the city for erecting buildings to contain baths for all-the-year-round use, combined with public gymnasia when deemed desirable; for building public convenience stations and for the purchase of suitable lots for such buildings.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That if said Managers lay out said fund as above specified, the City Engineer forthwith thereafter, shall acquire for the city any land desired for said Benjamin Franklin building, and suitable lots for said other buildings, when such lots are not already owned by the city, one at least in each of the following districts: East Boston, Wds. 1 and 2; Charlestown, Wds. 3, 4 and 5; North and West Ends, Wds. 6, 7 and 8; South Boston, Wds. 13, 14 and 15; Roxbury, Wds. 17, 18, 19 and 21; Dorchester, Wds. 16, 20 and 24; shall build at least two public convenience stations, one to be located in Post Office Sq. and one in Park Sq., and shall employ architects and erect said buildings to be approved by the Managers of said fund and the Mayor, and the expense attending the carrying out of this order to be paid from the proceeds of said fund as laid out for said purposes.

The communication was ordered sent down.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, that the resolutions be printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if it is in order at this time to present an amendment to the report of the Committee on the Franklin Fund?

The Chairman—The Chair will say, for the benefit of the gentleman, that this must go before the managers of the Franklin Fund, that any amendment that is offered must be so referred.

Ald. DOYLE—I desire to offer an amendment this afternoon, if it is in order.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will accept the amendment and refer it to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund, which includes three members not in this Board.

Ald. DOYLE offered the following amendment:—

In connection with the above, Ald. Doyle moved to amend by inserting after the words "Park Sq." the following words:—

"shall build a new bathhouse and gymnasium on the site of the present bathhouse in Wd. 18, at an expense of not less than \$50,000."

The amendment was referred to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund.

Ald. McDONALD offered the following:—  
Whereas, Benjamin Franklin did, by his will, leave £100 sterling to the town of Boston to provide silver medals annually to be distributed by the directors of the free schools of Boston, in such manner as to the discretion of the Selectmen of the said town shall seem meet,

And whereas said fund, amounting to \$1000, does not afford income sufficient to supply medals to all the schools, and therefore none have been given to grammar schools since 1867—

Ordered, That a special committee of three members of this Board be appointed to request the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund to consider the propriety of transferring not exceeding \$7000 from the Franklin Fund to increase the Franklin Medal Fund, the income to be spent at the discretion of this Board under the direction of the School Committee.

Ordered, That the City Registrar be directed to prepare and report in print a list of Franklin Medal boys, and of the six graduating scholars in the grammar schools in each year since 1867 who would have been entitled to medals by previous rules. The expense to be charged to the appropriation for the contingent expenses of this Board.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the order which I have just introduced calling for a special committee looking towards the increase of the Franklin Medal fund, seems appropriate at this time, when the provisions of the will of Benjamin Franklin are about to be carried out. He loved Boston and its free schools, as the extract from his will which I will now read shows:

"I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instructions in Literature to the free Grammar Schools established there; I therefore give One hundred Pounds Sterling to my Executors to be by them, the Survivors or Survivor of them, paid over to the Managers or Directors of the free Schools in my native Town of Boston, to be by them, or those Person or Persons who shall have the superintendance and Management of the said Schools, put out to Interest, and so continued at Interest forever, which Interest annually shall be paid out in Silver Medals, and given as honorary Rewards annually by the Directors of the said Free Schools for the encouragement of Scholarship in the said Schools, belonging to the said Town, in such manner as to the Discretion of the Select Men of the said Town shall seem meet."

It shows conclusively that it was his earnest wish that the Selectmen, the Board of Aldermen exclusively, should direct the managers or directors of the free schools—now the School Committee—as to how the Franklin Medal should be distributed, "in such manner as to the discretion of the Selectmen of said town as shall seem meet." It is clearly the Selectmen—now the aldermen—that ought to see to this trust. By the School Committee's report of 1858 the fund was \$1000, invested since 1840 in a 5 per cent. City bond; but the income did not pay for all the medals, and the City made it up, the basis of distribution being one medal for every sixty scholars. In 1857 the distribution was six to the Latin School, seven to the English High, eighty-one to the Grammar schools, or 94 in all. The cost of the medal then could not have exceeded one dollar, as the city furnished the dies.

In 1857 medals were given for the last time to the grammar schools and since then the Latin and High Schools have divided them.

We have today in Boston—1 Normal school, 11 Latin and High schools, 57 grammar schools—69 schools with about 42,000 scholars. This would call for about 700

medals and with the low price of silver the cost would not exceed 43 cents apiece. I cannot in my search find any vote passed by the Selectmen or Board of Aldermen giving the School Committee full control of the Franklin Medal fund. In 1887 as stated in my remarks, the Franklin medals were given for the last time to the grammar schools. In that year there was embodied in the rules of the School Committee the following:—

The Standing Committees of the Latin and English High Schools shall have general control of the expenditure of the Franklin Fund, and of all matters relating to the Franklin Medals, subject to the provisions of the regulations and the requirements of Dr. Franklin's will.

They shall annually divide the medals provided by the income of this fund equally between the Latin and English High Schools, and their respective standing committees shall award them to those graduates who shall be found most advanced in scholarship and meritorious deportment.

June 9, 1874, the School Committee voted that the Franklin Medals shall be apportioned to the Latin and English High Schools, according to the size of the graduating classes in the two schools.

This is the vote that I cannot find any authority for.

The transfer of \$7000 from the general fund of Franklin to this special fund would be hailed with delight by the school boys of Boston, and it would meet with the approval of the citizens of this city, for it would continue the distribution of the medal to the grammar schools, where, to all intents and purposes, that great man meant it should go, for in his will he stated plainly "I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instructions in literature to the free grammar schools established there."

The account of his school education as related in his autobiography will ever remain associated with the Franklin Medal.

Franklin says: "I was put to the Grammar School at eight years of age, my father intending to devote me to the service of the church. My early readiness in learning to read, which must have been very early, as I do not remember when I could not read, made it appear that I would certainly make a good scholar. I continued, however, at the Grammar School rather less than a year. But my father, burdened with a numerous family, was unable without inconvenience to support the expense of a college education."

He was then sent to a school for writing and arithmetic. The instruction of these two years in the Grammar School and the school for teaching arithmetic and writing, from 1714 to 1716, was all the regular tuition Benjamin Franklin received.

Considering the matter carefully we must come to the conclusion that Benjamin Franklin intended that the Franklin Medal should be distributed in the Grammar Schools where "my first instructions were received," he states.

For thirty-two years six graduating scholars in each of the grammar schools who were entitled to the Franklin Medal have not received it—an unjust proceeding!

The bestowment of this medal to the schools that he loved so well should be established by the Board of Aldermen if it is possible, and at this time the matter should be looked into and the rights of the Board of Aldermen and the School Board be adjusted. A special committee of the Board could act promptly.

I do not wish to deprive the Latin and High School from receiving the medal; but in justice to Benjamin Franklin, that great philosopher, the grammar school should not lose the medal that he intended should be given to its scholars. It was there he received his education, and it was especially by the grammar school

scholars that he wished to have his memory perpetuated. If we cannot secure the money from the Franklin Fund we can at least appropriate \$300 a year and add it to the income of the \$1000 fund, which will supply the medals. It will spur the young boys in our schools to greater educational efforts, and the money could be saved from the amount specified for Memorial Building and applied to the Franklin Medal without any inconvenience whatever, for \$360,000 will build the Franklin Memorial and baths and leave about \$6000 or \$7000 for Franklin Medals.

This idea has the indorsement of the officers of the Boylston School Association (of which, Mr. Chairman, you are an honored member), by President Fred E. Dolbeare, Wm. M. Clarke, secy.; Joseph O. McMullen, treas., all medal scholars, and I have no doubt that it will receive the indorsement of every school association in this city.

I hope the order will pass.

The preamble and orders were passed, and Ald. McDonald, Colby and Doyle were appointed said committee.

#### RECESS.

The Board voted at 4.10 p.m., on motion of Ald. Doyle, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5.24 P.M.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. DOYLE, for Ald. O'Toole, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the message from His Honor the Mayor transmitting order making appropriation of \$25,000 for street watering (referred Oct. 16), recommending the passage of the order, which comes from the Board of Apportionment, and that the message be placed on file.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence. Message placed on file.

(2) Report on the message of His Honor the Mayor (referred today), transmitting order from Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating \$100,000 additional for reserved fund, recommending the passage of the order and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of the Eastern Cold Storage Company (referred today) for leave to lay a pipe under and along Creek Sq., in rear of 38-44 North St., Wd. 6—recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Eastern Cold Storage Company to lay, maintain and use a twelve inch conduit, with iron pipes incased therein, under and along Creek Sq., at the rear of 38-44 North St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan dated Oct. 16, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, we have in the past had some difficulty from the passage of these orders granting permits to these companies, and I move that this matter lie over under the rules to the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would say that this has been advertised before, and it is simply desired now to obviate a great mistake. A suspension of the rule is required to put the order on its passage today. The order lies over under the rules.

(4) Reports on petitions, referred October 16, recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be built from 5 to 12 ft. in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Edward Carroll, corner South and Poplar Sts., Wd. 23, brick.

French, Cole & Co., 73-75-81 Waumbeck St., Wd. 21, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Samuel G. King and others, Trustees, 23 Trull St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

H. J. Freeman, Bowdoin St. side of estate corner of said street and Geneva Ave., Wd. 20, brick.

Timothy McCarthy, 1536-1542 Tremont St., Wd. 19, brick with granite edgestone.

Walter H. Baldwin, 10-16 Minden St., wd. 9, brick.

James V. Devine, Cottage St. side of estate 949 Dorchester Ave., wd. 16, brick.

James M. Cross, 103-107 Sydney St., wd. 20, brick with granite edgestone.

Fanny Bible, 728 E. Seventh St., wd. 14, brick with granite edgestone.

M. Grant Daniell, 9 Schuyler St., wd. 21, brick.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on Mayor's message (referred today), transmitting communication from Board of Health in regard to garbage plant nuisance—recommending that the same be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and in connection with the report Ald. Adams offered the following order:—

That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit to this Board at its next meeting the communication from the Board of Health with their conclusions, mentioned in their letter to the Board of Aldermen of this date, relative to the garbage plant nuisance said to exist at the Cow Pasture.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, the citizens of Dorchester and South Boston have been trying for some time past to find out what the Board of Health and the Superintendent of Streets intend to do relative to the garbage plant nuisance now existing at the Cow Pasture. I had an order passed through this Board last week requesting the Board of Health to communicate to this body its intentions and findings in the matter. The communication which we have received today from them is, to my mind, to say the least, rather evasive. It does not give the information which this Board petitioned for, and I propose, if possible, to secure the information for which I have asked, in the interest of the citizens of those two districts.

The Board of Health, according to their communication, have sent their findings and recommendations to the Superintendent of Streets. Now, Mr. Chairman, as this is a matter of public interest, I think it only fair that the Board of Health should send to this body their findings and their conclusions in regard to this matter, which has been under consideration for many months. I sincerely hope that this order will pass today and that the Superintendent of Streets will show to the members of the Board of Aldermen and to the people of that section the courtesy which is due them, letting us know the inside of this whole affair. I don't believe it is right to put the matter under a bushel and to keep it there. I think the facts should be made public. If the Superintendent of Streets does not see fit to inform us of the nature of that communication, which information we certainly are entitled to, I say here and now that I shall certainly take other steps to secure information in regard to the conclusions of the Board of Health, in some way. I trust that the order will be passed unanimously today.

The order was read, at request of Ald. Codman.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the order introduced by my colleague from Wd. 20 (Ald. Adams) is a fair one, and that it is about time that decided action was taken in regard to the garbage plant in Dorchester. The subject has been before the Board for the past two years. After taking the garbage plant away from Gibson St. they finally remove it to the Cow Pasture, when the people of Dorchester understood at the time very clearly that the Garbage Plant was to be located on one of the islands of the harbor—where it ought to go. It is about time that the citizens of Dorchester rose in their might and demanded that the Board of Health and the people who have charge of this matter pay some attention to them. We have talked over this subject so many times that the Board of Aldermen has got tired of listening to references to the garbage plant. But the people of Dorchester are very serious in this matter. It seems to me that the inquiry by the Alderman from Wd. 20 should be answered, that a communication should have been sent here by the Board of Health, as the inquiry was made directly by the Board of Aldermen of that body. I certainly trust that the order will pass.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I must join with the other two gentlemen from Dorchester in a protest to the Board of Health for the way it has treated this order which was offered by Ald. Adams. During my first year in the City Government this garbage matter was brought up, and at that time we made a fight similar to what must be made in this case. There is undoubtedly an attempt on the part of some of the officials connected with the department by which these contracts have been made and are now made to ward off, as far as possible, attacks on a garbage plant after it has really become established as a nuisance. After my connection with the first fight to do away with a garbage plant in Dorchester I felt that we had scored a success which would prevent any further attempt to crowd such a nuisance upon our section of the city. But, Mr. Chairman, in view of all the promises that were made, to the effect that the garbage plant at the Cow Pasture was simply being placed on file and that, under the language of the contract, we would have an opportunity to easily rid ourselves of it if it proved to be a nuisance, by making known the fact that it was a nuisance, those of us who were in the Board of Aldermen and in the Common Council allowed the erection of the plant at the Cow Pasture without any particular objection at the time. Now, Mr. Chairman, objections have been made and sent to the Board of Health, and why the Board of Health should not at our request send a list of those objections here is more than I can understand. When we send to the Board of Health for such a list, they send to the Superintendent of Streets. If that is not an evasion, in the first place, I fail to give a name to it. I believe if the Superintendent of Streets has that list he should be called upon for it, under the order, and if he does not see fit to send it here I believe we can have the Board of Health make a new list and send it to us. I certainly, for one, wish to give notice that if this matter is not taken up by the City officials as it should be, and pushed to a conclusion, the people of Dorchester will simply rise up as they did before and go to the courts. They don't want to undertake a long fight like that, but they are certainly not going to stand this garbage nuisance now any more than they did previously. I think myself that they are now better equipped for a fight than they were before, because they know where to strike, while the first time they had to feel their way. I trust that

the order will be passed, and that the information will be submitted to us.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, after the eloquent speeches made by the distinguished representatives from Dorchester, I think there is nothing left for me to do but to lend them my humble support in getting rid of this nuisance in Dorchester. The members of the press have in the past made mention of the fact that there have been combinations in the Board. I wish to say to them tonight that there is a combination including every member of the Board to assist Dorchester in its efforts to get rid of something that has been a nuisance for so many years. I am glad to find the members representing Dorchester united, although they have differed at times in the past, politically and otherwise, in this Board. I say again, I am glad to see them united this afternoon in their efforts to get rid of this nuisance; and I want to say to them, as I wish them to say to the people of Dorchester, that at the proper time, if they cannot get the redress they should get from the city of Boston, I will join with them in appealing to the courts. I have nothing more to say. I trust that the order introduced by Ald. Adams will prevail.

Ald. Adams's order was passed.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

Kalish and Rosen, to project an illuminated sign at 20 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Hugh W. Bresnahan, to project four transparencies at 301 West Broadway Wd. 13.

Fred J. Kneeland, to project a campaign transparency at 3764 Washington St., Wd. 23.

Bradbury Brothers, to project a druggist's mortar at 539 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

L. W. Eddy & Co., to project a sign from building 709 Dudley St., wd. 16.

F. H. Thompson, to project two barber poles at 46½ Warren St., wd. 17.

Mich Daniele, to project a sign at 148 Shawmut Ave., wd. 9.

New England School of Engineering, to project an illuminated sign at 121 Haverhill St., wd. 8.

Eli Goldstein, to project a sign at 44 Lowell St., wd. 8.

A. P. Welch, to project two barber poles and two V-shaped signs at 62 Causeway St., wd. 8.

Abram Petow, to project a sign at 33 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Carleton W. Crocker & Co., to project two signs at 108 Trenton St., wd. 1.

Diamond Bros., wooden advertising sign, 20 Salem St., wd. 6.

Diamond Bros., wooden advertising sign, 43 Salem St., wd. 6.

W. C. S. Healey, illuminated sign, 2 North Ferry Ave., Wd. 2.

Philip Logue, transparencies, 41 Washington St., wd. 6.

J. F. Tehan, illuminated sign, 136 Court St.

James H. Doyle, two transparencies, 1042 Tremont St.

Margaret Gordon, sign, 19 Tremont Row, wd. 6.

Gross & Strauss Co., electric sign, corner Washington and Bedford Sts., wd. 7.

John W. Green, transparency, 2½ Charter St., wd. 6.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition (recommitted August 14) of William H. Gibbons, to project two bay windows from building on Tremont St., opposite Mission Church, wd. 19—that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

#### WOODEN ADDITION.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Eben D. Jordan estate (referred Oct. 9), for leave to build a wooden addition—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to the Eben D. Jordan estate to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on Corey Road, corner Westbourne Terrace, Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed, and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied as a stable.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BERWIN moved to reconsider the action taken on all business at the meeting, hoping the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions on the following petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, referred today:—

Social Labor Party, on the evening of November 3, 1899.

Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, on the evening of Friday, October 27, for a political meeting.

Josiah Quincy, on Thursday evening, November 9, 1899.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of District Assembly No. 30, Knights of Labor (referred Oct. 9) for the use of Faneuil Hall, for a convention of the General Assembly of the K. of L. on November 14th to 25th inclusive (except Sunday, Nov. 19) in the daytime, and on Nov. 14 in the evening,—recommending that leave be granted, waiving the fee.

Report accepted, leave granted, waiving the fee.

(3) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions:—

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co. (referred Sept. 25) for the use of Faneuil Hall on Sept. 30, and Oct. 5, 1899.

Farmers' National Congress (referred Feb. 13), for the use of Faneuil Hall on October 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Reports accepted.

#### REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be directed to remove a tree standing in front of No. 6 Winthrop St., Wd. 2, said tree being an obstruction to public travel; and expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim one tree in front of estate No. 10 Mercer St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead and dangerous tree standing in front of No. 48 Paris St., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. DAY also presented the petition of F. G. Coburn & Co. for leave to remove trees on Eutaw St., East Boston, and, in connection therewith, offered an order—

That permission be granted to Frank G. Coburn & Co. to remove such trees from Eutaw St., East Boston, as may be necessary to facilitate the erection of the new Chapman School building.

The orders were severally passed.

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NEW SIDEWALK AT GRANARY BURY-  
ING GROUND.

Chairman BARRY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make an artificial stone sidewalk in front of the Granary Burying ground on Tremont St., as the present sidewalk is in a dangerous condition through depressions caused by excessive travel.

Passed.

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GRADE CROSSINGS IN EAST BOSTON.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Mayor of Boston be requested to direct the Law Department to accord this Board the courtesy of a reply to their request for information as to what action has been taken on the petition of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, praying for the abolition of grade crossings in East Boston.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, after requesting the head of the Law Department to withdraw his resignation, I suppose we cannot very well criticise him at this time. But the case is a very aggravating one. The people of East Boston are suffering in a manner which cannot be appreciated

by people who do not live over there, by reason of the grade crossings. We went to the Legislature, praying for relief, and a bill was granted; and, under that bill, on the 25th day of May, this Board petitioned the courts—the Mayor signing the petition—for relief. The matter then went to the Law Department. Under the bill there was a commission of three persons to be appointed to consider the subject, and I went individually, time after time, to the head of the Law Department to find out what progress had been made, but could get no satisfactory answer.

The matter dragged along until the 9th day of October. The people of my district were pushing me. The Citizens' Association over there at every meeting is inquiring why something is not done, and I cannot find out. I put in an order here, which the Board passed on the 9th day of October, asking for information. No information came at the last meeting, as it should have done. I then went to Mr. Bailey and he told me that it would come in surely at this meeting. I have waited until the last minute and no notice has been taken of it as yet. It seems to me that the Law Department is not treating this Board with the courtesy that it should, when a request of that nature is made by this body and two weeks is allowed to go by without any attention being paid to it.

The order was passed.

Adjourned at 5.45 P.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Monday, Oct. 30, at 3 P. M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P.M., President Kiley in the Chair.

## METALLIC FILING CASES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 26, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today appropriating the sum of \$2000 for metallic filing cases for the City Clerk's office, Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment.  
Oct. 26, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be appropriated, to be expended by the City Clerk in purchasing metallic file cases; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Daniel J. Kiley,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Sent up.

## NO QUORUM.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present, and ask that the roll be called.

The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:—

Present—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brauer, Brennan, Eddy, Fenton, Giffin, Harvey, Horrigan, Howard, Jordan, Kasanof, Kiley, Klemm, Lorey, Miller, Moore, Newhall, O'Brien, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Sweeney, Turnbull, Walker, Wells Wood—33.

Absent—Armistead, Bennett, Bordman, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Doyle, Emery, Flynn, Gibbons, Hibbard, Hickey, Johnson, Kelley, Leftovich, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, MacDonald, Maden, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Milgram, Muleahy, Nangle, Peck, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Tobin, Watson, Winsloe—42.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken and will declare the Council adjourned to next Thursday night at 7.45.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 30, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berlin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the acts of 1894, viz.:

Thirty traverse, Superior Court, first session, October sitting:—

James J. Mulligan, Wd. 14; J. Appleton Parker, Wd. 11; Charles A. Royce, Wd. 16; Wm. H. Murphy, Wd. 17; Fred C. Wilber, Wd. 5; Charles McKenna, Wd. 19; Solomon Bacharach, Wd. 16; Charles W. Franklin, Wd. 17; George Greenwood, Wd. 7; James H. Hawkins, Wd. 12; Michael H. O'Donnell, Wd. 15; Samuel W. Houston, Wd. 9; Lawrence O'Halloran, Wd. 24; John J. Redding, Wd. 21; Clarence I. Pickert, Wd. 17; Moses Kenney, Wd. 13; Patrick J. Nagle, Wd. 7; Edw. Riley, Wd. 4; Daniel Carroll, Wd. 13; William H. Conroy, Wd. 16; Michael Cantwell, Wd. 14; Joseph L. Ellis, Wd. 4; Charles H. Jones, Wd. 4; James H. Driscoll, Wd. 4; Charles H. Grace, Wd. 13; Edward J. Athy, Wd. 13; Geo. S. Morse, Wd. 20; Elmer Chickering, Wd. 20; Henry S. Keen, Wd. 10.

Thirty traverse, Superior Court, second session, Oct. sitting:—

Joshua Hammond, Wd. 24; Francis S. Allen, Wd. 11; Everett T. Allard, Wd. 20; Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Wd. 7; John O'Connor, Wd. 11; Michael F. Farrell, Wd. 2; Chas. A. Spaulding, Wd. 24; Albert B. Whittle, Wd. 3; Joseph E. Cheney, Wd. 23; James H. Everton, Wd. 10; Chas. H. Parker, Wd. 6; Hugh H. Hamitt, Wd. 8; Samuel Keene, Wd. 25; Wilder F. Hall, Wd. 14; Solomon P. Dodge, Wd. 24; Frank J. Hayden, Wd. 15; James D. Regan, Wd. 15; John E. Fitzgerald, Wd. 3; Fred'k M. Marden, Wd. 23; James F. Boyden, Wd. 22; Hiram B. Robinson, Wd. 20; John T. Brady, Wd. 19; James Geddin, Wd. 8; Joseph Myers, Wd. 20; John D. Hupnefeld, Wd. 14; Henry D. Williams, Wd. 23; Max Wiener, Wd. 22; Wm. F. Tuck, Wd. 2; Andrew Kirk, Wd. 4; George C. Cable, Wd. 15.

Thirty traverse, Superior Court, third session, Oct. sitting:—

Matthew J. Nolan, Wd. 18; Wm. T. McKechnie, Wd. 16; Wm. D. Cotton, Wd. 22; John F. McBride, Wd. 21; George A. Bridge, Wd. 20; Alonzo N. Blake, Wd. 3; Konrad Young, Wd. 23; Chas. A. Grant, Wd. 16; John E. Sullivan, Wd. 21; Wm. P. Barnes, Wd. 12; James D. O'Sullivan, Wd. 9; Thos. P. Sullivan, Wd. 9; Howard Carleton, Wd. 18; Geo. W. Havender, Wd. 18; Chas. H. Pratt, Wd. 3; Patrick H. Horan, Wd. 16; Harry J. Hollings, Wd. 16; Alvah C. Spencer, Wd. 23; Sias A. Brayley, Wd. 1; Wm. F. Howe, Wd. 20; Joseph H. Hughes, Wd. 4; Henry S. Bicknell, Wd. 19; Edward G. Barnard, Wd. 10; Frank W. Neal, Wd. 20; Geo. McCarthy, Wd. 1; Henry J. Brawley, Wd. 19; Caleb L. Sturgis, Wd. 18; Allen Clark, Jr., Wd. 25; Wm. S. Tyler, Wd. 18; Theodore Snow, Wd. 23.

Thirty traverse, Superior Court, fourth session, Oct. sitting:—

James McMann, Wd. 13; Horace N. Hatch, Wd. 15; Chas. E. Lord, Wd. 20; Pliny B. Morrill, Wd. 15; Wm. H. Leaman, Wd. 18; Daniel O'Brien, Wd. 14; Albert C. Lynn, Wd. 5; James R. Leonard, Wd. 13; Daniel J. Gillespie, Wd. 2; Hugh J. Bagley,

Wd. 1; Wm. A. Griffin, Wd. 1; Frank S. Jarvis, Wd. 19; Martin J. Hannon, Wd. 20; Michael E. Ryan, Wd. 23; James T. Mahony, Jr., Wd. 13; Martin D. Safford, Wd. 20; Josiah G. Hentz, Wd. 24; George S. Jones, Wd. 9; James F. Canning, Wd. 25; Morris Benjamin, Wd. 21; James M. Reagan, Wd. 19; Edwin C. Stimpson, Wd. 21; Frank A. Heald, Wd. 10; Richard Nason, Wd. 14; George J. Twiss, Wd. 7; Edw. T. Curley, Wd. 21; Lewis W. Ramsdell, Wd. 19; Joseph W. Sherry, Wd. 14; John W. Sweeney, Wd. 6; John Quincy Adams, Wd. 25.

## SALE OF OLD LANTERNS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 25, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps requesting authority to sell to the highest bidder, after public advertisement, the old lanterns which have been replaced by Welsbach Boulevard lanterns, and for which the city has no further use.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston,  
Office of Lamp Department,  
City Hall,

October 25, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I desire to call your attention to the fact that this department now has on hand, and in storage, several thousand gas lamps, taken down from lamp posts in the streets and replaced by the new lanterns for Welsbach lights installed by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company under its contract. As I cannot see that the city will have any further use for these old lanterns, I suggest that authority be obtained from the City Council, as they will be over \$500 in value, to sell them, after public advertisement, to the highest bidder.

Yours respectfully,

James Donovan,  
Superintendent of Lamps.

Order — That the Superintendent of Lamps, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell to the highest bidder, after public advertisement, the old street lanterns which have been replaced by Welsbach boulevard lanterns, and for which the city has no further use.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

## TELEPHONE CABLE TO GALLUP'S ISLAND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held on October 27th, appropriating \$2400 for a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Oct. 27, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Health in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,  
Daniel J. Kiley.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.  
 The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

**ASPHALTING HARRISON AVE.**

The following was received:—  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
 I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today, appropriating \$1000 for asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Asylum and Davis Sts.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
 City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 Oct. 30, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets in asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Asylum and Davis Sts.; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
 David F. Barry,  
 John P. Dore,  
 Laurence Minot.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

**IMPROVEMENTS IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.**

The following was received:—  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
 I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held today appropriating \$2700 for improvements in Independence Sq., South Boston. It is intended with this appropriation to replace the present iron fence, which is very much out of repair, with a hedge fence, and to build stone steps leading from M and N Sts.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
 City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 Oct. 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2700) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for improvements in Independence Sq., South Boston; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
 David F. Barry,  
 John P. Dore,  
 Laurence Minot,  
 Daniel J. Kiley.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

**REMODELLING OF "A" BUILDING.**

The following was received:—  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
 I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today appropriating \$3000

for remodelling the "A" building, at the Insane Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
 City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 Oct. 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in remodelling the "A" building; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
 David F. Barry,  
 John P. Dore,  
 Laurence Minot,  
 Daniel J. Kiley.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

**MONEY FOR EXECUTIONS OF COURT.**

The following was received:—  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, October 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
 I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting held today appropriating \$42,000 to meet deficiencies in loan appropriations caused by executions of court.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
 City of Boston.

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
 Oct. 30, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the following-named purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston, to the total amount of such appropriations, viz:—

Pauper Institutions Department.

Farm, Long Island.....	\$2,487.84	
Hospital, Long Island.....	6,643.76	\$9,131.60

Park Department.

Playground, Billings Field, West Roxbury.....		27,060.98
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Public Buildings Department.

Fire Department, Buildings and Site, South Boston.....		609.56
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Street Department.

Gold-St. Bridge.....		216.66
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Street Laying Out Department.

Center St., Wd. 24.....	\$1,896.99	
Widening and Extending.....	3,092.91	4,989.90
		\$42,000.60

Passed, and we certify that none of the above appropriations are to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
 David F. Barry,  
 John P. Dore,  
 Laurence Minot,  
 Daniel J. Kiley.

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council without alteration.

**REPAVING OF DEVONSHIRE ST.**

The following was received:—  
 Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
 Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
 I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today, appropriating \$6500

for repaving Devonshire St., between State and Water Sts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
City of Boston,

In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
Oct. 30, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6500) be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for repaving Devonshire St., between State and Water Sts.; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The foregoing order was transmitted to the Common Council, without alteration.

#### BRANCH LIBRARY, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall.  
Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Public Library in reply to your order requesting them to establish a branch library at Proctor's Pharmacy, in Dorchester.

Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The Public Library of the City of Boston.  
Copley Square,  
Boston, Mass., Oct. 28, 1899.

To the Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
My Dear Sir:—In behalf of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library I acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of an order, passed by the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Trustees to establish a branch library at Proctor's Pharmacy in the Dorchester District. A petition of citizens to the same effect was also transmitted.

In reply the Trustees have to say that the funds of the Library at their disposal are not at present sufficient to permit the establishment of the branch requested.

Whenever the Trustees shall find that they are able to provide for any expansion of the present system the needs of all sections of the city, including that represented by the present petitioners, shall have full consideration. Very truly,  
Solomon Lincoln, President.

Referred to the Committee on Library Dept., on motion of Ald. Adams.

#### INSANE HOSPITAL ADDITIONAL LAND.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall.  
Boston, October 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
I transmit herewith an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at its meeting today appropriating the sum of \$24,000 for the purchase of the equity in certain parcels of land lying immediately adjacent to or near Austin and Pierce Farms. The unanimous passage of this order by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is the result of its long consideration of the urgent requests of the Insane Hospital Trustees that additional lands for the use of that institution should be secured without delay. The total area of the land included in the parcels which would be purchased under the terms of this order is about 34 acres, and the total purchase price, under the arrangement concluded by the Board of Apportionment, is about \$226,000.

As only \$24,000 of this amount is to be

paid down, the parcels of land would be taken subject to mortgages aggregating \$202,000, such mortgages being placed upon the land prior to the transfer of title to the city, so that the city is not liable thereon, and the right to prepay such mortgages in full is also reserved, so that mortgage interest can be stopped at any time that the remainder of the purchase money can be appropriated. These parcels of land are included within the lines of a comprehensive and carefully prepared plan for the enlargement of the property of the Insane Hospital, fixed upon by the Trustees after consultation with a committee of leading experts connected with the management of insane hospitals elsewhere, and the purchase of these parcels is now provided for because it is believed that they are the most urgently needed, and that there is the greatest danger that they will pass out of the hands of present owners for development in house lots, if not acquired by the city. While the policy of purchasing land subject to mortgage is not one which should ordinarily be pursued by the city, it seemed to the members of the Board of Apportionment, after full consideration, that the great importance to the future of the Boston Insane Hospital of enlarging the area of its land fully warranted in this instance the purchase of the equity in these parcels, leaving the amount of the mortgages to be appropriated in future. A very substantial reduction from the prices asked for these lands was secured by the Board through negotiation, and its members believe that they have negotiated terms which are much lower than the city would in all probability have been obliged to pay later for these parcels of land, which are considered by the Trustees to be essential to the proper development of the hospital and to the adoption of the policy of caring for a much larger proportion of the insane for whose support the city is chargeable in our own city institution.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
In Board of Estimate and Apportionment,  
October 30, 1899.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land situated on Morton St. and in the lot of land situated on Austin St., West Roxbury, adjoining the Austin Farm, and both belonging to George W. Seaverns, and also for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land on the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard Sts., adjoining the Pierce Farm, and belonging, in part to James J. Costello and in part to John P. Callahan; that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose; and that the Insane Hospital Trustees expend said appropriation for said purpose.

Passed, and we certify that the said appropriation is not to meet a current expense.

Josiah Quincy,  
David F. Barry,  
John P. Dore,  
Laurence Minot,  
Daniel J. Kiley,

Members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Boston Auction Company, for leave to project a permanent awning in front of Nos. 46 to 52, inclusive, Clinton St., and No. 28 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald).

2. On petition of the Eastern Cold Ster-

age Company, for leave to erect an awning in front of 23-32 North St., Wd. 6.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

3. On petition of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company for a location of tracks in Baker, Mt. Vernon and La Grange Sts., or such other streets as the Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

Not having advertised in accordance with law the petitioners were given leave to withdraw.

On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.:-

4. For a location for double tracks on Western Ave., from the Watertown line to its existing tracks on said avenue and Market St., with the right to use the overhead trolley electric system thereon.

5. For a location for double tracks on Adams St., from Neponset Ave. to Minot St., with the right to use the overhead trolley electric system thereon.

6. For a location for double tracks on Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St., to take the place of existing tracks.

No objections. Severally recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named, viz.:-

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

James R. Hamilton, a sign, at 209 Rutgers St., Wd. 19.

Levi Bros., a sign, at 983 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Isodor Levy, a drum sign, at 57 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Samuel Katz, a sign, at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Fred L. Smith, a sign, at 29½ Tremont St., Wd. 6.

A. J. Landry, a sign, at 51 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

C. N. Campbell, an illuminated sign, at 17 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Frank Scarpa, a barber pole, at 114 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Meyer Frank, a brass rail to protect window, at 589 Washington St., Wd. 7.

McManus & Co., an illuminated sign, at 670-672 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Goodman & Fish, a sign, at 896 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. L. Rugg, two signs, at 324 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Walter L. Wiley, an illuminated sign, at 11 E. Dedham St., Wd.

James J. Brock, an illuminated sign, at 560-562 Main St., Wd. 4.

George R. Mansfield, a sign, corner of Tremont St. and Mansfield Pl., Wd. 8.

Remnant Clothing Co., an illuminated sign, at 353 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Daniel T. Connolly, a temporary sign, at 919 Albany St., Wd. 17.

Rueter & Co., a sign, at 599 Main St., Wd. 4.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson, a sign in front of estate 11-15 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for leave to project campaign transparencies, viz.:-

Daniel T. Connolly, one, at 952 Albany St., Wd. 17.

D. T. Connolly, one, at corner of Albany and Webber Sts., Wd. 17.

Timothy L. Connolly, one, at 107 Eustis St., Wd. 17.

Timothy L. Connolly, one at 43 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

Hugh W. Bresnahan, one at 31 Way St., Wd. 9.

Randolph V. King, one, at Sammet Block, Boylston St., Wd. 22.

Thos. F. Clark, one, at 299 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Wm. C. S. Healey, one, at 19 Lewis St., Wd. 2.

W. C. S. Healey, one, at 112 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Daniel J. Lydon, one, at 316 Broadway, Wd. 13.

M. J. McCullough, one, at 318 Broadway, Wd. 13.

#### Claims.

Elizabeth Weston, for payment to Frederick W. Hassam of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Savin Hill Ave. and Grampian Way.

Rufus K. Thomas, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Willis St.

Mary G. Davis, for payment to Edgar G. Fisher of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Spencer St.

Barnet Rosen, for compensation for damage to his wagon caused by collision with a dump cart of the city.

Julia E. Hurd, for rebate of portion of a sewer assessment against estate 10 Percival St.

#### Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect and to remove poles on Wait St., Wd. 19.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Boston St., Wd. 16.

Boston Electric Light Co. for leave to erect poles in Fort Ave., Rox., and Humphrey St., Dor.

#### Fire Commissioner.

Charles T. Simpson et als., for a keyless fire alarm box at the corner of Hamilton and Speedwell Sts., Dor.

#### Supt. of Public Grounds.

Louis Berenson, for removal of two trees at 63-65 Lambert Ave.

#### Lamps.

Edward N. Burt et als., for three public lamps on Hamilton St., W. R.

Thomas Yeomans, for three electric lights on W. Leyden St., Wd. 1.

#### Licenses.

George W. Magee, for a permit for Allie Gentle, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, during the week ending October 23, 1899.

The Pitts-Kimball Co., for a license for musical, dramatic and literary entertainments at their hall 607-617 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Rev. J. N. Supple, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments, at St. Francis Parochial Hall, Bunker Hill St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

#### Public Improvements.

N. E. Hospital for Women and Children, for leave to lay a conduit under and across Dimock St., Wd. 22.

Estate of James L. Little, for leave to place hyatt light covers in place of old North River flagging covers over area at 175 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

G. A. Cahill, for leave to erect one guy post at 324 Newbury St., and one at corner of Newbury and Hereford Sts., Wd. 11.

The Webb Granite and Construction Co., for leave to erect guy posts, etc., on Myrtle and Joy Sts.

Moses Williams et als., trustees, for leave to excavate under sidewalk in front of Pemberton Bldg. on Pemberton Sq., Wd. 6.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from No. 692 to No. 683 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from 14 Arlington Ave. to corner of Arlington Ave. and Beacham St., Wd. 4.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Arthur H. Flint, 922 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

A. C. Chisholm, west side of Harrishoff St., Wd. 21.

Geo. A. Medbery, Exr., 5, 11 and 13 Schuyler St., Wd. 21.

Mrs. Harriet Hackett, 7 Schuyler St., Wd. 21.

William Smith, 18-20 King, Wd. 19.

F. M. and A. G. Frost, cor. Commonwealth Ave., and Winslow road, Wd. 25.

Sharreff Bros., 387-389 Blue Hill Ave. and Brunswick St., Wd. 20.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. DAY presented the petition of Mead, Mason & Co., for the removal of two trees and in connection therewith presented the following:—

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby directed to remove the tree located on Marion St., Wd. 1, about 109 feet from Saratoga St., also the tree located on Princeton St., Wd. 1, about 152 feet from Marion St.; these trees coming in the line of sewer connections to the East Boston High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule.

#### PAPER FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

7. Message from the Mayor transmitting an order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, as follows:—

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be appropriated, to be expended by the City Clerk in purchasing metallic file cases; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

#### CONDUIT FOR STORAGE CO.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 8, unfinished business, viz:—

8. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Eastern Cold Storage Company to lay, maintain, and use a twelve-inch conduit, with iron pipes encased therein, under and along Creek Sq., at the rear of Nos. 38 and 44 North St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan, dated October 16, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department. The work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ald. Adams moved that the reading of the order be dispensed with and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if there is any special reason for that motion, I thought this was a simple matter, something to which there was no objection; in fact, I saw some of the people who opposed this company before, and they said the opposition was simply to another location, that to a location in Creek Sq. they made no objection. If they make no objection and nobody else objects, I see no reason why this should be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, instead of being put on its passage.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### DISPOSITION OF FRANKLIN FUND.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 9, special assignment, viz:—

9. Communication from the Managers of the Franklin Fund, recommending the passage of a preamble and order relative to the disposition of said fund. (See Doc. 148).

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The Board proceeded to take No. 10 from the table.

10. The appointment of William H. Powers to be a Constable, for the term ending

April 30, 1900, in place of Edward J. Holland, who has been removed.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of Ald. O'Toole, who I believe had this matter laid on the table, I move that it still continue on the table.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I hope action will be taken on this matter now. William H. Powers comes from my ward, and there is no reason why he should not be confirmed. He is all right in every way. The reason why some members are opposed to immediate action, I understand, is on account of the man who has been removed; but it does not seem fair that Mr. Powers should be held up in this way. I hope action will be taken this afternoon.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I have but slight acquaintance with the matter under consideration. I know Mr. Powers, and he has spoken to me in reference to the matter within a few days. I have no special interest in it, except I think if Ald. O'Toole were present he could enlighten us on the subject. I don't think the interests of the Alderman's friends will suffer any if the matter rests until a little later in the day.

The appointment was continued on the table.

#### ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSINGS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Law Department,  
73 Tremont St.

Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your inquiry as to what progress has been made in the abolishing of the grade crossings in East Boston I have to say that George W. Wiggin, William B. French and Edward P. Bishop were last week appointed commissioners to consider the matter, and they will hold their first meeting at once.

I have neglected to answer the communication before because, owing to the absence of opposing counsel, the appointment of these commissioners could not be brought before the court earlier, and there was nothing to report. I understand that the railroad companies do not raise any objection to the abolishment of the crossings, and as soon as the City Engineer shall have prepared the plans they will be submitted to the commissioners.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey,  
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

#### TRANSPORTATION ON DEWEY DAY.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, In School Committee,  
October 24, 1899.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, Oct. 10, a communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting that transportation be provided for the teachers and scholars to and from Boston Common on Saturday, Oct. 14, on the occasion of the review by Admiral Dewey, report that transportation to and from the Common was provided teachers and pupils who were not within walking distance, in accordance with arrangements made by the Special Committee in charge of the reception, on whose recommendation an order was passed at the meeting of the Board on October 10, making an appropriation to cover the cost of necessary expenses on the occasion referred to. Your committee recommend that the information contained in this report be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

For the Committee,

Francis L. Coolidge, Chairman,  
Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen.

A true copy—Attest:—

Thornon D. Apollonio, Secretary.  
Placed on file.

**KINDERGARTEN AT SAVIN HILL.**

The following was received:—  
City of Boston. In School Committee.  
Oct. 24, 1899.

The Committee on the Ninth Division, to whom was referred (Sept. 26) a communication from the Board of Aldermen, requesting that a kindergarten be established at Savin Hill, report that your committee have given this matter attention, and recommend that the Board of Aldermen be informed that there are no accommodations in that district available for such purposes at the present time.

For the Committee,

Emily A. Fifield, Chairman.

Accepted and ordered to be sent to the Board of Aldermen,  
A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio, Sec.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I notice from the wording of the communication from the School Committee that they practically acknowledge that a kindergarten should be established at Savin Hill, but say they have not the accommodation for it. Now it seems to me if the School Committee would look more carefully into the neighborhood of Savin Hill they ought to be able to find accommodations for the establishment of a kindergarten, which is required very much in that location. My colleagues from Dorchester, and other gentlemen in this Board familiar with the locality, know that that neighborhood has been built up immensely. It seems to me there should be a kindergarten established in the vicinity of Savin Hill, in order to save the young children from the necessity of going to Meeting House Hill, which is certainly a mile and a half away.

The communication was placed on file.

**BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On petition of Florence E. Creed, for leave to project a bay window from building Nos. 197-199 Dorchester St., corner West Seventh St., Wd. 15, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, November 20th, 1899, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

**LAND FOR ELEVATED ROAD—HEARING.**

On the petition of Catherine Curran et als. that the Board estimate damages sustained by them on account of the taking of their land on Beacham St., Charlestown, by the Boston Elevated Railway Co., an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, November 20th, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

**DAMAGES BY ELEVATED ROAD—APPEALS.**

Notices were received from Frank L. Robbins, lessee of the estate of Reuben E. Demmon, of an appeal by him from the award of the Board on account of the taking of the said estate by the Boston Elevated Railway Co., and from the same person, as lessee of the estate of B. F. Shattuck, of an appeal by him from the award of the Board on account of the taking of the said estate, located at the corner of Beach St. and Harrison Ave., by the said railway company.

Severally placed on file.

**POLES FOR ELECTRIC WIRES.**

Ald. BERWIN, for Ald. Doyle, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the following petitions (severally referred today):—

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles and to remove poles on Walt St., Wd. 19.

Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to erect poles in Fort Ave. and Humphreys St.

Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Boston St., Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors licenses be granted to 44 newsboys, 3 boot-blacks and 2 vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that licenses and permit be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):

Rev. J. N. Supple, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at St. Francis's Parochial Hall, on Bunker Hill Sq., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

The Pitts-Kimball Co., for a license for musical, dramatic and literary entertainments at their hall, 607-617 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

George W. Magee, for a permit for Allie Gentle, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week ending Oct. 28th.

Reports severally accepted; licenses and permit granted on the usual conditions.

**CLAIMS.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of E. B. Stiles (referred Sept. 25), for compensation for damage to his carriage from a collision with a team of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent down.  
(2) Report on the petition of Charles W. Bates (referred July 17), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph A. McCloskey the sum of \$170.91, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Haskins St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 17.  
Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Mary S. Barker (referred Aug. 14), for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary S. Barker the sum of \$167.65, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Spring and Etna Sts., for unpaid taxes for the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 219.  
Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

**FRANKLIN MEDALS.**

Ald. McDONALD submitted the following:—

The Special Committee of this Board on the Subject of the Franklin Medals, desires to report in part, at this time, as follows:—

It appears by School Doc. No. 9 of 1899, p. 15, that the members of the graduating class in the various Grammar Schools, were 1524 boys divided among 45 schools, in numbers varying from 12 each in the Adams and Harvard Schools, to 86 in the Bigelow School. A schedule is annexed of

the names of the schools arranged by the number of graduates.

It appears that the average number of boys for the school year of 1899 was 19,183 boys (being a percentage of 92 on the enrolled list), and that on September 30, 1899, the total number of boys was 19,521, giving us 20,000 as a round number for estimates.

In the School Committee report for 1858 when the Franklin Medal problem was last discussed by that Board, it seems that when double schools were in vogue, six medals were assigned annually to each school, but later by the rules in force in 1858, one medal was given to every sixty scholars in each school, without regard to the numbers in the graduating class. By this rule, at present there should be about 320 medals given.

Owing to the great inequality now in the size of the schools, varying from 12 to 86 graduates annually, some new plan must be adopted to preserve reasonable uniformity of rates. Starting with some 320 medals to distribute, and with 1500 graduates, it would seem that one medal to each five graduates would be the mathematical ratio, and would keep the rate about where it formerly was.

Your Committee has ventured to add to the official list of schools and graduates a table showing the number of medals which would fall to each school, on the basis of one medal to five graduates, dealing liberally with fractions, and the result is the appropriation of 312 medals.

The question of cost is to be considered. Your Committee had some specimens of Franklin Medals weighed carefully and find that, according to the different patterns used, they have varied from 153 grains for an engraved medal (only used between 1845 and 1851) to about 230 grains for a medal from the die made in 1851, and probably now in use, for medals for the Latin and High Schools.

The weight of the standard half dollar is about 200 grains, and the fineness is probably the same as that of the medals, as they are struck at the U. S. Mint. A half ounce of pure silver, or 240 grains, with the added alloy, would make a fine medal as large as the old ones, and at present prices of silver would cost not over 33 1-3 cents. At anywhere near these prices, and allowing a margin for more graduates, \$150 would pay for the 320 medals now needed, and \$200 would give a margin for years to come. The present Franklin fund is \$1000 invested at four per cent., but none of the income is used for Grammar schools; now if \$5000 could be transferred and similarly invested it would give the desired \$200 income for the Grammar Schools.

Owing to the lack of time your Committee has not gone into close figures, but it can and does recommend the passage of the following votes.

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen recommend to the Trustees of the General Fund established under the will of Benjamin Franklin, the transfer of Five thousand dollars to his special fund for providing silver medals for certain boys graduating from the Grammar Schools of Boston, such sum to be paid to the City Treasurer of Boston to be invested in a bond to run for ninety-nine years, and to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, the interest to be used in the purchase of medals in accordance with Franklin's will.

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered by the Board, said interest money, or so much as may be needed in each year, shall be spent by the Mayor in procuring medals, each containing one half ounce of pure silver, with sufficient alloy to make the fineness of U. S. dollars, and any unexpended interest shall be carried in a separate fund to provide for more medals as the growth of the schools may require, but always on the ratio of one medal to five graduates in each school.

Ordered, That the School Committee

shall be notified of the foregoing action of the Board, if any fund be created, and that the said Board shall be requested in accordance with Franklin's will to give the medals as honorary rewards by the Directors of the Free Schools for the encouragement of scholarship in the said schools.

Your Committee desires to add that they have heard nothing but good of the action of the School Committee in regard to the management of the Franklin Medal Fund, and are convinced that the body will be glad to extend the usefulness of this useful bequest. It desires especially to endorse the rule laid down prior to 1853 by that Committee, that "general scholarship and more especially good conduct shall be taken into account in awarding the medals."

Lastly your Committee would urge that this donation, though small in amount, is venerable and peculiar to Boston. It should be preserved and a tie thus formed which will bind together the most promising part of the graduates from our Free Schools. This object lay close to Franklin's heart. Before he made his main bequest to Boston for public purposes he specifically gave the money for these medals, and repeats his indebtedness to the free Grammar Schools of his native city. Surely, if alive, he would desire to add a small part of his accumulations to this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick F. McDonald,  
John H. Colby,  
James H. Doyle.

Appendix A.

GRADUATING CLASSES, BOYS SCHOOLS—

1899.

Graduates, 1899.	*Medals.
36 Bigelow .....	17
65 Dwight (Mixed) .....	13
65 Lowell (Mixed) .....	13
53 Emerson (Mixed) .....	11
53 Mather (Mixed) .....	11
51 Phillips .....	10
50 Agassiz .....	10
50 Eliot .....	10
48 Hugh O'Brien (Mixed) .....	9
44 Dudley .....	9
44 Lewis (Mixed) .....	9
42 Charles Sumner (Mixed) .....	9
42 Sherwin .....	9
41 Lawrence .....	8
40 Chapman (Mixed) .....	8
40 Rice Training .....	8
36 Henry L. Pierce (Mixed) .....	7
36 Lincoln .....	7
38 Thomas N. Hart .....	7
35 Frimmer .....	7
34 Washington Allston (Mixed) .....	7
33 Christopher Gibson (Mixed) .....	7
30 Frothingham (Mixed) .....	6
29 Longfellow (Mixed) .....	6
29 Quincy .....	6
27 Mary Hemenway (Mixed) .....	6
27 Warren (Mixed) .....	6
26 Dearborn (Mixed) .....	5
26 Edward Everett (Mixed) .....	5
26 Martin (Mixed) .....	5
26 Prescott (Mixed) .....	5
25 Bennett (Mixed) .....	5
23 Prince (Mixed) .....	5
22 Robert G. Shaw (Mixed) .....	5
22 Roger Clap (Mixed) .....	5
21 John A. Andrew (Mixed) .....	4
21 Lyman (Mixed) .....	4
20 Bunker Hill (Mixed) .....	4
19 Comins (Mixed) .....	5
15 George Putnam (Mixed) .....	3
15 Gilbert Stuart (Mixed) .....	3
14 Tileston (Mixed) .....	3
13 Minot (Mixed) .....	3
12 Adams (Mixed) .....	3
12 Harvard (Mixed) .....	3

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\* One to every five scholars.

Graduates High and Latin Schools—1899.

Graduates.	
152 English High .....	*—
75 Mechanic Arts .....	—
41 Boys Latin .....	—
30 Roxbury High (Mixed) .....	—

24 Charlestown High (Mixed).....	—
20 Brighton High (Mixed).....	—
17 East Boston (Mixed).....	—
14 Dorchester High (Mixed).....	—
9 West Roxbury High (Mixed).....	—

\* The distribution to each school could not be ascertained in season for this report.

Medals now provided for by the income of \$1000 of Franklin's money and expended by School Committee.

Ordered printed and referred to the Franklin Fund Managers.

#### REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds Department be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of No. 24 Bunker Hill St., and the expense of the same be charged to Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF POLES.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the locations for poles and wires granted to the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company by an order of this Board, dated May 5, 1884, be and the same are hereby revoked, said poles being abandoned for use.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be, and he is hereby, directed to have removed the abandoned and unused poles located and erected by the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company in Mt. Washington and Dorchester Aves., Granite, West First, B, West Sixth, D, West Ninth, Dorchester and Sweet Sts., and since operated by the Western Union Telegraph Company—said poles being abandoned for use and dangerous obstructions; the expense incurred under this order to be charged to the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, if there is no objection on the part of the gentleman who introduces the order, I would like very much to have it go to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### REQUEST TO HURRY RAILWAY WORK.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to hurry along their work of laying their tracks on Talbot Ave., at the junction of Blue Hill Ave., and at Norfolk St., in order that the Street Department may complete their work of construction of said avenue before winter sets in.

Passed.

#### INVESTIGATION OF GARBAGE NUISANCE.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of five members of this Board, be appointed to investigate and report as to the nuisance existing at the garbage plant at Cow Pasture, with authority to give public hearings, employ a stenographer and report their findings in print; the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly oppose the passage of this order, because—with all due sympathy for the representatives from Dorchester—I hardly think that anything is to be accomplished by its passage at this time, when so little of our session is left. At the same time, I think the Dorchester representatives would hardly accomplish any good for themselves by putting it through. The only way to remedy the evil that exists is by

going to the court with a combined effort on the part of the representatives of that section. We have made every effort which it is possible to make in this Board by our vote, and I do not think the passage of the order introduced this afternoon will accomplish anything. I am willing to help the representatives of Dorchester in any reasonable way, but I want to tell them, for their own good, that they will not do one particle of good by passing this order. For that reason, I shall vote against it.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I, as one of the Dorchester representatives, am certainly obliged to the alderman on the other side of the chamber for his advice. But, as he knows, having been a member of the Common Council at the time when the Dorchester fight against the garbage plant was on, every effort—and certainly all concentrated effort—towards the removal of this plant and towards the collection of evidence in the matter of its being a nuisance, is of advantage to the citizens of that section in their fight, in court, or anywhere else. The members of this Board from Dorchester at different times have introduced orders with the purpose of getting reports as to who the objectors are and who the petitioners for the abatement of this nuisance are, and for the stopping of the nuisance. We cannot get the reports we desire. We don't seem to be able to get anything from the Board of Health showing who the signers of this somewhat lengthy petition are, and we have today no reply from the order sent to the Superintendent of Streets asking him for similar information. It seem to me that a committee such as is proposed, with power to give a hearing, could locate the objection, could learn the situation of affairs, and could do some good. Consequently I have asked for the appointment of the committee.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, although this order has been introduced here this afternoon by one of my colleagues from the Dorchester district without my knowledge, yet I am heartily in favor of it. I believe in adopting any measure that will enable us to get at the root of this garbage plant nuisance. The Board of Health, which to my mind is the proper body to investigate this matter, has had several hearings upon this subject and has come to a conclusion. I understand, having printed an official and expert opinion on the subject. It has sent that opinion to the Mayor and he in turn has sent it to the Superintendent of Streets. Two weeks ago I introduced an order here, couched in as polite terms as I could use, requesting the Board of Health to send to this board its expert opinion on this subject. That Board very politely informed us that it had already rendered its decision in the matter and had sent it to the proper authorities—namely, the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, who, according to the opinion of that Board, have jurisdiction in the matter.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that this Board of Aldermen, through its representatives in different sections of the city, has a perfect right to know what the official opinion of the Board of Health is upon this matter; and, if we cannot get it in a fair way, I believe we should take hold ourselves, have a committee appointed, and give a public hearing to the people of Dorchester and South Boston, who have been crying out against this nuisance for the last six or eight months. I was much surprised today, when I listened to the reading of communications from His Honor the Mayor, that no notice whatever was taken by him of the order passed at the last meeting requesting the Superintendent of Streets to send in to us a copy of the official opinion of the Board of Health, which I am sure he has on his files. It looks to me, Mr. Chairman, as though there were a concerted attempt on the part of the Board

of Health, in collusion with the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, to cover this matter up. Mr. Chairman, I, as one of the Dorchester representatives, protest against this method of covering things up. I insist that the facts be made public. I think we have a right to know what the official and expert report of the Board of Health is upon this nuisance which now exists. I don't want to come in today and make any charges against the Superintendent of Streets, but I understand from pretty good authority that the Superintendent of Streets is today financially interested in the Garbage plant at the Cow Pasture. He is financially interested, I understand, Mr. Chairman, and for that reason it is to be supposed that at this time he will cover up any official communication which may be made and has been made—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will call the alderman's attention to the fact that if charges are made against any head of a department they must be presented in writing. I simply want to keep the alderman within the bounds of the rules of the Board. The Board is always willing to act upon any substantial statement that any member of the Board may make.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I did not make any charges myself.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair so understood.

Ald. ADAMS—I simply said I understood, from pretty good authority, that the Superintendent of Streets was financially interested in the garbage plant at the Cow Pasture.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair misunderstood the gentleman. The correction is proper. The gentleman will proceed.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am not prepared today to substantiate that statement, but that is an opinion which I hold in my mind, and it seems to me that the way the Superintendent of Streets and the Board of Health are acting upon this matter is, to say the least, very suspicious and open to great deal of criticism. I stand here today, as a representative of a Dorchester constituency, to criticize the Board of Health and the Superintendent of Streets for the manner in which they have used the citizens of Dorchester and South Boston on this garbage plant question. We have tried in a fair and impartial way, in a perfectly legitimate way, to secure the opinion of those different authorities on this matter. They have refused to give it to us. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me it is perfectly proper that we, as a Board of Aldermen, should take this matter up ourselves, appoint a committee and give an open and free hearing to any who may wish to appear and offer their protests against a nuisance which, I feel from private conversations with the Board of Health, that they themselves know exists—and I know it exists. My friends out there are protesting to me every day in letters and personally on the street against this outrageous nuisance which has been allowed to be established in our midst. Mr. Chairman, I am put in a false position before my constituents at this time. It has been said that this garbage plant was established on its present location with the concurrent vote of the City Council. I was a member of the City Council in the year when this matter came up. I heard the communication which the Mayor sent in upon it read, and it is very clear in my mind today. The Mayor of the City of Boston, who advocated the establishment of a garbage plant at that time, said that it should be established on Spectacle Island down the harbor, where it would offer no nuisance to any citizens of Boston. Acting on that supposition, I voted for the establishment of this garbage plant. There was one clause in the contract which I did not approve of at that time and for which I have always been sorry that I voted.

The City of Boston under that contract

was paying to this garbage plant \$47,000 a year for consuming or burning this garbage; the City of Boston delivering the garbage at the doors of the garbage plant, and all the plant has to do being to render it and deduct from it the valuable commercial products—which in itself is a paying process. I have heard that the garbage plant company is making from 25 to 35 p.c. dividends on the money invested, and it is no wonder that great efforts are being made at the present time to keep the garbage plant running in its present location and to cry down and hush up, cover up, the nuisance to which so many of our citizens have testified before the Board of Health. I sincerely hope, Mr. Chairman, that this Committee will be appointed and that it will be able to do something which the Board of Health has not seen fit to do for us—that is, get at the facts in the case through the Committee, if we cannot get at them through the other proper channels. I certainly hope the order will be passed unanimously by the Board.

(Ald. Codman in the Chair.)

Ald. BARRY—Mr. Chairman, I want the Board to understand that I know nothing about the proposition to appoint this committee this afternoon. I have, however, watched this question at issue pretty carefully; and, while I live in a part of the city which is practically known as the old part of the city, and while the constituency among whom I reside—while, of course, I represent the whole city today as an alderman—does not feel that nuisance as it is being felt by the people who are living in Dorchester and South Boston, I think that, as South Boston has no representative in this Board to speak for it, as I am the only alderman who lives near that section, it is my duty to speak for those people.

Mr. Chairman, when bids were advertised for in the various papers for the care of the offal of our city—which today amounts to 235 tons in every twenty-four hours—those bidding were told in the advertisement that there should be a suitable place for the care of the same in Boston Harbor. Mark you, gentlemen, the way that the advertisement read. The gentlemen who came in to compete under the advertisement, and who were willing to make a contract to take care of the offal, were misled. The property where this plant is built today belongs to the City of Boston. The bidders were not told at that time that that was to be the case, but had every reason to believe that they were going to some island far into the harbor, where they did not go. The result was that a contract was made with the New England Sanitary Product Company for \$47,000 a year, a five year contract. Now, what does it mean? It means that that contract today, in my honest opinion, if a chance were given to bidders, would be taken by companies absolutely for nothing except the product that would be secured from the garbage, the by-product. There is one ton of that by-product in every nine—two hundred pounds of grease to every ton of garbage, to make soap and candles, which sell in the open market for six cents a pound. There are also the ammonia and other by-products that go with it. I say it is a fat contract for those who got it. It is a nuisance to the people of Dorchester and should be remedied. Something should be done; and if nothing can be done otherwise, this Board should appoint a committee to look into the matter and see what means can be employed to annihilate that nuisance to the people of South Boston and Dorchester.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman a question. Assuming that we had an investigation and found that it was a nuisance, have we any power by which we could aid the people of Dorchester in the matter?

Ald. BARRY—Today the Board of Health has a power in regard to such matters

which no other board has. It has a power to close that place.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, what I ask the alderman is this—if, after investigating this plant, we found as a fact that it was a nuisance, have we any power by which we could help the people out there in the matter?

Ald. BARRY—The power which the Board would have would be, after investigation, to report the facts to the Board of Health, to report to the Board that the plant is a nuisance, and to recommend to the Board of Health that the place be condemned.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would also ask if we have not already recommended that to the Board of Health twice, by our action in this Board?

Ald. BARRY—Not on the recommendation of a committee that has investigated the subject.

Ald. BRICK—I ask whether, according to the recollection of the Chair, we have not already declared the plant a nuisance and made that recommendation?

Ald. BARRY—In all probability the alderman is right. Many things go through the hands of the Chair that the Chair is unable to carry in his mind. I have not the slightest doubt that the alderman is right in that matter.

Chairman BARRY in the Chair.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I am surprised that the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) should oppose the very fair order offered by the alderman from Wd. 24 (Ald. Codman). While reading over the planks enunciated by the gentleman in his communication to the people, published in the papers several days ago, I noticed one section in particular in his very able platform in relation to looking out for the outlying sections of the city. Now, I hope that is not a rubber plank. (Laughter.) He certainly ought to stand upon the platform he has enunciated to the people of Boston and vote for the order that has been introduced here today. There have been several orders passed by this Board in regard to the garbage plant, but it seems to me it has been understood by some people that merely the members of the Board of Aldermen from Dorchester were stating to the people that a nuisance exists there, whereas the fact is that the people of Dorchester, around Savin Hill and around Upham's Corner, have been protesting for the past year against this nuisance. It is about time that there was a committee appointed from this Board to hear them. This sort of thing has been going on too long already—communications have been continually sent to members of the Board of Aldermen, letters have been occasionally published in the papers, the representatives from that section have been appealed to by their constituents, and it is about time that the people out there were given a chance to come here and state their grievances to this body officially.

Then, after they have proved their case, which they certainly can do, the only thing to do is to lay the matter before the Board of Health, who will then be compelled to close down the nuisance that has been existing there for some time. As I have said here before, when the Garbage plant was first established on Gibson St. the people there rose in their might and condemned it, and the plant was removed. They also rose in their might at a great meeting held at Savin Hill in regard to the present plant, protesting as they did in the case of the Gibson St. plant. But there has been no notice taken of them. In order to make the protest stronger, it is now desired that a committee of this official body shall be appointed to look into the matter and to take the testimony of people who thoroughly understand the question. I don't want to take up any more of the time of the Board talking on this question, but I regret exceedingly that my colleague from Wd. 20 (Ald. Adams) should mention the

name of the Superintendent of Streets directly or indirectly in the Board of Aldermen today, as he has, by reason of any hearsay that may have come to his ears on the streets. I don't think it is a fair thing to take advantage of the Superintendent of Streets in that way. I have found him to be a gentleman at all times. I have always found him glad to meet citizens of Boston in his office, always treating them courteously and politely, and he has always tried to do his best in the interest of the citizens since he has been Superintendent of Streets. I have been called upon very often to visit him in relation to the streets of Dorchester, and he has been more than anxious to do everything he possibly could to make the streets passable for the citizens and taxpayers of Dorchester. As I said before I think it would have been better not to have brought that subject into the Board at all, for Mr. Wells, I believe, is a fair-minded, honest, conscientious official; and I trust that the gentleman will withdraw his remarks in regard to that matter.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I have no animosity towards the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston—none whatever. He certainly has treated me as fairly in all matters pertaining to his office as Ald. McDonald says he has him. But under the terms of this contract, the Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston has the power to annul the contract which now exists between the city and the New England Sanitary Product Company, when it has been shown to him that the garbage plant has become a nuisance. That provision is incorporated in the contract.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if the Superintendent of Streets does not wish to be criticised by me or by the citizens of Boston—particularly of Dorchester—in connection with this matter, why does he refuse, under an order which I introduced here and which was passed unanimously by this Board last week, to give us the information which we seek, and which we are entitled to? The Board of Health has given him its opinion, refusing to give it to us, because that Board takes the ground that the Superintendent of Streets is the proper authority to send it to. If he has nothing to cover up in the matter, why should he refuse to send in here today a copy of that official opinion. I say it looks rather suspicious, to say the least. I hate to make any charges here today to the effect that I think any head of a department of the City of Boston would be unfair, but it seems to me that we have not been treated fairly in this matter. It is an outrage for these people to tell the citizens of Dorchester to go to the courts for redress. Why should the citizens of Dorchester be obliged to go down in their pockets and spend their money in order to rid themselves of a nuisance of this kind, as they did four years ago, when the city of Boston has paid officials, drawing salaries of three thousand dollars and four thousand dollars a year, whose duty it is to look out for just such nuisances as we claim exist in this case. Why should we be called upon to do that? I say we have paid officials, whose duty it is to look out for these matters. I believe they have had their hearing and have rendered their decision in this matter. They have told me so with their own mouths. I have talked within two weeks with the Chairman of the Board of Health and one other member of that commission and they told me that they had arrived at an expert opinion upon this matter and that they have forwarded that opinion to what they claim to be the proper authorities at City Hall. Now let us have that opinion. We are as much entitled to it as anybody and if there is nothing to cover up why don't they give us the light of day upon it. Why doesn't the Superintendent of Streets cover it up? I will criticise him from now until the first of January, unless he does what is right

and fair in this matter. As a citizen of Boston, as a representative of the district suffering from the garbage plant, it certainly is my privilege to do so; and I hope the proper authorities will do us justice in this matter and not force the people of Dorchester to take things into their own hands, when we have paid officials whose duty it is to attend to all nuisances such as that which now exists at the Cow Pasture.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I sympathize with the aldermen from Dorchester, but I will suggest at this time that it does not seem to me that the order as introduced will bring about the result desired. Leaving it just as it stands at the present time, it seems to me that it gives a wrong impression, to the effect that all that you want to do now is to stir up the people of Dorchester and bring them into a public hearing, with the possible idea that it is desired to show them that the aldermen from Dorchester are active. Well, I suppose that is all right, but that is not really the action that is needed upon this matter. The people of Dorchester have been to the Board of Health and have testified. I happened to be there accidentally one day when their case was being heard, and I was told that that was the second or third time they had been there and told their story, and told it straight. Now, I suppose what is desired by the people of Dorchester is the abatement of the nuisance, and not more hearings. Without being interested personally, I will vote against this order which calls for a public hearing, because I don't think it is at all what you want. I am perfectly willing to vote in favor of a conference in regard to the situation with the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, to find out what the trouble is; but I don't think anything will be gained, in the interest of the people of Dorchester, by a public hearing. They have had their hearing, and the commission has made its report. It seems to me you should now take the matter up where they have left it, not going over it again. I understand that the company admitted the nuisance, the only defense being that it arose from a fire at their works, and that they stated that as soon as the building was fixed up it would be all right. I think this order should be properly redrafted, and I am going to move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements—unless somebody can at this time suggest a better draft than the one before us. My motion is not with the idea of defeating this, because I believe the main underlying principle is all right and that the parties have a right to know what the state of affairs is. But I am not in favor of another public hearing, after one has already been given by the proper authorities. It seems to me what we should do as a matter of business, is to go to the people who have given the hearing, who have got the matter in charge, and get an understanding of the situation, then starting where they left off. I think the order should be redrafted. As the whole thing is vested in the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, it does not seem to me that it would do any good for a committee of this Board to have a hearing on it. The proposition simply looks like a matter of politics and involves the spending of money. I think it would be better for us to vote to examine into the exact situation, and I would be more than pleased to vote to do that.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as the one who offered the order, I desire to say that as it is drawn it does not provide that there must be a hearing. It provides for a committee to investigate the matter and gives the Committee power, if it sees fit, to have a public hearing. I can conceive that it might be necessary to have a hearing. If it is as difficult for the Committee to get a paper from the Superintendent of Streets as it is for this

Board to obtain it, perhaps it will be necessary for the committee to have a hearing, to go over all the evidence again, so as to know what the Board of Health had before them. We have sent to the Board of Health and they have refused to send us an account of their hearing and findings. They have referred us to the Superintendent of Streets and we have sent to him, and we have got no satisfaction from him as yet. It strikes me that this committee at its first meeting should send to the Superintendent of Streets and use every reasonable means to get the results it desires. But, in view of the contingencies that might arise, and as it has been the custom here in the appointment of other committees to attach a provision for a hearing to the order, I have included that provision in this case. I, for one, as a member of committees, have not been anxious to attend hearings, have not hankered after that sort of work, but it is sometimes necessary for committees to give hearings. This Board has had an abundance of hearings this year, and it may or may not be necessary to have one in this case. As I said in the first place, I don't think the order means that the Committee shall give a hearing; it simply means that it shall have the power to do so, if necessary.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I cannot understand why a reply has not been made to the request of this Board—why the report of the findings of the Board or Health has not been sent here. I would be in favor of having a committee appointed at this time to wait on His Honor the Mayor during the customary recess and ask why something has not been done in the matter. I think that would be the most fitting thing to do at this time. It seems to me it would get at what you want to know.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I merely desire to place myself right on this proposition. My opposition to the passage of the order is not influenced by any desire to injure the cause of the people of Dorchester or their zealous representatives in this Board. My purpose is merely to have the matter expedited. I am inclined to agree with Aldermen Colby and Presho that if this order prevails and His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Health then refuse to give to the Board the information we desire, it will be impossible to get it in any other way. I take it that the representatives of Dorchester, as well as other members of this Board are familiar with the exact character of the statements made before the Board of Health. I don't suppose there is much question about that. Anyway, there is a unanimity of opinion that that plant is a nuisance and ought to be abated. If that is the case, how can that result be accomplished? The nuisance cannot be abated by this Board. It will have to be done through the courts. Any other course will simply take up time and will not accomplish anything. I do not want to reflect on the alderman by saying that he brings this in as a political matter, because there is no politics in it. With the intent of the order I am as heartily in accord as Ald. McDonald or any other member of the Board. I want to get the nuisance remedied, and if you think you are going to remedy it with the proposition you have introduced, I have nothing further to say. I leave it with the Dorchester representatives.

The order was passed, and the Chairman appointed Ald. Codman, McDonald, Adams, Dixon and Doyle, said committee.

#### ADDITIONAL COPIES, MUNICIPAL REGISTER.

Ald. DAV offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print 100 additional copies of the Municipal Register of 1899; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

Passed. Sent down.

## PROJECTION OF SIGNS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

- James R. Hamilton, sign, 209 Ruggles St., Wd. 19.  
 Levi Bros., sign, 983 Boylston St., Wd. 11.  
 Isodor Levy, drum sign, 57 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.  
 Samuel Katz, sign, 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.  
 Remnant Clothing Co., illuminated sign, 353 Washington St., Wd. 7.  
 Timothy Connolly, campaign transparency, 43 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.  
 Timothy Connolly, campaign transparency, 107 Eustis St., Wd. 17.  
 D. T. Connolly, campaign transparency, corner Albany and Webber Sts., Wd. 17.  
 Daniel T. Connolly, campaign transparency, 925 Albany St., Wd. 17.  
 W. L. Rugg, two signs, 324 Washington St., Wd. 25.  
 Frank Scarpa, barber pole, 114 Prince St., Wd. 6.  
 A. J. Landry, sign, 51 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.  
 Fred L. Smith, sign, 29½ Tremont St., Wd. 6.  
 C. N. Campbell, illuminated sign, 17 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.  
 McManus & Co., illuminated sign, 670-672 Washington St., Wd. 7.  
 Goodman & Fish, sign, 896 Washington St., Wd. 7.  
 Walter L. Wiley, illuminated sign, 11 E. Dedham St., Wd. 9.  
 James J. Brock, illuminated sign, 560-2 Main St., Wd. 4.  
 George F. Mansfield, sign, Tremont St. and Mansfield Pl., Wd. 3.  
 Daniel T. Connolly, temporary sign, 919 Albany St., Wd. 17.  
 Hugh W. Bresnahan, campaign transparency, 31 Way St., Wd. 9.  
 Rueter & Co., sign, 599 Main St., Wd. 4.  
 Mrs. J. B. Wilson, sign, 11-5 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Randolph V. King, political transparency at Sammet Block, Boylston St., Wd. 22.

Thomas F. Clark, political transparency, 299 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Wm. C. S. Healey, political transparency, 19 Lewis St., Wd. 2.

W. C. S. Healey, political transparency, 112 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Daniel J. Lydon, campaign transparency, 316 Broadway, Wd. 13.

M. J. McCullough, campaign transparency, 318 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows, cornices, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Freeman Nickerson, et al., trustees (referred Oct. 23), three bay windows, 35 Central Sq., over said square and two over Saratoga St.

J. C. Spillane (referred Oct. 9), three bay windows and a cornice on Tremont St., near Carmel St., Wd. 19.

Pierce J. Grace (referred Oct. 23), permanent awning at Columbia Theatre on Washington St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 4:40 o'clock, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 6:42 P.M.

## INFORMATION ABOUT GARBAGE PLANT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Oct. 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, as requested by an order passed by your Board at its last meeting, a copy of a communication addressed by the Board of Health to the Superintendent of Streets, relative to the garbage plant at Cow Pasture, under date of August 25th last.

This communication received the prompt and careful consideration of the Superintendent of Streets, in consultation with the City Engineer and myself, and we visited the garbage plant together a few days after it was received. The position taken by the Superintendent of Streets, with my approval, was verbally communicated to the Board of Health within a few days, and shortly afterwards conditions materially improved and have not since been regarded as sufficiently serious to call for radical action, particularly in view of the fact that the contracting company was, and still is, laboring to some extent under the disadvantage of having been unable to fully replace its plant in the condition in which it was prior to the fire which seriously damaged it in February last. It is certainly a fact of vital importance in connection with this matter that, although the garbage plant was in full operation from November 15th of last year, no complaint of offensive odors from it was made, so far as I am aware, until many months afterwards, and subsequent to the date when an important portion of the plant had been destroyed by fire. This would certainly seem to indicate that it was, and still is, possible to conduct the operations of the plant in such manner as not to be "objectionable to the public health or comfort." Up to the time of this fire, I think that all of the city authorities connected with the matter regarded the plant as a decided success as supplying a sanitary and unobjectionable means of disposing of garbage. As the Superintendent of Streets, therefore, considered that it had been demonstrated in the past that this plant was capable of meeting the expectations of his department, he naturally felt inclined to make every effort to have it brought back to the same conditions before taking any radical action under the contract, which might result in compelling the city to go back to discarded and objectionable methods of disposing of its garbage—and this position was taken by him with my full approval.

The examination above referred to, made at the end of August, led to the conclusion that the odor complained of must come chiefly from the raw garbage upon the scows, prior to its entering the plant, or from the pressed tankage made up of the residue of the garbage left after the extraction of grease and water therefrom. Measures were promptly taken to deodorize the raw garbage by treating it with a suitable disinfectant while in the carts in which it is gathered, and before its collection in large masses, and these efforts seemed to meet with success. It is believed that the main cause of complaint has been due to odors from the pressed tankage placed upon the scows prior to removal. The necessity of removing this tankage, instead of drying and grinding it within the building as formerly, for use as a fertilizer base,—which is intended to constitute one of the main products of the manufacturing operation,—arises from the fact that the dryers formerly used were destroyed in the fire referred to. The representative of the contractor states that the order for new dryers was placed shortly after the fire, and that no expense or effort has been spared to secure their delivery and installation, but that this has been delayed, owing to the overcrowded condition of the iron and steel industry

and the impossibility of securing prompt attention to orders. It is stated, however, that the dryers are now promised within a very short time. It should be noted in this connection that the arrangements for completely disposing of the vapor and odors from the digestors seemed to be working perfectly satisfactorily, and it does not seem to be claimed that any odors of this character are detected, although these would be the most objectionable, and are the most difficult to control.

It should further be stated in connection with this matter that the identical process in use at Cow Pasture has for some time been in satisfactory operation in the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and I have been furnished with recent statements from officials of both of these cities expressing entire satisfaction with the sanitary conditions connected with the operation of these plants.

In view of this situation, it has not seemed to the Superintendent of Streets or to myself that the city would yet be warranted in taking the position that this plant cannot be operated in accordance with the provisions of the contract, or that the company can as yet be fairly placed in the position of being either unable or unwilling to operate this plant in a thoroughly sanitary manner. While it cannot be denied that unfortunate conditions have existed at times during the summer season, it has certainly been demonstrated that conditions formerly complained of could be materially improved, and I believe that all concerned should at least await the installation of the new dryers and the resumption of the normal operation of the plant before calling for radical action. If the garbage plant cannot be operated in its present location without being "objectionable to the public health or comfort," it will have to be abolished or removed; but the importance of its operation to the city is such that no objections should be allowed much weight unless they are based upon solid and substantial grounds. It should further be noted that the great bulk of the complaints, particularly those made recently, have come from a small number of persons living in a very limited area of territory, and that at least some of the complaints have been fixed at times when the direction of the wind has been such that it would seem physically impossible for smells to have traveled in the directions claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Health Department, Old Court House,  
Boston, Aug. 25, 1899.

Benjamin W. Wells, Esq., Superintendent  
of Streets.

Dear Sir:—The Board of Health respectfully begs to call your attention to the following facts concerning the garbage plant adjoining the pumping station at Cow Pasture, Dorchester District, and recommends such immediate action on your part as the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Product Company may seem to you to demand:—

This garbage plant was installed and called into use Nov. 15, 1898. Complaints of offensive odors from said plant began to be made early in the present summer. The Board of Health made a thorough investigation and found that the offensive odors from this garbage plant were reaching distances of over one mile and that the complaints of the residents of Dorchester and elsewhere, were well founded. Hearings were given by the Board of Health to the complainants and to the officers of the New England Sanitary Product Company early in July. Promises were made to the Board of Health by the officers of the said company to so alter and repair the plant as to do away with any nuisance, and that such repairs and alterations should be completed on or be-

fore Aug. 1st, 1899. This time was granted as requested and the officers of the company reported the work as completed about the 1st of August.

Nevertheless, these alterations in the plant and the assurances of its management that its condition was then such as to control the odors, the complaints from the residents of Dorchester and elsewhere have continued with increasing frequency and force down to the present date. The Board of Health has diligently traversed the territory, within range of the odors complained of, by day and by night, with a view of estimating the degree of nuisance and with an earnest hope that the alterations in the plant would be found to be successful in so far diminishing the nuisance as to make the plant tolerable to the people living in the vicinity.

The Board of Health now, however, feels bound by its convictions and obligations, to report to you that the said garbage plant at Cow Pasture has been for several months and is now, causing such offensive odors to the inhabitants of Dorchester, South Boston and elsewhere as to warrant it in declaring the said plant to be "objectionable to the public health or comfort" within the meaning of the terms of the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company and to call for immediate action on the part of yourself under the following terms of the said contract, (Art. 3, Sec. E):—

"Carry on all said work in such manner that the appearance, smell and use of said scows and their loads and the appearance, smell and operation of said plant and the taking of any substances, materials, residues or waste, to or from said island and the depositing or keeping of any thereof, in any place, will not be objectionable to the public health or comfort.

(Art. 9). If the contractor from any cause, except fire or extraordinary ice in the water surrounding the city or in Boston Harbor or process of law or other extraordinary or unavoidable cause as aforesaid, shall fall for more than five successive days, to remove or to cremate or render said garbage as required in this contract or to dispose of the residue or waste thereof as so required, the superintendent acting for the city by notice in writing to that effect, signed by him and approved by the Board of Health of said city and the Mayor, given to the contractor or mailed to him at the business address given by him to the superintendent, may cancel this contract or using any labor, materials, implements or machinery of the contractor with any others he may deem necessary and by day labor, contract or otherwise without further notice, may take possession of the plant and any scows of the contractor he may desire, forcibly if necessary, and thereafter do the things required in this contract of the contractor; and in case that such cancellation or the taking possession of the property and doing things as aforesaid any expenses, losses or damages incurred by the city in each and every month of said term of ten years in removing and disposing of the garbage, to be removed by the contractor under his contract, over and above the amount which would have been paid to the contractor by this contract, shall be paid to the city by the contractor."

Very respectfully,

The Board of Health.  
Samuel H. Durgin, Chairman.

Before the reading of the communication was completed, Ald. Berwin said: Mr. Chairman, I move that further reading of the communication be dispensed with and that it be referred to the special committee that has just been appointed.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I for one, would like to hear that communication read. It may give us the information that the Committee desires, without calling for

any further action on the part of the Committee.

(The Clerk completed the reading of the communication and the enclosure).

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that that paper and all papers pertaining to this matter, in the hands of the Clerk, be printed and referred to the Special Committee.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I want to say in advance that the motion I am about to make is no reflection whatever upon the Committee that has been appointed; but the importance of that communication is such that I think it should be left in the hands of the entire board. That is in line with what Ald. Adams said a moment ago, that if the communication were such that it would give us the information sought for, there might be no occasion for action on the part of the Committee. For that reason, Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be printed and assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree with the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin). I certainly think that the Committee that has been appointed here this afternoon is perfectly competent to consider this matter, and I wish to call the attention of the Alderman from Wd. 6 to the fact that this committee must report to the whole board before the matter can be acted upon at all, officially. It seems to me he will then have ample opportunity to look into it before acting upon it. I therefore hope this will be referred to the Special Committee.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this will not be assigned.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, if the aldermen will yield for just a moment, out of courtesy to the committee I am willing to withdraw my motion. That will expedite business.

The communication, with the enclosure, was referred to the Special Committee appointed earlier in the meeting.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports (on petitions referred Oct. 23), recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following named estates and along the following named streets, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of said estates to furnishing the materials, viz:—

James S. Dorsey, 278-280 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16, brick.

Robert Garner, 19 Condor St., Wd. 1, brick.

Michael H. Burke, 35 Sagamore St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Enoch J. Shaw, 37 Sagamore St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

William James Day, 8 Fenelon St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

B. F. Roach, 1175 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20; brick.

Christina Single, 23 Schiller St., Wd. 19; brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Eastern Cold Storage Co. (referred today), for leave to erect an awning in front of Nos. 23 and 32 North St., Wd. 6—Recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the orders (referred today) revoking the locations for poles and wires granted May 5, 1884, to the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Co., and directing the Superintendent of Streets to remove said

poles—That the said orders ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed.

(4) Report on the order (referred today) authorizing the Eastern Cold Storage Co. to lay a conduit, with iron pipes encased therein, under and across Creek Sq., in the rear of Nos. 38-44 North St., Wd. 6, as shown on a plan dated Oct. 16, 1899, on file in the Street Department—That the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(5) Reports (on petitions referred Oct. 23) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the estate of John P. Nichols to construct, maintain, and use four areas, with covers of granite iron and iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of Nos. 11-17 Blue Hill Ave., as shown on a plan dated Oct. 23, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Aibert R. Whittier to construct, maintain, and use areas, with granite and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Nos. 13 and 15 Exchange St., as shown on a plan dated October 23, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George C. Cornan to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 5 ft. by 2½ ft., with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 805 Albany St.; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to G. A. Cahill to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows: One in front of 324 Newbury St., and one at or near the corner of Newbury and Hereford Sts., Wd. 11; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the New England Hospital for Women and Children to construct, maintain and use an 18-inch conduit, with steam pipes and electric wires encased therein, under and across Dimock St., Wd. 22, as shown on a plan dated October 23, 1899, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; said pipes and wires to be used for heating and lighting purposes, and the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to The Webb Granite Construction Co. to erect, maintain, and use, guy posts, with ropes attached, in the following named locations, viz: one in front of No. 25 Myrtle St., one in front of No. 12 Myrtle St., one in front of No. 41 Joy St., and one in front of No. 23 Joy St., for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to

the Estate of James L. Little to place, maintain, and use sidewalk light covers over the present areas in the sidewalk in front of estate 175 Tremont St., Wd. 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Bros. (petition referred Oct. 23) to erect, maintain, and use one guy post, with ropes attached, in and over A St., at storage yard, Wd. 13; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons, to move a wooden building, flat roof, 24 feet in length, by 15 feet in width, by 10 feet in height, from No. 692 Saratoga St., across said street to lot No. 633 Saratoga St., Wd. 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

(g) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons, to move a wooden building, flat roof, 39 feet in length, by 30 feet in width, by 22 feet in height, from No. 14 Arlington Ave., across said avenue to the corner of Beacham St., Wd. 4, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

#### APPROPRIATION FOR CLERICAL WORK.

Aid. BRICK, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report of the petition of Elijah George (referred Sept. 12), for an additional allowance for clerical assistance in his office—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerical assistance in the office of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Suffolk, there be allowed, from October 1, 1899, and until otherwise ordered, the sum of \$1500 per annum, to be paid from the treasury of the County of Suffolk, upon the official certificate of said Register countersigned by a Judge of Probate and Insolvency for said county.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### RAILROAD LOCATIONS.

Aid. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the order (referred March 6) requesting the N. Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co. to place an electric signal gong at the West Park St. crossing, Wd. 20—That the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(2) Reports on petitions of the West End Street Railway Company (recommitted today) for a location for double tracks on Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St., to take the place of existing tracks, of the petition of the same company (recommitted today), for a location for double tracks on Western Ave., from the Watertown line to its existing tracks on said avenue and Market St., and of the same company (recommitted Sept. 12) for a location for tracks in Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave.—Recommending the use of the following:

(a) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company, to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St., from and connecting with the company's tracks on said avenue at or near Foster's Wharf, thence on said Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St. to and connecting with the

company's tracks at or near Hull St.; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Oct. 7, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Western Ave., from the dividing line between the Town of Watertown and the City of Boston, to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on said Western Ave. and Market St., with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 23, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen be hereby further granted to the West End Street Railway Company to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars, in said location, by the overhead system, so called, and to erect iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

(c) Ordered, That in addition to the

rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Swett St., from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Hampden St. to Massachusetts Ave., and thence on Massachusetts Ave. to Edward Everett Sq., with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections connecting with the existing tracks of said company in Northampton St., Hampden St. and Edward Everett Sq.; said tracks and turn-outs being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated August 21, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within — days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That the consent of the Board of Aldermen be and hereby is granted to the West End Street Railway Company, to establish and maintain the electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars in the City of Boston, by the overhead system, so-called, as follows:—

On Swett St., from Hampden St. to Massachusetts Ave., thence on Massachusetts Ave. to Edward Everett Sq., with necessary connections with the existing electric system of said company.

And permission is hereby granted to the said West End Street Railway Company, to erect, maintain, and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than 20 feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said overhead electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed or that may hereafter be conferred on the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system, and the running of electric cars in the city of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within 30 days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The question came on the acceptance of the reports.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would ask that the reports on Swett St. and Western Ave. be assigned for one week. I don't like to oppose railroad locations, although it seems I have got into the habit of it, but I do protest against giving out franchises simply because they happen to be hanging around loose and someone happens to want them. I have not the slightest knowledge of these matters.

The committee does not attempt, through its chairman, or any of its members, to furnish the Board with any information, and all the information a member can

have is the indistinct recollection of having seen a matter referred to on the calendar when it was up for a public hearing. It is perhaps some months afterwards when it gets into the Board from the Committee on Railroads, when it is pulled out from some musty corner and shoved through here under suspension of the rules. I confess that I feel like a donkey in voting for orders of this kind, because I don't know about them, and I do not believe, as a matter of principle, in giving out franchises to corporations merely to please them or because I happen to be a little fearful that they will not like my opposition. I therefore ask that those two last matters be assigned. I should imagine that the first one, relating to a location on Atlantic Ave. is a matter of business, from the reading of it as I remember it, something that would be beneficial; but the other two I should like to have assigned for a week that I may have an opportunity to look into them.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, not being a member of the Committee on Railroads I cannot say anything about what information they have regarding these matters. But, in regard to Swett St., I have just a word to say to the members of the Board. Ever since I have been a member of the City Government there has been an agitation all through Dorchester, especially in the lower section, to have Swett St. built. The street has been partially laid out for a number of years and has been merely passable. I think it was rough graded, and I think nothing more than that was ever done towards the completion of the street. We have no other direct communication from Dorchester through Massachusetts Ave., than going through Swett St. and connecting with lines to Cambridge, to the Fenway and all that part of the Park system.

As far as I am personally concerned, representing, as I do, a part of the Dorchester district, I am strongly in favor of having these tracks through Swett St. because it simply means, as was the case with Tabot Ave., that if the track location is granted, the city must build the street. It will be only a short time after tracks are allowed there when they will be laid through Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave., undoubtedly, to what we call the Five Corners, which is well into the centre of Dorchester now. Following immediately upon that the City will begin the building and surfacing of that wide and important thoroughfare, Massachusetts Ave., formerly East Chester Park. For that reason, these tracks cannot be put in any too soon to satisfy me and those in Dorchester whom I have had an opportunity to consult. Besides that, it gives us Dorchester people a more direct and a much required car service to the centre of the city. You all know the Field's Corner, Meeting House Hill and Upham's Corner cars, a good many of them, go out through Washington St. to the transfer station, and that after a long and circuitous ride we are finally, in about 45 to 55 minutes, landed at Field's Corner or Neponset Bridge. I believe that this line, taking some of the cars bound to the farthest points in our ward, will run a class of cars that may be called express trains. Running through Massachusetts Ave. there would be hardly a stop, until that section is built up, and that would greatly shorten the trip to the centre of Dorchester. I do not hesitate to say that I think the time of the trip from Boston to Field's Corner will be reduced at least a third. The suggestions I have made in connection with this matter will show to the Board why I personally, outside of the railroad committee am not only in favor of this location, but think that it should be granted as soon as possible. If the other members of the Board had had the experience I have had with urgent and persistent efforts of the citizens of Dorchester, having them at their backs as I have had them at mine, I think they would understand how important this location is.

I trust that there will be no unnecessary delay in granting it caused by any member of the Board who simply does not know anything about it, because we, the members of the Board from Dorchester, can give a great deal of information upon it, and I presume some of the members of the Committee on Railroads can give the rest of the necessary information. I hope the matter will be hurried along as rapidly as practicable.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I don't care to weary the members of the Board at this hour with any remarks upon this matter, but, as one of the members of the Railroad Committee, I want to say, for the benefit of Ald. Brick, that I believe this location should be granted. I agree heartily with all that Ald. Codman has said in regard to the accommodation which this route will give to the citizens of Dorchester who desire to get in and out of town. It will also open up and develop a large tract of land there which at the present time is lying idle, and that will add to the valuation of the city, besides building up the section lying between Dorchester and the South End. I see no reason why the order should be further assigned. However, if the alderman insists on it I will offer no objection to assignment for one week, although I think the order should be put through here today.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I have no ulterior purpose in wishing this assigned. I simply have no information upon it. My only recollection of Sweet St., which is an indistinct one, is that it is mostly a marsh.

If I know Sweet St. at all—and I don't know a great deal about it—it is mostly an unoccupied territory, and I am opposed to giving out franchises which go into the future. It may be that within five or ten years we will regret that we have given out franchises in this way—that not only we, but the persons who follow us will feel the effects of granting these franchises ad lib., without reason, without any pressing need. I protest sincerely against it, and desire an opportunity to look into this matter and find out what the facts are. I say that this Railroad Committee when it reports should give some reason, that the members of the Committee should give some reasons, for giving out franchises of this sort, when they are questioned about them.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I believe the gentleman is entitled to the reasons for the laying of tracks over Sweet St. I have some figures here in regard to the matter. I will tell the gentleman exactly where the locations petitioned for by the Boston Elevated Railroad run, as I believe he should have this information. It runs from the junction of Northampton, Albany and Hampden Sts., through Sweet St. to Massachusetts Ave., and through Massachusetts Ave. to Edward Everett Sq., at the beginning of Dorchesterway, and the road desires double tracks. The length of the line is approximately six thousand feet, which would make about 12,000 feet of single track. If granted it will be built as I understand it, according to the best type of street railway construction and equipped in a substantial manner. The building of this track will give to the people of Dorchester and Neponset another direct line of cars to the city, and a cross-town line through Northampton St. to the Back Bay and through the Subway. It would also open up along the route desirable sites for manufacturing establishments, as it borders for a considerable distance on water facilities furnished by the South Bay.

In connection with Columbia Road, now in course of construction, it will give a desirable route to the city for Dorchester people. That is exactly what the Dorchester people have been wanting for years. There has been no way of going across Dorchester. The travel has been all up and down, and there was no way across until the tracks were first laid on

Talbot Ave. I agree with the alderman from Wd. 24 (Ald. Codman) and my colleague from Wd. 20 (Ald. Adams) that the time has certainly come when Dorchester has got to be provided with some more cross-town cars. As I stated at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund, Dorchester has increased in valuation in ten years, from 1888 to 1898, forty million dollars—which is marvellous, and there is no part of this country today which can show such an increase in valuation in ten years. Not only that, but we have built sixty-eight miles of streets in that time, and it would be impossible to state the number of houses that have been built in Dorchester in ten years. So we are certainly entitled to all the accommodations that we can receive, and it is about time that the Boston Elevated Railroad woke up to the fact that the people of Dorchester need more cars. I introduced an order here some time ago in regard to running more cars to Meetinghouse Hill, but it has not been done as yet; and I say now that at this late day the West End or the Boston Elevated Railroad should look after the interests of Dorchester better than it has in the past. I believe when it wakes up to the fact that the people of Dorchester insist upon this we shall have more cars running out there and better accommodation.

The CHAIRMAN—The orders will be laid over, under the rule.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I ask a suspension of the rule, that the orders may be put upon their passage.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I ask to have these matters assigned. I suppose I am entitled to a vote upon that motion, even though I vote alone.

The motion to assign was declared carried. Ald. Adams doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion to assign the three orders to the next meeting was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick—3.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

On motion of Ald. Dixon the rule was suspended and the question came on the passage of the three orders.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, as those who are advocating the passage of these orders seem to have the votes, I suppose it is of no use for me to further insist upon assignment; but it does seem to me a little bit out of the proper line of action. It does seem a little bit loose, when a member of this board in good faith asks assignment of a matter of this importance that he should be refused that privilege. Now, I am going to vote "no" on this question simply because I don't know anything about these matters. I have asked for their assignment simply because I desire information, and I don't think there are two men at this Board who, when they register their votes here today in favor of these orders, will do so because they have given their attention to these matters and know the facts, and could give good reasons for voting in the affirmative. I don't think two men at this Board are in possession of facts which warrant them giving these franchises to the Boston Elevated Railroad. I make no assertions. I do not say that there are ulterior motives which actuate any man, but I do protest against this swift pushing of franchises through the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, it seems very strange to me, after the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) has been treated with so much eloquence from the representatives from Dorchester, that he should get up and open this question up again. I think I gave at least a few reasons why this order affecting Sweet St. and Massachusetts Ave. should go through, and I think the other two aldermen from Dorchester also gave good reasons for its passage. On the other hand, the gentleman who opposes the passage of the order did

not state a single reason why it should not pass here today. I think he is well enough acquainted with the district to be able to offer some reason, if he has any, why the order should not go through at this time. If he is a representative of the whole city, it seems to me he ought to know the location of Swett St. and Massachusetts Ave., and before he asks us to assign this matter further I think he should give us some reasons for its assignment.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't feel just like a donkey myself, and I am prepared to vote for these orders. I do not do so because I think I am thereby granting a franchise in the way in which the alderman puts it. If a new railroad came in here and asked for a location which was a new matter, involving the granting of new rights, that would be one thing; but, as a matter of fact, the Boston Elevated Railroad has locations all around this, so there is no possibility of anybody else coming in. It is, therefore, simply a question of cutting across and connecting two existing arteries. Ultimately there will have to be a road there, anyway. They say they are willing to start as soon as the improvements on the street are made. It is not inviting anybody else to come in, it is not a proposition involving a new franchise, or anything of the sort. It is not proposed to grant anything to an outside concern. We will be simply granting permission to the existing road to make connections. If the alderman does not understand where these tracks are to be, that is his misfortune. I don't know why we should assign a matter of this kind because he does not understand, when we tell him where the tracks are to be. If he does not understand it when we tell him, I don't know how he will understand it when anybody else tells him. The actual fact is that there are lines running into the city from Dorchester by way of Dorchester Ave. and the Back Bay, and it is now desired to cut across. These tracks will pass through an undeveloped territory, developing property that never will be developed until it has some such means of communication with other parts of the city. For any man to say that anybody has ulterior motives in favoring action such as is proposed here shows such shortsightedness on his part that it is not entitled to consideration. I, therefore, have voted conscientiously against his motion to lay over, while I want every man to have an opportunity to look into a matter when there is anything involved. But there cannot be anything involved in this that would warrant its assignment, and I cannot, therefore, vote to lay it over.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would vote to have the matter laid over, out of consideration for the alderman, except that my experience here during a term of years has taught me that it is necessary, at this time of the year, that measures of this kind should be pushed through rapidly. The tendency at the latter part of the year is to railroad them through, the reason being that if quick action is not taken the chances are that the weather conditions will prevent the carrying out of the work.

I believe, and have every assurance, that if this order is passed, and passed at this time, we will get relief this winter, that the roadbeds will be constructed, the tracks laid, and the cars put in operation.

The road is ready to go to work at once, and has ironwork that it can use there. It is a perfectly straight road, there are no curves to be laid, and the work will proceed rapidly as soon as the authority for it is given. But, unless the matter is pushed along with a due amount of speed, we will not have the connection there this winter. The people of Dorchester are very anxious to have this location granted, and it seems to me that there is no reason for delay, because it is desired by any member of the Board, when the three members from that sec-

tion can answer any questions that he may ask.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote against the passage of these orders this afternoon, believing that the stand taken by Ald. Brick is a correct one. Aside from the correctness of his position, he is entitled to at least the consideration he asks at the hands of this Board. This matter, as I understand, has been in the hands of the Committee for two months. They have taken two months to consider the proposition, and now come in at the tall end of the session, when we are all anxious to get away, and attempt to push it through. I have voted for every proposition the West End Road has asked for, and I don't know that I am opposed to this one. If the vote is not forced tonight, I shall probably be in favor of the passage of the order. But I don't see why it is necessary to push the order in the slightest degree. The road is not going to work on this tomorrow. Why not grant to Ald. Brick the privilege he asks for? The votes are here and you can pass the order at the next meeting. That is the way I look at the matter. I hope the Board will reconsider its desire to force this matter through and will treat Ald. Brick and other members of this Board with that consideration which I believe is their due.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to put myself right on this matter, and I would like to have the clerk read the date of the petition.

The CHAIRMAN—The Clerk has not the petition here.

Ald. BERWIN—I can answer that question, Ald. Brick. The petition has been in the committee, I think, for more than a month.

Ald. BRICK—I would now like to ask the Chairman of the Railroad Committee, through the Chair, when the meeting which decided this matter was held?

The CLERK—I have the petition here now. It was presented August 21, and a hearing was given on it September 12.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Railroad Committee if these orders were not approved this afternoon, during the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DIXON—Yes. The Railroad Committee were called together, and they approved of these orders.

Ald. BRICK—I simply want to have the facts as they are brought out. That is all.

The three orders were passed, Ald. Brick calling for the yeas and nays; yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. Berwin and Brick voting nay.

#### SALE OF ELM ST. SITE.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell at public auction, or otherwise, the estate situated on Elm St., Charlestown, said estate having been abandoned by the School Committee for school purposes, and surrendered to the Street Commissioners to dispose of.

Passed. Sent down.

#### FRANKLIN FUND AND UNION LABOR

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Managers of the Franklin Fund be requested to instruct the City Engineer to take the necessary steps to provide that none but union labor shall be employed in the construction of any buildings to be erected from the proceeds of said fund.

Passed.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on

Monday, November 13, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. CODMAN—I doubt the vote, Mr. Chairman. That is too long an adjournment.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board do now adjourn.

The CHAIRMAN—The Clerk will call the roll on adjournment.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, that is too long an adjournment. I don't think the Board desires to adjourn for that length of time.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, would it be in order to ask the gentleman who offered the order what the object of postponing the next meeting for that length of time is?

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I have a somewhat selfish interest. I think it has never been customary to have a meeting of the Board on the day before the state election, and I myself will be somewhat busy on that day. I think it has always been customary not to have a meeting on that day.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is solving a doubt.

The order was defeated, yeas 3, nays 9:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby—3.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I move that when this Board adjourns it be to meet a week from Wednesday, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Ald. Presho's motion was carried.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board do now adjourn.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I hope that motion will not be carried. I think there is other business that should come before this meeting. I would like to move a general reconsideration of the action taken by the Board today. Will the gentleman withdraw his motion, to give me an opportunity to move a general reconsideration?

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I will not withdraw it, unless it is the sense of the Board that I do so. I have always yielded to Ald. Colby upon matters of that kind, but there are reasons why I do not now wish to withdraw my motion.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I will not vote to adjourn at the present time. I don't think it is right for the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin), to deprive us of the opportunity to reconsider the business transacted here today, in order to give him a chance to file a general reconsideration on matters which he desires reconsidered. I therefore ask for the yeas and nays on Ald. Berwin's motion to adjourn.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I will state frankly to the two gentlemen who oppose the motion I have just made that my purpose in making it was to defeat the passage at this meeting of the very proposition which these two gentlemen and a majority of this Board have just voted to pass.

I made the motion in order that Ald. Brick might have fair treatment, in accordance with the request he made of this Board. His position is perfectly right, and I tell you that this Board has done wrong in voting to pass those railroad orders. I have stood up here and maintained the rights of the West End road and have voted to give them as many privileges as far as my vote went, as any other member of the Board. But it was not fair to members of this Board who desired these matters assigned, so that they might have an opportunity to look into them, to vote to pass them today. And I want to tell you this, Mr. Chairman, that there is something else behind this, I understand that there is a widening scheme contemplated in connection with Swett St., and this may have a very important bear-

ing upon that. The land has been neglected for years, and I understand that there is now a proposition on foot to build up that neighborhood. It is not unlikely that there may be some serious objections to the granting of such a franchise as is proposed up there, and I think any gentleman who desires to look into the matter should have a chance to do so. The Committee on Railroads has had a long time to consider it—I say this intending no reflection on the committee—and they should be willing to give other members a chance. You have the votes, anyway, and can pass the order at the next meeting, and what will be lost by assigning it for one week? I am going to withdraw my motion to adjourn, if the Board is willing, and I will then ask that reconsideration of that railroad franchise order be assigned to the next meeting. I take that position in all sincerity, because I am willing to go on record as saying, as far as the West End Road is concerned, that when it treats the people right I am with it and will be with it at all times. But this is not a time to take advantage of other members of the Board. You may laugh, if you will, but I am right.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move a general reconsideration of the action taken today, trusting that it will not prevail.

Ald. BERWIN—And I ask, Mr. Chairman, that the vote granting that franchise be excepted from the motion.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I feel intensely about this—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that Ald. Colby makes a general motion to reconsider the votes on all motions, orders and resolutions that have passed the Board this afternoon.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, rather than to have any befogging of the issue here, I will withdraw that motion, in order to let the matter come before the Board squarely. I will move a reconsideration of the vote taken granting track locations to the Boston Elevated Railroad on Swett St., etc., hoping that the same will not prevail.

Ald. BRICK—And I hope the motion will prevail, Mr. Chairman. It seems to me some courtesy should be extended to a member of the Board who desires an opportunity to look into an important matter like this. There has not been any time that I know of when a member of this Board has asked, has begged as strenuously as Ald. Berwin and myself have for that courtesy, when it has been refused. The alderman on my extreme right, I think has asked for more assignments than any other member of this Board, with the possible exception of Ald. Colby, and there has never been an occasion when what he asked for in that way has not been granted. Now, I think the action taken by this Board today has been unfair. I think we have been subjecting ourselves to criticism, and a fair criticism. If you try to jam this railroad location through tonight without giving us a chance to look into it, you are simply opening yourselves to criticism that is fair, and the newspapers of Boston should criticize you. They can properly ask why this thing is jammed through here at half past seven o'clock at night, after a meeting of the Committee on Railroads to which no other member of the Board had access, during the session of the Committee on Public Improvements. The few members who have spoken upon that matter have shown how little they know about it, and I tell you you make a mistake in jamming this through without giving us an opportunity to look into it.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, it is a perfectly easy thing to get up here and say that there is an ulterior motive on the part of the majority of the committee to keep the Franklin Fund tied up, for instance, after we had practically decided upon the disposition of it; and it is an easy matter, in the same way, to get up here, as the

Alderman has done, and say that we wanted the order he is speaking of to go through for some reason or other. A man, however, who gets up here and objects to a thing going through does not add much weight to his argument unless he gives some ground for the position he takes and for the statements he makes. Now, as far as the talk of developing that territory about the South Bay is concerned, I think nobody questions the statement that that ought to be developed. It certainly is not good for much now; and I say if Ald. Brick does not understand the situation there at the present time I don't see how a week's delay will help him any. If this was something that called for an examination by experts, for a careful investigation as to the locality, or anything of that sort, that would be another question; but for him to take a plain, simple proposition, such as this, and say that he cannot understand it, and that he wants a week to look into it, it seems to me places him in a mental attitude which does not seem to promise much for his further enlightenment upon the matter in the future, to be perfectly frank. I am always willing to grant every courtesy. I don't know that I have asked for as many assignments as my brother credits me with, and if I have I have not had them. But, however, this is a straight proposition. It is simply desired to make a cross cut between existing routes and there cannot be the slightest objection to it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to say one word on this matter, but as I am probably the nearest resident to that section of any member around this Board I feel perhaps that I may be allowed to say a word or two in connection with the proposed railroad through Swett St. Everybody in this Board knows that the roadbed of Swett St. has been in a deplorable condition for years. As far as residents along the street are concerned, there are none to speak of. So that it will be entirely a matter of expense on the part of the railroad to construct tracks through that street and operate them. The road cannot for some time to come get any local business from the fact that it goes through that street. I cannot understand why my friend from Wd 8 (Ald. Brick) should make such a tirade against members of this Board who are familiar with the conditions in connection with Swett St, and who have therefore voted in favor of the order. I sincerely hope our action will not be reconsidered.

The motion to reconsider the vote of the Board granting the right to the West End Road to lay tracks through Swett St., etc., was lost, yeas 2, nays 10, Ald. Berwin and Brick voting yea.

Ald BERWIN moved a general reconsiderations of all other votes passed today; lost.

Adjourned at 7:39 P.M. on motion of Ald. Berwin, to meet on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 3 P. M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## BATH DEPT. STATISTICS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Acting Secretary of the Bath Department, furnishing information requested in order passed by your body.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Department of Baths,  
64 Pemberton Square,  
October 26, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the order offered by Councilman Stevens I respectfully submit the following figures.

The expenditures this year so far amount to \$66,789.86, divided as follows:—

Office, Salaries.....	\$2295.89
Bills .....	1913.09
Warren Bridge, Salaries.....	712.00
Bills .....	
Wood Island, Salaries.....	1641.00
Maverick Street, Salaries.....	611.00
Charlestown Beach, Salaries.....	1286.00
Bills .....	217.50
Border Street, Salaries.....	644.00
Bills .....	5.80
Neponset Beach, Salaries.....	132.00
Bills .....	133.00
Neponset Bridge, Salaries.....	533.50
Bills .....	59.00
Chelsea Bridge, Salaries.....	663.00
Dover St. Bridge, Salaries.....	764.00
Commercial Point, Salaries.....	729.50
Bills .....	651.35
Cabot St. Salaries.....	1039.25
Bills .....	64.75
Harvard Bridge, Salaries.....	453.50
Malden Bridge, Salaries.....	631.25
Orchard Park, Salaries.....	1220.00
Bills .....	151.10
Craigies Bridge, Salaries.....	533.00
Spring Street, Salaries.....	762.25
Bills .....	116.88
W. Boston Bridge, Salaries.....	501.50
K. Street Beach, Salaries.....	529.00
Bills .....	1.20
L. Street Beach, Salaries.....	2709.85
Bills .....	100.37
Savin Hill, Salaries.....	277.00
Bills .....	6.70
N. End Park, Salaries.....	4119.25
Bills .....	1815.99
Dover St. Laundry, summer, extra help..	637.50
Swimming instructors.....	280.00
Gymnasium, Salaries.....	3218.99
Bills .....	1708.25
Urinals, Salaries.....	2710.79
Expenses .....	136.05
Teamsters, Salaries.....	1523.20
Teaming .....	2329.75
Wharves, Salaries.....	3984.60
Rent .....	1633.75
Towing .....	735.45
Supplies for general use.....	113.30
General repair on all baths.....	6627.89
Laundrying .....	36.65
Bathing suits and towels.....	3705.11
Ice delivered at various baths.....	111.70
N. End Park laundry, salaries.....	1845.76
Dover St. house salaries.....	5859.15
Dover St. bills.....	2361.11
Total .....	\$66,789.86

Total .....

The only bill remaining unpaid in this office on Oct. 1 was one of \$1449.49 for general repairs at the various bathhouses, due to the Public Building Department.

Table of attendance at baths is appended.

Yours respectfully,

P. J. Carroll, Acting Secretary.

## ATTENDANCE

at Summer Baths for the season of 1899, July, Aug. and Sept.:—

1. Malden Bridge.....	31,708
2. Charlestown Beach.....	32,293
3. Chelsea Bridge.....	48,094
4. Wood Island Beach.....	56,936
5. Border Street Bath.....	59,259
6. Jeffries Point.....	22,965
7. North End Park.....	39,835
8. Warren Bridge.....	68,869
9. Craigie's Bridge.....	196,815
10. West Boston Bridge.....	48,223
11. Harvard Bridge.....	29,392
12. Dover Street Bridge.....	65,525
13. L Street Beach.....	318,451
14. K Street Beach.....	154,021
15. Orchard Park Pool.....	39,809
16. Cabot Street Pool.....	72,531
17. Spring Street.....	29,221
18. Commercial Point.....	83,215
19. Neponset Bridge.....	36,496
20. Neponset Beach.....	5,334
21. Savin Hill Beach.....	16,559

Grand total.....1,594,271

Attendance at all-year-round baths, Feb. 1st to Oct. 1st, 1899:—

Dover Street bath.....	222,533
East Boston gymnasium.....	53,345

Total .....

Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Stevens of Wd. 11.

## SKATING—CHURCHILL FIELD.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the said Board to lease Churchill's Field, Wd. 24, for skating purposes.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

October 23, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Dear Sir:—We have received your communication, enclosing an order of the Common Council requesting this Board to lease Churchill's Field in Wd. 24 for skating purposes. We regret to say that the smallness of our maintenance appropriation renders it inadvisable to increase the area of ice to be cared for by us next winter.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## PLAYGROUND, WARD 18.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, October 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting a report as to what the said Board has done toward locating a playground in Wd. 18.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

October 23, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—We have your communication of Oct. 20th, enclosing an order of the Common Council requesting information as to our action in locating a playground in Wd. 18. We have taken a tract of about 80,000 sq. ft. of land in the rear of Columbus Ave., between the Base Ball Grounds and Camden St.

We have no money to develop the grounds. A request made by us, Aug. 14th, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for a small sum to improve the land has not yet been granted.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## COMPILATION OF SPECIAL LAWS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, October 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what progress, if any, the special commission appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws relating to the City of Boston has made, and how soon a report of their work may be expected."

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Law Department,  
73 Tremont Street,  
Boston, October 26, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor,

Dear Sir:—In reply to your request that I should inform you of "what progress, if any, the special commissioners appointed to prepare a compilation of the special laws of the city of Boston have made, and how soon a report of their work may be expected," I have the honor to say that the commissioners are not engaged in a mere compilation of the special laws, but are making a revision of the laws, embodying in a form of charter all the special acts in force giving authority to the City of Boston and the officers thereof, and the commissioners have given a great deal of time to the work. I have just received your communication and am unable to see the other commissioner, Hon. A. E. Pillsbury (General Collins having resigned some time since), but for my part, I think we have made such progress that we can complete the work to such a degree as to make a report, including substantially the charter as we desire to leave it, before the end of the year. In a work of this character it is impossible to give any idea of what progress is made. All that we can say is that the whole work has received a great part of our time, especially the last six months, and there is not an act or section of an act of all the special acts passed since the charter of the city in 1854, that we have not considered and acted upon, but as to giving any further information, it is impossible to do so. Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.  
Placed on file.

## DISPOSAL OF GAS LAMPS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, October 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in reply to your order requesting a report as to "what has been done with the gas-lights recently removed from the streets, and if the same have been sold, to whom and for how much." Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Office of the Lamp Department,  
City Hall, October 25, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Dear Sir:—In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that the gas lanterns that have been removed by reason of substitution for the new lamps, have been stored in the various yards of the Street Department and at the shop of this department. None of these lanterns have been sold.

Respectfully,

James Donovan, Supt. of Lamps.

Placed on file.

## STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Oct. 26, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in

reply to your order requesting a copy of the contract for street lighting between the city of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, together with a schedule of all city property used or controlled by said company.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Office of the Lamp Department,  
October 25th, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Dear Sir:—In accordance with the request contained in the enclosed order of the Common Council, I hereby enclose a copy of the contract with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company; and also a schedule of the city property which, in accordance with Article 3 of said contract, is being used temporarily by said company, the company being required to return the same to the said city when the lanterns to be placed within four months from the time this contract goes into effect are so placed.

Respectfully,

James Donovan, Supt. of Lamps.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, corporation duly established under the laws of the State of Maine, having a usual place of business in the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereinafter called the contractor, of the first part, and the City of Boston, a municipal corporation in said Commonwealth, hereinafter called the city, of the second part, agree as follows:—

Article 1. Said contractor shall have the charge of all gas-lanterns hereafter used for the lighting of the streets and places of said city, except such lanterns as said contractor shall be notified from time to time by the Superintendent of Lamps of said city to discontinue; shall within four months after June 1, 1899, place on every post designated, within one month after the date hereof, by said Superintendent, a boulevard lantern of said contractor like the lantern deposited as a sample in the office of said Superintendent and marked "Welsbach Boulevard No. 1," and shall within five days after being notified by said Superintendent so to do, place on every additional post specified by the said Superintendent, and furnished with a supply pipe from the gas main to the top of the post, a similar lantern; shall, when required by said Superintendent, furnish in place of any lantern, whether owned by the city or said contractor, other than a boulevard lantern, a lantern of the pattern now kept in said office as specified by said Superintendent, or any other lantern, if the contractor and the Superintendent shall so agree; shall place and maintain on every gas-lantern when in use, whether owned by the city or said contractor, a Welsbach burner and mantle, and furnish gas and keep it burning in every such lantern during the hours shown on time cards to be furnished by said Superintendent, so as to give a sixty (60) candle light; shall keep all lanterns when in use in good repair and condition and well painted, and properly replace all broken or displaced glass and signs on said lanterns before the next time of lighting, the signs to be furnished by the city but placed and kept securely fastened by the contractor; shall clean all lanterns when in use as often as once a week, and oftener if required, to keep the light from being obstructed; and shall when it removes a lantern without substituting another therefor, properly plug the pipe so that the gas will not escape therefrom.

The Superintendent of Lamps and the contractor may agree at any time to install in lieu of gas-lamps as many Welsbach naphtha lights of sixty (60) candle power each with boulevard lanterns of approved pattern as may be necessary to fully carry out this contract, same to be kept and maintained as herein provided under and subject as to cost and other re-

quirements to all the other provisions and obligations of this contract applicable thereto.

Article II. Said contractor shall report in writing at the office of said Superintendent on Thursday of each week, and on the ninth of each month, the number of said lanterns lighted on each night subsequent to the last report, giving in each report the name of each person engaged in lighting the lanterns and the number lighted by each person.

Article III. Said contractor shall have the use of all property now belonging to the city, and used by the Superintendent of Lamps in carrying on the duties of his Department, as the contractor considers necessary to carry out this agreement; shall keep the same in good condition and repair, and replace any thereof that shall be destroyed or injured, and shall return the same to said city in like good order and condition when the lanterns to be placed within four months from the time this contract goes into effect are so placed.

Article IV. Said city shall lay and maintain all gas-pipes to the burners in the care and charge of said contractor and keep the same in good condition and repair; as full payment for everything furnished or done by, or resulting to, the contractor in carrying out this contract, shall for each year of three thousand eight hundred twenty-eight (3828) hours pay for each and every lantern taken care of and lighted by said contractor as aforesaid, at the rate of thirty (30) dollars per year, in proportional monthly payments on the first day of each and every month; provided, however, that if any lantern has not been kept and lighted in accordance with this contract during all the hours required by said time card a proportional deduction as determined by said Superintendent, shall be made; and provided, further, that if at any time by reason of a reduction by any gas company in the price of gas, the contractor shall procure its gas supply at a lower average price per lamp for the whole number of lamps lighted than the average price paid for gas by the contractor when the system provided for herein is fully installed, the said rate paid by the city shall be reduced by the amount of the reduction in the price of gas so secured. (It is understood and agreed that any reduction made prior to the complete installation of the Welsbach system shall be calculated in the deduction from the rate to be made as before provided with like force and effect as if made thereafter, but the contractor shall receive the full rate until such installation is complete). The contractor shall render to the city statements every three months, showing such reductions, if any, and the amounts of same accrued during the prior three months shall be deducted from the next payments due the contractor. The said rate paid by the city shall then be adjusted in accordance with such reductions.

Article V. This contract shall take effect June 1, 1899 (which date may be changed by mutual consent), and shall continue in force subject to the necessary appropriation being made for gas-lighting, for the term of seven years from June 1, 1899,—but any change of date shall not relieve the contractor from its obligation to have the Welsbach system as provided herein fully installed and in operation within four months from June 1, 1899, and shall continue thereafter until a new agreement is made by the parties, or until the expiration of three months after notice in writing which may be given prior to said date by either party of its election to terminate the contract at the end of the period of seven years as herein provided, and on such termination the said contractor may remove its lanterns and all other property by it furnished under this agreement, providing the same is not purchased by the said city. If at the expiration of said term the Mayor of said city desires that the city shall purchase the lanterns, burn-

ers and mantles of said contractor, and notifies the contractor to that effect, the contractor shall convey the same to the city upon terms to be agreed upon by the parties at that time, and, if they cannot agree, the same shall be fixed by three persons, one to be selected by the Mayor of said city, one by the contractor, and the third by the two so selected, and the decision of a majority thereof shall be binding upon the parties; and provided, further, that the contract shall continue for a second period of seven years if the Mayor of said city shall within three months from the expiration of the first period of seven years so notify in writing the contractor.

In witness whereof, the said Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, by its proper officer, and the said city by its Superintendent of Lamps, duly authorized and approved by the Mayor, have hereunto set their hands and seals on this thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1899.

The Rising Sun Street Lighting Company,  
By Wesley A. Gove, President.

City of Boston,

By James Donovan,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Approved: Josiah Quincy,  
Mayor of Boston.

Schedule of property in use by the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, or which it has the right to use under its contract:—

- 6 horses.
- 11 sets of single harnesses.
- 2 sets of double harnesses.
- 4 single wagons.
- 1 wagon, double or single.
- 3 pungs, single.
- 1 pung, double.
- 1 top buggy.
- 1 open buggy.
- 2 sleighs.
- 23 blankets.
- 3 rubber horse-covers.
- 2 whips.
- 2 buggy-mats.
- 2 buggy-covers.
- 4 sets interfering boots.
- 3 carriage-jacks.
- 1 oiling pan.
- Necessary equipment for washing wagons and cleaning horses and harnesses.
- 50 feet of hose.
- 5 horse-nets.
- 1 hot-water heater.
- Furniture in office at shop.
- 1 large turning-machine.
- 1 large burring-machine.
- 1 small burring-machine.
- 1 wiring-machine.
- 1 rolling-machine.
- 1 pair rotary shears.
- 2 pairs bench shears.
- 1 double seamer.
- 1 groover.
- 1 squaring shears.
- 1 tin-folder.
- 1 lantern form.
- 2 vises.
- 1 grindstone.
- 2 firepots.
- 1 blow-horn stakc.
- 6 soldering-coppers.
- 1 hollow mandrel-stake.
- 1 beak-horn stake.
- 1 double seaming-stake with four heads.
- 1 square stakc.
- 1 lot hand-tools.
- 1 die-holder and five dies.
- 1 crane and tackle.
- 1 bolt-cutter.
- 2 die stocks and cutters.
- 2 pipe cutters.
- 1 forge.
- 3 lantern holders.
- 2 wooden shovels.
- 4 iron shovels.
- 3 ice-cutters.
- 5 double ladders.
- 12 ladders.
- 3 long ladders.
- 1 pair scales.

Property and tools in hands of lamp-lighters, and all plans of routes, maps, etc. Assigned to the next meeting, and ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Linehan of Wd. 13.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition referred September 25, of E. B. Stiles, for compensation for damage to his carriage from a collision with a team of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department,—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.  
The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, to consider Nos. 2, 3 and 4 together, viz:—

2. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles W. Bates, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph A. McCloskey the sum of one hundred and seventy dollars and ninety-one cents (\$170.91), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Perkins St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 17.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary S. Barker, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary S. Barker the sum of one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-five cents (\$167.65), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Spring and Etna Sts., for unpaid taxes for the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 219.

4. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of the Eben D. Jordan estate, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Eben D. Jordan estate, to build a wooden addition to building on Corey road, corner Westbourne terrace, Wd. 25, in excess of size allowed, etc., to be used for storage purposes.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

5. The order passed by this Council on October 19, concerning a site for an ambulance station for South Boston, comes down passed in concurrence with an amendment adding thereto the following words: "The City shall also assume and pay all taxes, assessments and betterments of all kinds assessed upon said land during said term."

Amendment adopted in concurrence. Mr. Logan of Wd. 14 moved to reconsider; lost.

6. An ordinance relating to trees:—  
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting a new section, to be section 105 of said chapter, and by renumbering section 105 so as to be section 106; said new section to be as follows:—

"Section 105. No person shall attach any wire to a tree belonging to the city, or in any street, except by bending wire around a part of the tree, over blocks painted substantially the color of the tree, and so placed as to protect the tree from injury."

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, and the ordinance was passed in concurrence. Mr. Wood moved to reconsider; lost.

7. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell at public auction, or otherwise, the estate situated on Elm St., Charlestown, said estate having been abandoned by the School Committee for school purposes, and

surrendered to the said Street Commissioners to dispose of.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, as I see no one here from Wd. 3 in the chamber at present, and as this is an order affecting the Charlestown district, I move you, sir, that it be assigned to the next meeting.

The order was assigned to the next meeting.

8. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print 100 additional copies of the Municipal Register of 1899: the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, while this order, No. 8 on the calendar, may be all right, I think it will bear looking into. We have just had 1500 copies of the Municipal Register printed, and why do we want 100 more copies?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has just referred the matter to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, being a member of the Committee on Printing, I will state that it is customary to have some copies to exchange with different cities in the State; and, as the Committee has used up all the copies it had the Mayor requested that an order be prepared for the printing of 100 more copies, and that is why the Committee have reported in favor of that order.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Printing.

9. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 23, the same coming down passed by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, viz:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to construct and equip a new ferry-boat for the Ferry Division of the Street Department, the expense thereof to be charged to the loan authorized by chapter 455 of the Acts of 1895.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

10. Mayor's message transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 23, the same coming down passed by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:—

Ordered, That an additional appropriation of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars is hereby made to the Reserve Fund, the same to be met by the additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor under date of October 18, in excess of his previous estimate of revenue.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to ask our President, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, why it is desired to place so large a sum to the credit of the reserve fund? What are the particular matters that want to be provided for?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 11, that your representative on the Board of Apportionment did not vote for this order. The \$100,000 appropriated to the reserve fund by this order is expected income which the City Auditor was unable to determine at the beginning of the year, and as the Chair understands, it is derived from the street railway franchise tax. The Chair stated in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and he reiterates the statement now, that the appropriation of the \$100,000 to the reserve fund simply furnishes a reserve fund for the board of apportionment to transfer from, by three votes, during the coming 30 days.

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President, I move

that this be assigned to the next meeting. The motion to assign was carried.

11. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 27, the same coming down without alteration, viz. :—

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four hundred (2400) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Health in purchasing and laying a telephone cable from Long Island to Gallup's Island; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

12. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, the same coming down without alteration, viz. :—

Ordered, That the sum of three thousand (3000) dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees in remodelling the "A" building; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

13. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, the same coming down without alteration, viz. :—

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-seven hundred (2700) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Public Grounds for improvements in Independence Sq., South Boston; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, in relation to No. 13 on the calendar, I desire to ask our member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment whether or not he has been requested by a former alderman or the present Senator from South Boston to vote for the postponement of that bill when it came before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, my attention being called to the matter by an article which was in the Traveler of last night.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 14, and for the information of the Council, that the statement contained in last evening's Traveler, inspired by John Drohan, the Superintendent of Public Buildings, is an intentional falsehood, intended to deceive the public.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, if he did not desire to assign this bill to the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to repeat that no man asked him to make any motion to postpone.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, the question now is on No. 13 on the calendar?

The PRESIDENT—Yes, sir; on passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, in reference to No. 13 on the calendar, I wish to say that the first time that we asked for an appropriation of this kind was in 1894, when the present commissioner of wires was a member of the Board of Aldermen. He, as a representative of that district, found it very necessary to ask for an appropriation of this kind, for stone steps

at the two separate corners of this Independence Sq., so that the people who live in that district might obtain an easy passage to it instead of going up on two hills, which are of considerable height.

The Square at the present time is in very bad condition. The fence is in very bad shape, and the South Boston Citizens' Association of my district who advocated this thing sometime ago, and which in the past succeeded in getting appropriations passed which were vetoed, appointed a committee of five, containing three Republican members of the District and two Democrats, who appeared before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with the assistance of the present Wire Commissioner and of Representative Sullivan and myself, and asked for an appropriation of \$2700 for that district. It is understood, although denied by the Chair, that a motion was made by him to have this thing assigned; but the Chair, as it is seen on record, voted for the passage of this order—and so also, Mr. Chairman, did the whole Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The people of that district, and I, as a representative of the people of that district, desire to thank the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for what they have done in this matter, because it was something that was very much needed and it was a great success for the people to get it, because it has long been wanted. They have got it at last, and we thank them for it.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, in order that there may be no misapprehension in the minds of any member of the City Council as to the necessity of this order, which is now before us, I should like to say a few words in reference to it. It is a matter of considerable regret to me that this question as to whether \$2700 should be appropriated for a much needed fence and entrance to Independence Sq. should be made a question of party and factional politics. The City of Boston, failing to fulfill the wise rule that "a stitch in time saves nine" sometime ago built this fence here, and instead of keeping the fence in repair let it go absolutely to wrack and ruin, so that the fence is now almost torn down. It was once a very handsome fence, but it has been torn down by the children in the course of time, so that it is now, as I have said before, in a state of wrack and ruin. The South Boston Citizens' Association, an association of South Boston which is very much interested in the welfare of the district, appointed, as my colleague in the third division has said, a committee to wait on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and ask for the appropriation of this money. The article which appeared in the papers, I have the assurances of both gentlemen whose names were mentioned was absolutely false. They both told me that neither of them had seen the President of this Council to speak to him in any way in reference to the matter. I sincerely hope that the Council will pass this order tonight.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, there was no desire on my part to say anything pertaining to this order had not my colleague in the first division (Mr. Donahoe) referred to it first. There was no desire on my part to display politics in the matter whatsoever, whether factional or otherwise.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 in the Chair.

Mr. KILLEY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I want to apologize to the members of the Council for leaving the Chair tonight to clear up a statement which I know was inspired in the columns of a newspaper of this city by the head of one of our City departments. Last week the Board of Estimate and Apportionment considered the question of appropriating money for placing in proper condition Independence Square, South Boston. At that meeting your representative on the Board asked to have the matter postponed, so that he might inquire of the Councilmen represent-

ing that ward as to the necessity of the appropriation. The question of appropriation came up at a subsequent meeting, and I, not having had an opportunity to have a personal interview with the members representing that section, asked again to have the matter postponed, assuring the Board that if I found that this was a proper subject for an appropriation I would readily and willingly vote for it. Upon that occasion the Board of Estimate and Apportionment denied my request. When the question came upon its passage I voted for the appropriation. Last evening an article appeared in the Boston Traveler, which was written in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, John Drohan, who has inspired many articles of a like character blackmailing and attempting to cast discredit upon decent public servants holding positions in the City Government of Boston—this man, who has a deficiency of \$50,000 in his department today, who has squandered the city's money, who has managed his department in an extravagant manner, who is on the payroll of a newspaper for no other purpose than to slander the good work and character of public servants and representatives in the employ of the City of Boston, or the people's elected representatives. I want to state here on the floor of the Council that that article, written and inspired by him and from his office, where he should be engaged in better business, where he should be engaged in looking after the welfare of his department, for which he is paid \$3600 a year—that that article is an unmitigated and intentional falsehood, intended to deceive the people of Boston. (Applause.)

President KILEY in the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I think the President of this Board, a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, is carrying the matter a little too far, when he is criticising the Superintendent of Public Buildings in this matter. He goes on to state that he knows, as he says here, that this article was written in the office of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. I say that he knows nothing of the kind. I don't know it, and he does not know it, and if he did he would tell us—although he says he does know it here. Give us some proof of it, and then we will believe it.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I have been sitting here—

Mr. MULCAHY—I don't want you to tell me anything about it, so don't try it. Don't make any mistake.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the City Messenger to preserve order.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, after sitting in my seat for about fifteen minutes, listening to the eloquent campaign speeches made by the only representative of the Peninsula district—especially that part of the district called Wd. 14—the man who says "You don't know or I don't know," I would simply say that I would like to know what he does know? In talking to the appropriation of \$2700 for the improvement of this park, I say it is a desired necessity. The park has been dilapidated for the last two years and perhaps more, and now when the people who prompted the only representative to come in here and deliver an eloquent campaign speech demand a little capital to bolster up themselves they have him come in here decrying certain gentlemen.

The order was passed in concurrence.

14. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, the same coming down without alteration, viz.:—

Ordered, That the sum of sixty-five hundred (\$6500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for repaving Devonshire St., between State and Water Sts.; and that the City Treas-

urer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage, in concurrence.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that No. 14 be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, on the question of assigning No. 14 on the calendar, I would like to say, for the information of the gentleman asking for the assignment, that I think the owners of every piece of real estate abutting on that street have signed a petition to the City Government to have the street repaved. It is one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, one upon which there is an enormous amount of trucking at every hour of the day, one of the busiest of our streets, and I suppose the part of the street that it is desired to repave is in worse condition than any other street down in the business portion of our city. If the gentleman wishes time in order to look into it, I am perfectly willing to agree to assignment; but I think it is a perfectly worthy order.

The question came on assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I just want to say a word in relation to this matter. I am in favor of assignment of the order to the next meeting, anyway, because it seems to me it was not many years ago that Devonshire St. in this section was paved. I may be in error there but I was passing through there the other day and it struck me that this section of Devonshire St. had been paved not many years ago. I cannot see now the absolute necessity of repaving it at this time, when there are so many streets in the outlying districts that have not been touched for perhaps a score of years. I would like a chance to look into the matter.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I am always in favor of allowing any gentleman the privilege of having a matter assigned, if he can give any good reasons for it. But Devonshire St., as everyone knows, is a business thoroughfare. This body is here to take care of the business interests of the city, of the interests of those who have trucking to do through our streets. I have occasion to do a great deal of trucking on that street, almost every day. The street today is dangerous to any man who may have occasion to ride on a load of material through it, on account of its bad condition. I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion unless he has some good reason for it. We certainly should look after the business interests of the city in preference to some of the suburbs. I should like to see the suburbs taken care of, as well as any member here, as well as the gentleman in the first division; but I am in favor of taking care of the business interests of the city before anything else. I hope the gentleman will withdraw his motion.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10—Mr. President, if anyone in this Council will pass through Devonshire St. he will see that that part of the street referred to is sadly in need of repairs. The city has recently fixed part of Devonshire St., between Water and Milk St., repaving it a short time ago; but the part referred to in the order is beyond that and has not been taken care of. In the last year the street has been dug up two or three times for laying wires or pipes through there and in relaying the pavement, leaving the street in a wretched condition. As I am there almost every day in the year excepting Sundays I know the condition of the street very well. Therefore I am ready tonight to pass this order, and am not ready to assign it for one week.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, my reason for asking assignment of this order is that, if my recollection serves me right, last spring that street was paved. Now they want to repave it. I know for a fact that it has been paved within a year; I have not seen an appropriation come here for my district during the year that I have been in the Council, an appropriation of this kind. Why, gentlemen, there are streets out in my district that need to be repaved, that need to be macadamized or have something done to them. They are like a lot of Klondike trails. It behooves you, gentlemen in the first and fourth division, to speak against assignment of the matter, because the people you represent do business in that district. That is the reason why you are fighting assignment tonight—not because the street needs repaving.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair perhaps owed an explanation to the Council as its representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of the circumstances under which this order passed, and which led your representative to vote against it. Devonshire St. was last paved under the administration of ex-Mayor O'Brien. The only difference of opinion between the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was as to whether it should be paved with granite or asphalt. Believing that the business interests of the city did not want asphalt on that street, your representative on the Board voted against the order. The question now is on assignment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to say that I am perfectly willing to have this matter assigned, but I would like to say this, for the information of the gentleman in this division (Mr. McInerney), that I think he is misinformed in regard to that part of Devonshire St. having been repaved within a year. I know that Devonshire St. between Water St. and Winthrop Sq. has been repaved, but I think he is misinformed in regard to this part of it; but I am perfectly willing to assign the matter.

The motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was declared carried. Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was carried, 20 members voting in the affirmative, 10 in the negative.

15. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets in asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Asylum and Davis Sts.; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, as it seems that the finances of the city of Boston are getting down pretty low, I would like to look into this matter and find out whether there is a public building or church or school or anything of that kind on Harrison Ave. between those two streets before we have an appropriation of \$1000 for asphaltting a public way, and a street through which there is considerable teaming—a street that should be paved instead of asphalted. I want to look into the matter and see if there is any such building on that street. If that street was in any other section of the city and they looked for \$1000 for asphaltting it they would be laughed at by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. That street is in Wd. 9, and if I do not mistake, when

my back was turned, one of the gentlemen from that district in the third division was about to get up and speak in favor of this order. I thought I recognized his voice. Those are the people for whom that is being done. It is being done because it is a campaign issue. That is the whole thing, in a nutshell. It is one of Jack Keliher's jobs.

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 19, I wish to state that there is an institution, which is a public institution, on that street at this place. It is called the Industrial Home. Mr. T. D. Roberts is the Superintendent of that home. That is the only reason that there is \$1000 appropriated for fixing up that part of the street.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I am decidedly opposed to asphaltting Harrison Ave., when they ask for asphalt there simply because there is an industrial school there. They might pick out one or two hundred places in Boston and ask for the same thing. I do not believe in asphaltting a busy street. I have seen teams in wet weather, in summer as well as winter, trying to get through Kilby St. and being obliged to unhitch their horses and to have men take hold of the wagons and push them along until they got to paved streets, when they could hitch the horses into them again. Now, Harrison Ave. is one of the busiest streets in that section of the city. Almost all of the teaming going out to Roxbury and Dorchester passes through Harrison Ave. or Albany St., and in the winter time it is almost impossible for a horse, if it is anyways smooth at all, to travel over an asphalt street. I believe that the meetings in that chapel are held mostly upon evenings or Sundays, and there will not be enough teaming on the avenue to make enough noise to disturb them at those times. While I would be willing to vote for any order to repave the street, I am decidedly against asphaltting.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, perhaps I might be able to advance a little information to the gentleman who sits in the fourth division (Mr. McInerney). They have stated that it is for the benefit of the Industrial School, but, in my opinion, it is for the benefit of the industry called the Boston Asphalt Company (Laughter).

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that assignment will prevail this evening, on the ground that early in this year I introduced an order asking for the asphaltting of a certain portion of my ward. I was informed by the Superintendent of Streets and by His Honor the Mayor that they had no money to make such improvements with, and therefore, on that ground, I sincerely hope that this may be assigned, so that I may personally look into it and find out whether the city has money to do this matter with, or where they receive this money from.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman in the Fourth Division, who feels so particular about Wd. 9 and who is always so willing to do all kinds of knocking where the gentleman from Wd. 9 at the State House is concerned, I would state that this is no campaign matter whatever. That is shown by the fact that the gentleman who represents this institution for the benefit of which it is proposed to asphalt this street is a black Republican. (Laughter.)

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

16. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, the same coming down without alteration, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of forty-two thousand (42,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the following named purposes; and that to meet said appropriation

the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the total amount of such appropriations, viz.:-

Pauper Institutions Department.	
Barn, Long Island.....	\$2,487 82
Hospital, Long Island.....	6,643 75
	\$9,131 50
Park Department.	
Playground, Billings Field, West Roxbury .....	27,069 93
Public Buildings Department.	
Fire Department, building and site, South Boston.....	600 56
Street Department.	
Gold-street bridge.....	216 00
Street Laying-Out Department.	
Centre street, Ward 24.....	\$1,896 99
Widening and extending.....	3,092 91
	4,989 90
	\$42,000 00

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Wd. 24, the reading of the communication and order was dispensed with. The communication was placed on file, and the question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I would like to know, through our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, if there could be such a thing possible as \$42,000 in the treasury of the City of Boston? Where is it coming from? I don't believe it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, that all these matters contained in No. 13 on the calendar are costs and executions of court and that they are deficiencies in appropriations already made. This order makes the deficiencies good from the borrowing capacity of the city, which on last Monday amounted to \$31,000.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I move that this meet the fate of its predecessors and be assigned.

Mr. McINERNEY—I second that motion.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF FANEUIL HALL

The Council proceeded to take up No. 17, assignment, viz.:-

17. Ordered, That the additional sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I have been assured by the department that has Faneuil Hall in charge that if this money is passed this will be the last they will ask for. That this is to be used, as I understand it, for equipping the hall—all the furniture that may be desired. As the hall is so near completion, and as \$1500 will finish it, I trust that this will be passed, and that will end Faneuil Hall.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I should like to ask you as our representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, what you can say in regard to this matter. I have had considerable to say about the several appropriations for Faneuil Hall, and I have no doubt but what there will be more requests for appropriations. The last one is always said to be the last one that is going to come before us.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the gentleman from

Wd. 20 and of the Council that the appropriation asked for was \$2500. It was cut down, on motion of your representative to \$1500. The money is asked for to furnish chairs for Faneuil Hall, to furnish tables for newspaper reporters, and to furnish proper furniture for the platform of Faneuil Hall, and whatever fixtures are necessary in completing the furnishing of the Hall.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, while I have the greatest respect for the press, I would like to have this matter assigned as well as the others. The gentleman who sits in the rear of me (Mr. Stevens) has said that he has been given to understand that if this order for \$1500 is passed, that will be the last we will hear of Faneuil Hall. I think we have hardly had a meeting of the Common Council this year that we have not had the question of appropriating money for Faneuil Hall before us. Now, as I understand it, they have asked for \$2500. They have been cut down to \$1500. The result is that if you give them \$1500 they will come around for the other \$1000 later. I believe in assigning it. They have enough. I do not see them fixing any schoolhouses or public alley ways out my way.

The order was declared passed. Mr. McInerney doubted the vote, and asked for a rising vote which was taken, 30 members voting in the affirmative, 1 in the negative.

#### PRINTING REPORT.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, for the Committee on Printing, submitted a report on the order (referred October 19) relative to the printing as a city document of the exercises in honor of Admiral Dewey—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted. Order passed in concurrence.

#### TIME FOR VOTING.

The PRESIDENT offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow all firemen sufficient time to attend the caucuses to be held on November 15 and 16, 1899.

Passed. Sent up.

#### WD. 10 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish to the Council an estimate of the cost of constructing and laying out Carlton St., from West Newton St. to Dartmouth St.; said street to be not less than fifty feet in width.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. MOORE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave the sidewalk on the north side of Columbus Ave., between Buckingham St. and West Canton St.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10 offered an order—That a special committee, consisting of eight members of the Common Council and such of the Board of Aldermen as may join, be appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a new City Hall for the City of Boston, on the site formerly occupied by the Providence Division of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., said committee to report its findings to the City Council.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I believe it is well for us to give that matter some consideration at this time. There has been an attempt, a very strong attempt, made on the part of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to foist that building upon the city of

Boston in one way and another. There is already a special committee appointed to consider the advisability of taking that old Providence station and using it as a market.

Now we have another scheme advanced to take it for a city hall. I believe it would be well to have that order amended by dropping out "the Park Sq. station" and to have it provide that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of selecting a site for a new city hall; but, when it comes to taking in the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company and practically making it a party to the appointment of such a committee, I do not believe it is proper. I shall certainly vote against any such order, and I hope that every member will do the same thing. It is evident that that property is worthless to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and it has been suggested that it would be a very wise thing for the city of Boston to invest some money in it. Well, if it is a good investment for the city of Boston, it would be a better investment for any private capitalist who desired to put money into such an enterprise. If there were any good ground for that argument, or if it were a wise act, you would not find that the city of Boston would be made a party to it; but when there is a chance of foisting anything that is useless upon the city of Boston, you will always find some schemers to agitate the matter and see if it cannot be brought about. I am opposed to this order. If this order were passed, it might be perfectly possible that one scheme would be used to offset the other. The argument might be used before one committee that if we did not take it for a market the chances were that the other committee would take it for a city hall. It might dwindle down practically to whether it was better to take it for a city hall or a public market, if the gentleman will strike out all reference to the Park Sq. station and put in an order to consider the advisability of selecting a site for a new city hall, I will favor it, but as long as the Park Sq. station is mentioned, and as long as it is intended to make the city of Boston a party to that scheme, and to make it accept the burden of it, I shall vote against it.

Mr. MOORE—Mr. President, I know there has been an effort on the part of some members of the City Government to take that building for a market. They have had several hearings on the subject. Now, that is my ward, or in the ward which I try to represent. I desire to say that the citizens of that ward do not care to have a market located there. They think that the building can be used for some other better purpose. I have no connection in whatever form with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. I do not know that I know a single member of the Board of Directors only by name, and therefore I certainly have no interest in trying to foist that building upon the city of Boston. It was merely with the idea that we need a new City Hall and need it badly, that this location was central—much more so than the other sites which have been enumerated heretofore—that I introduced this order. I thought that instead of the Committee reporting for a market, a separate committee might report upon having a new City Hall in that vicinity, and thereby improve my part of the ward materially. It is no scheme to foist this upon the city of Boston, because I have no connection with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. The only connection I ever had was to try once to get a pass from here to New Haven, and I did not succeed in getting that. That is the furthest I ever had any business with them, except to pay money for fare.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I hope the gentleman from Wd. 10 did not misconstrue my meaning. I did not mean that he had

any affiliations with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., but I believe this was started by the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Company, or by its representatives. I believe that he is innocent enough in this matter, but at the same time perhaps he is furthering their scheme which they have started. I hope the matter of Park Square will not be considered alone, but that it will be considered, perhaps, by a Committee which is appointed to select a site for a new City Hall.

The PRESIDENT—Does the Chair understand the gentleman to offer an amendment?

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I move to amend that all wording in reference to Park Square be eliminated from the order.

The amendment was adopted, and the order was passed, as amended. Sent up.

#### GARBAGE NUISANCE, COW PASTURE.

Mr. HOWARD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to annul the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company; the plant of the said company having, in the opinion of the Board of Health, become a detriment to the public health and comfort.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. HOWARD—Mr. President, without a doubt the question of the so-called garbage plant is very fresh in the minds of many of us, and of those who come from my particular section it is probably also true that it is fresh in their nostrils. Without a doubt you have all heard a great deal about this garbage plant, but perhaps there are some facts which those who live in other sections are not familiar with. Today the people of that district are suffering from a nuisance. The Mayor comes forward, as does also the Superintendent of Streets, and tells us that we have no nuisance there—that there are no odors coming from that plant. Now, I am unfortunate enough to live within a mile of the garbage plant, and I take this opportunity to repudiate the statement made by His Honor the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets, for there is hardly a day passes but what we are compelled to inhale the odors coming from that garbage plant. They have also taken opportunity to say that protests have been received when the wind was in the opposite direction. For their information, let me say that when there is an absence of wind you will get the odor from that plant from all points of the compass. As a matter of fact, I have been able to smell the odor when the wind was east, and when I was at that time on the point of land which extends to the eastward of the plant, just as plainly as you would to leeward. Now, we are suffering very much. Property is being depreiated. The people are moving out, and taxes are being placed at higher rates on our property. We simply ask for a relief which the Superintendent of Streets has the power to give us. We have been very patient. We have been waiting since the first of June for some relief. They have given us one excuse, and then another. But today, after the New England Sanitary Product Company have sent in word to the Board of Health that the repairs are complete and that there is no odor, we are still getting an odor just as badly as we did during the warm weather. I trust the order will go through.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I think there is no question that it has been established that this is a nuisance, and I think a special committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen has today taken the proper steps. It has asked the court for an injunction to stop that plant at once, which I hope will be done. I sincerely hope that this order introduced by my colleague will pass, if it will help them along in any way whatever.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I might say just a word in relation to this matter, for, while our district is not directly concerned, yet it has felt the ill effects of that establishment in Dorchester Bay, and the section of our district bordering on the water front there, when the wind is favorable, at times last summer felt the effects of this institution. I say that something should be done to remedy the evil.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, if my memory serves me right, a year ago—I should say two years ago this fall—there was considerable discussion in the Board of Aldermen relative to this contract, and, if I mistake not, the gentleman who created the great disturbance at the time was Ald. Coiby. I think he was an instigator of an order for an investigation into the contract; and, being defeated for re-election, I think the matter vanished out of sight for a time. I myself have worked on a number of these garbage plants—one in Newport, especially, which ran successfully for three months, when the people rose in their might and protested against it, and today it is lying there useless. I realized at that time that it would be only a question of a short time when the people of Dorchester and of the neighboring districts around where the garbage plant is situated would rise up in their might and sweep it away.

If I mistake not, the contract read specifically that that plant should be situated on Gallup's Island, or some other island down the harbor. But the specifications were the weakest thing that I ever laid eyes upon, and the Superintendent of Streets and the Mayor of Boston, being financially interested, it was only natural that they should locate the garbage plant somewhere where there would be a minimum expense in transporting the product from the garbage to market; and today the plant is situated on the Cow Pasture directly under the noses of the people who live on Savin Hill and of the people who live around Harrison Avenue. It is a nuisance to the people of South Boston who live around the district called the Bay View district. It is an entire nuisance to the people at large. The protest which has been in the newspapers day after day, week after week, the weak argument which has been advanced by the Board of Health, the suppression of the report of that Board by the Superintendent of Streets, and the indignation of the residents of Dorchester, have grown to be an eye-sore to the people at large. I, for one, Mr. President, want to offer a protest on behalf of the people who live in the district which I represent in part, we being southeast from the garbage plant and the winds at this season of the year being generally from the southeast, so that we get a grand dose of it. (Laughter.) Why, it would really surprise you. They produce all sorts of products from the garbage, but the product they produce most is the stink. (Laughter.)

I think, if I mistake not, that they should be compelled to burn the odor as well as the garbage, but they realize that the garbage plant was a failure, so that it was only natural as every body carries insurance that they should do so, and the first thing we knew the garbage plant got on fire. (Laughter.) Today they take the garbage and throw it on the fire. The Lord knows what becomes of it now! We know what becomes of it all right. (Laughter.) We don't know what becomes of the product, but I hear that they are making a barrel of money from it. The city not only seems to have garbage to burn, but has money to burn, when it can pay these people \$45,000 a year for consuming garbage, while in almost every other city where they do it they consume it for nothing, and sometimes pay for the garbage. But today in Boston, the city pays them for doing it, and

the garbage must be delivered at the plant. Then if it is not the right sort of garbage, it is sent back. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The members of the Council will refrain from demonstration. The Council will be in order.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, realizing that there are certain parts of the garbage that are not fit for anything else, they refuse them. They want something that they can make money out of; and this plant is on the same basis as the paper plant on Atlantic Ave., which the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets are also interested in—that being a gold mine, and they also realizing that they can make more money by setting that on fire. (Laughter.) Why, the other day that burned up. In my opinion the citizens of Boston are up against a first class bunco game. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The question comes on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, this matter has been thoroughly aired in the Board of Aldermen and by the previous speakers here tonight, and I will not take up much of the time of the Council except to say that it is the universal opinion of the people of Dorchester that this garbage plant should be taken away from there. Dorchester has been unfortunate in having two garbage plants placed within her borders. Wd. 24 had one, and the people of Dorchester rose in their indignation and had that removed. Now they have placed another one in Wd. 20, and that has become obnoxious to the people, and I think it is about time that the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets took hold of the matter and removed that nuisance. I hope the order will pass.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I feel there is no question that the citizens of our ward in Dorchester believe unanimately that these garbage plants have been a detriment to the neighborhood in which they are located. This is no experiment that they are trying at the present time. We had one plant there before, also located in a residential section, which after a great number of protests and hearings before the Board of Health, we were finally able, by action of the courts, to get rid of. That has stood there in a tumble-down dilapidated condition, an eye-sore to the whole neighborhood, and there has not been a new building or any improvement in that section since that time. Now they have located another one in almost as thickly settled a section of Dorchester, and all this smoke and smell which rises from the plant is blown back over a section which should be one of the most beautiful spots in Dorchester. I don't know to what extent the present administration intends to carry these experiments in the way of getting rid of our garbage. A few years ago a householder out there was able to put all sorts of garbage into barrels and boxes and to have them carted away.

At the present time we have orders not to put any rags in with the paper, no paper in with the ashes, no tin cans in with the ashes, so that the ordinary householder's cellar looks like a drug store. Each barrel is labelled for different kinds of articles, which have to be sorted out for the benefit of the different contractors who take care of this garbage for the city; notwithstanding the fact that at the present time we are paying the same amount of money to get rid of this garbage that we had to pay when it was carted away and carried down the harbor. I have not been able to learn of any city that has tried this new method of getting rid of garbage by burning where it has been successful for any length of time. And I have yet to learn of any city which is paying the same amount of money that Boston is to private contractors for such work, besides delivering the goods on the ground, as we are here. It was thoroughly understood by every member of

the city government, as far as I know, that when the order was passed the intention was to establish this plant on some island down the harbor, away from the residential section. All of the improvement associations and clubs of citizens interested in this matter have had several meetings, have appeared before the Board of Health and have had some very warm hearings; and it has been a very great surprise to everybody that the reports made upon the matter have not been made public for over two months after they have been made by the Board of Health, which Board thoroughly condemned the plant.

Mr. MILLER of Wd. 20—Mr. President, being one of the members from the residential section of Dorchester, who are obliged to inhale the obnoxious odor that is floating over Dorchester, I would like to say that I wish the people who are interested financially in this matter had some way of consolidating this odor, as well as the rest of the material that they deal with, and turn it all into money. But I will say, as one of the residents of Dorchester, that Dorchester has been abused in a great many ways. We have the garbage plant, we have the insane asylum, we have the poor houses—we seem to have everything imposed upon us.

Now, I can say for one, that the people out there have made up their minds that the garbage plant must stop in Dorchester, and stop anywhere in Boston. It does not belong in any residential section. There are places enough down the harbor where we can have such establishments; and if it were not for the financial interests of some of the people interested in city politics, it would never have been located in the Cow-pasture. Furthermore, this plant should be removed, not for the benefit alone of the Dorchester citizens, but for the benefit of every citizen of Boston. If any one of us owns property within a mile of that place we know that it has been reduced in the last few years from 20 to 25 per cent. in value. The rents have been cut down. People will not live in that section, except those who are obliged to live there, those who may be employed in that neighborhood. It is impossible for any one living in the section, when the wind is blowing from the east, to have any windows open on that side of the house. I heard a man say the other night that this plant has been the cause of a great deal of sickness through that section by reason of the odor which comes from it. I myself went there two months ago to visit the place, and I did not wonder at the indignation of the people of that section against the plant. It was impossible to go across the Cow-pasture that day. I did not know but I was coming to a free dump somewhere—the odor was a great deal worse than at the free dump on Sweet Street. Whether the court grants an injunction or not, the residents of the section will grant an injunction against the process by removing it bodily, if they cannot get rid of it in any other way.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### PLAYGROUND, WARD 19.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to set aside the plot of land in the Back Bay Fens known as "Tremont Entrance" to be used as a playground.

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, it was not my intention to say anything in regard to that order tonight, but, after showing the order to a member of the Council, he asked me a certain question—whether or not this land belonged to the city. I thought it might be well for me to make a little explanation. This is an order that I have had since last June. I failed to offer it at three meetings, owing

to adjournment before I could be recognized by the President. I want to explain where this land is situated. While it states "the Tremont entrance," it is three hundred yards distant from the Tremont Entrance. The entrance really should be called "the Huntington entrance." It is at the junction of Huntington Ave., St. Alphonsus and Ward Sts. It is bounded by the Back Bay Fens, running northerly, Ruggles St. running southerly, and is the land known, if I am informer rightly, as the Massachusetts Corporation and Land Company land. It is a section of the park, belongs to the park, the city of Boston owning it. It is now known as the Park land. It is a plot of land that has been used by children formerly to play upon, but I notice that during the last year the seats have been taken away from it and notices have been put up warning the children to keep off the grass.

I have been spoken to in regard to this plot of land by some of the park foremen and also some of the officers. It creates a great deal of trouble to the officers to keep the children off this plot of land, and they think it would be well for the plot to be set aside and known as the Wd. 19 playground. It is well understood that I offered in this Council in the early part of the year an order for a playground for Wds. 18 and 19. We arranged a meeting with the Park Commissioners at that time and met them and talked the matter over. Some very prominent men from our ward were down there, and we felt satisfied at that time that we would get this playground. Unfortunately, however, we were unable to get it. I think by taking this method, while it is a little late in the year and I don't want to be misconstrued as offering the order for political effect, that some good may come by passing the order. As far as the order being offered now for political effect is concerned, the President will see that the order was dated the 14th of last June, when I had the order prepared, and that that date has been rubbed out and the present date substituted. It will therefore be seen that I intended to offer the order earlier in the year. I say this because I don't want to be misconstrued as offering it for political effect, as I am not doing so. I don't know that it is necessary to say more at this time, but I would ask a suspension of the rules that the order may go on its passage.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed. Sent up.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the firemen twelve hours leave of absence between their days off.

Passed under suspension of the rule. Sent up.

#### DEWEY DAY EXERCISES.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to print and bind in cloth 1000 copies of the exercises on Dewey Day, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

#### EXPENSE OF HEARING.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the expense of the hearings held by the Committee on Market Department relative to a public market in Park Sq., be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT.

The Clerk, by direction of the President,

called the roll to ascertain the number of members present with the following result:—

Present—Atwood, Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bennett, Bradley, Brennan, Broderick, Connolly, Cuddy, Doyle, Gibbons, Giblin, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Logan, Lorey, Lydon, Mansfield, Martin, McInerney, Miller, Moore, Nangle, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Stockton, Sweeney, Tobin, Walker, Wells, Wood—42.

Absent—Armistead, Bordman, Brauer, Carroll, Casey, Chamberlain, Collins, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Hickey, Horrigan, Johnson, Kasarof, Leonard, MacDonald, Madden, Mildram, Mulcahy, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Rice, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull, Watson, Winsloe—33.

#### SKATING, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioners to flood and prepare for skating purposes Charlestown Playgrounds.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove two trees which obstruct the sidewalk opposite No. 33 Monmouth St., ward 1.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### CONDITION OF SEWER, CONDOR STREET.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the attention of the Superintendent of Streets be called, through His Honor the Mayor, to the bad condition of the sewer having its outlet at Condor St., opposite Putnam St., Wd. 1; the same being obstructed and broken, allowing sewage to run close to dwellings and on to flats, which are thus covered with filth and emit bad odors when not covered with tide water.

At the request of Mr. Simpson, the clerk read the following report in connection with the matter, viz.:

"Boston, September 6, 1899.

"To the Board of Health:—  
"Gentlemen: I have this day inspected premises Condor St., opposite Putnam St., sewer outlet, owned by the City of Boston, and make the following report:

"This is a wooden sewer which drains a large territory and originally discharged into deep water near the Chelsea Creek. It is now obstructed and broken, allowing sewage to run onto flats near Condor St., and close to some dwellings. Flats in the vicinity of Condor St. are covered with filth which emits bad odors when not covered with tide water, which is about 18 hours out of 24. This sewer should be put in good condition and extended to deep water. State sewer is not near this location.

J. J. Henry,  
Inspector.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, before introducing that order I called on the Superintendent of Streets and directed his attention to the condition of that sewer, giving him proper time to look into it. He paid no attention to it. Now, we have heard considerable talk here tonight about the garbage plant in Dorchester, but I want to tell the members of the Council that what they may be burning up there does not compare with what is lying on the flats over in East Boston. We have everything over there, from a cat up to a human being. I think it is about time that the Superintendent of Streets took notice of the condition of this sewer and looked

into it, for the benefit of the people over there.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FIRE BELL, ENGINE 21.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace in service the fire bell on Engine 21.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ALEXANDER ST. EXTENSION.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give a public hearing on the extension of Alexander St., Wd. 16.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### WORK IN DISTRICT EIGHT.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, not to work the men over nine hours in District No. 8, Street Cleaning Department.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I wish to state in connection with that order that District 8, which is mentioned there, is one through which I travel a great deal, and on several occasions I have seen the men of that district working like a lot of slaves. I took pains to find out what was the matter and who was running the job. Until I found that the work was being done by the city, I thought it was under the charge of some contractor. I did not really know it was possible that citizens could be worked as they were on that particular job. I found that the men working there are from all sections of the city.

I don't know whether there are any from my ward or not. The men told me that the trouble comes from the bosses they have on the job. I know who the bosses are, and I want to tell the public—and I hope it will be given to the public through the press tomorrow—that these same bosses are only a lot of political heelers and trimmers, as I know them to be. If this fact is mentioned in the press they will know whom I am hitting at, and who I mean.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.

Mr. McINERNEY offered an order—That the Overseers of the Poor be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to open the grounds of the Marcella St. Home for a temporary playground for the children of that district.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. DOYLE raised a point of order that there was not a quorum present. The President ruled the point not well taken.

#### LIST OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. McINERNEY offered an order—That the City Auditor be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish to the Common Council a list of all persons employed by the city since Jan. 1, 1899, the date of said employment, their occupation and the salaries paid, also those employed provisionally on bills or otherwise.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### FAST DRIVING, BLUE HILL AVE.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 21 offered an order—That permission be hereby granted for the driving of horses at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance on Blue Hill Ave. (west side), between Talbot Ave.

and Morton St., from the present time to April 1, 1900.  
Passed. Sent up.

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CROSS-WALKS, DORCHESTER AVE.

There being no objection, Mr. Harvey offered the following order for Mr. Mldram of Wd. 24:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to construct cross-walks across Dorchester Ave., at the junction of Edwin and Templeton Sts., Wd. 24.  
Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

REPAVING OF DOVER ST.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9 offered an order— That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money large enough to repave Dover St. with granite blocks, from the Dover St. bridge to Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Referred to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M., on motion of Mr. Bennett of Wd. 5, to meet on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7:45 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock p. m., Chairman Barry presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## REMOVAL OF TREES—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 5, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval an order passed by your Board granting permission to Frank G. Coburn & Co. "to remove such trees from Eutaw St., East Boston, as may be necessary to facilitate the erection of the new Chapman school building." I am informed by the Superintendent of Public Grounds that his Department has removed one of the trees referred to, and that the others are good trees and do not interfere with the new building, and therefore should not be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the order was passed was reconsidered and the question came on granting permission, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 0, nays 10.

## APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 8, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Victor Weimar a Constable of the city of Boston for the term ending April 30th, 1900, in place of Edward W. Kelly, who was removed from the position of Constable on November 6th, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of F. L. Ames estate for leave to construct a canopy over gallery entrance to theatre now being built on Boylston St., Wd. 7.

John Mason Little, representing the estate of James Little, appeared as Trustee for the Hotel Pelham and objected to the proposed awning, on the ground that it would be an injury to his property.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, for leave to erect and to remove poles on Boston St., Wd. 16.

3. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect and to remove poles on Wait St., Wd. 19.

4. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company, for leave to erect poles on Fort Ave., between Centre and Beech Glen Sts., Roxbury, and on Humphreys St., between East Cottage and Elder Sts., Dorchester.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. On petition of Daniel Mahoney, that this Board estimate and determine the damages to him by the taking of his land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

6. On petition of Matthew and Mary Desmond, that this Board estimate and determine the damages to them by the

taking of their land in Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

In connection with Nos. 5 and 6, Ald. Colby, under a suspension of the rule, offered the following:—

In Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

On petitions of Daniel Mahoney and of Matthew and Mary Desmond that this Board estimate and determine the damages to them caused by the taking on Aug. 28, 1899, of their land by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, viz: Land of said Mahoney on Sewall's Ct., Charlestown, on which land there are two mortgages, one owned by Walter H. Roberts and Frank Reed, executors of the will of Franklin O. Reed, and one owned by Annie F. Dowd; and land of said Matthew and Mary Desmond on Arlington Ave., Charlestown,—as in said petitions is more fully set forth.

It now appearing that due notice has been given to the said railway company and to said mortgagees of the pendency of said petitions, it is after due consideration, hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by said owners of said estates and by said owners of mortgages, as aforesaid, be estimated and determined at the sum of one dollar each.

Passed.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project campaign transparencies, viz:—

John J. Cronin, one, at 92 Main St., Wd. 5.  
Jas. F. Dooley, one, at 61 Palmer St., Wd. 7.

Morris L. Morrison, one, at 107 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Edward G. O'Hara, one, at 54 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Randolph V. King, one, at 12 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

W. J. Rourke, one, at 107 Eustis St., Wd. 17.

Petitions for leave to project poles on which to hang clothing, viz:—

Philip Cohen, at 38 Salem St., Wd. 6

Joseph Aronson, at 5 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Hyman Levenson, at 59 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Morris Cohen, at 24 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Wolf Moskovitch, at 10 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Victor A. Dclamere, a sign, 1452 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Rosary Ciccolo, two barber poles, at 36 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Jacob Sandler, a sign, at 27 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Simon Polliner, two pawn-brokers signs, at 2020 Washington St., Wd. 18.

J. M. Vucassovich, a sign, at 2 Stuart St., Wd. 10.

J. M. Vucassovich, a sign, at 175 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

C. W. Wingate, a sign, at 16 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

International Heater Co., a V-shaped sign, at 47 Union St., Wd. 6.

O. E. Berry, an illuminated sign, at 631 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Lipman Harris, a sign, at 6-8 Salem St., Wd. 6.

O'Brien Bros., an illuminated sign, at 179 Federal St., Wd. 7.

David Stein, a sign, at 7 Miller St., Wd. 5.

George R. Wiley, a druggist's mortar, at 93 Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

Gus De Stcfong, a sign, at 96½ Summer St., Wd. 7.

D. T. Connolly, a sign, at 23 E. Lenox St., Wd. 17.

J. W. Broome, two barber poles, at 201 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Little, Brown & Co., a sign, at 254-256 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Mme. De Were, a sign, at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Wah Lee, a sign, at 2 Sever St., Wd. 4.  
Petitions for leave to project campaign transparencies, viz.:

James F. Finnegan (3 petitions), at 107 Leverett St., at 43 Leverett St., and at 161 Cambridge St., corner North Russell St., Wd. 8.

D. F. O'Connell, at corner Hanover and Cross Sts., Wd. 6.

Ward 11 Democratic Committee, corner W. Cedar and Cambridge Sts., Wd. 11.

#### Claims.

Eugenie White, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on east side of Marlowe St.

Malachi Lemon, for compensation for damage to estate 836 Blue Hill Ave., caused by change of grade of said avenue.

Louisa Dorr, for compensation for land taken for sewer purposes between Hewlett and Mozart Sts., W. R.

Annie E. Wells, to be paid for expense incurred in raising the drain at 9 Morley St., to connect it with sewer in said street.

Pain's Fireworks Co., to be paid for fireworks furnished the city for the Fourth of July celebration.

Patrick Mullen, for compensation for personal injuries received on account of an alleged defect in Baxter St., S. B.

Edward J. Chamberlain, for compensation for personal injuries from being struck by a team employed by the city Nov. 4, 1899.

Sarah A. Gallagher, for compensation for damages caused by sewage backing into 222 Harvard St., Dorchester.

Henrietta Stowell, for compensation for construction of a wall at Smelt Brook.

Matthew M. Morris, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maywood St.

#### Electric Wires.

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., for a location for two poles on Bow St., Charlestown.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:

For leave to erect poles on Green St., between High and Bartlett Sts., Wd. 3.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Western Ave., at Market St., Wd. 25.

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#### Board of Health.

New England Training School for Nurses, for a license to maintain a lying-in hospital, at 7 Lewis Pk., Roxbury.

#### Lamps.

Francis E. Macomber, Trustee, et als., for a public lamp on a passageway between Nos. 36 and 40 W. Second St., Wd. 13.

#### Licenses.

Petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear in places of public amusement, viz.:

A. L. Griffin, for Thomas McAlvin, at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre, for a week beginning Oct. 30, and at the Grand Theatre, for the week beginning Nov. 6.

Edmund A. Mahoney, for Maude Dunn, in a concert at Bethesda Hall, on Nov. 23.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900, viz.:

E. F. Turner, trustee, for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments, at Fraternity Hall, Poplar St., Rosindale; and

Jeremiah J. Murray, for exhibition games of billiard and pool playing, etc., at 1156 Washington St., &c.

#### Police (Ald.)

Albert McDonald, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

#### Railroads.

Directors of the Newton & West Roxbury Street Railway, for a location for a single track from the Newton line through Baker, Mt. Vernon and La Grange Sts. to Centre St., or by such other streets as the

Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the overhead electric trolley system thereon.

#### Public Improvements.

J. J. Frawley, for leave to construct an area under sidewalk on Smith St., Wd. 19.

L. A. Christopher, for leave to lay a 14 inch pipe under and across sidewalk, at 37 Dudley St., Wd. 20.

Trustees of Tufts College, for leave to construct a coal hole at 68 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a wooden building from 28 Stanwood St. to corner of Stanwood St. and Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

John R. Watts, 210-212 E. Eagle St., Wd. 1.

Thomas Butler & Co., 124 Charlestown St. and 33 Medford St., Wd. 8.

Peter F. O'Brien, 15-17 Scotia St., Wd. 10.

George F. Crossin, 24 King St., Wd. 19.

Mary B. W. Sawin, 27 Cobden St., Wd. 21.

Simon Goldsmith, Seaver St., cor. Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

John J. Johnston, 15-31 Hollander St., Wd. 22.

Frederick W. Kennedy, Harrishoff St., Wd. 21.

Davis & Diamond, 341-357 Heath St., Wd. 22.

Catherine Helmboldt, Walter St., cor. Hewlett St., Wd. 23.

E. D. Berrigan, 192 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

S. N. George, 62 Roslin St., Wd. 24.

#### LEAVE TO PROJECT SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. McDONALD presented the petition of W. E. O'Brien & Co., for leave to project a sign at 1208 Dorchester Ave.

Ald. BERWIN presented the following petitions:

Charles Goldstein, for leave to project a pole on which to hang clothing at corner of Cross and Salem Sts., Wd. 6.

Joseph Freed, for leave to project a pole on which to hang clothing at 9 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Ald. CODMAN presented the petition of the Boston Cut Flower Co., for leave to project an illuminated sign at 5 Bromfield St.

On motions of the Aldermen presenting the petitions, leave was granted, as requested in the petitions, on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 7 to 11, inclusive, together, viz.:

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting the following order passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

Ordered, That the additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing Faneuil Hall; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

8. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow the firemen sufficient time to attend the caucuses to be held on November 15 and 16, 1899.

9. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the firemen twelve hours' leave of absence between their days off.

10. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, be authorized to print and bind in cloth one thousand copies of the exercises on Dewey Day; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to set aside the plot of land in the Back Bay Fens, known as

"Tremont Entrance," to be used as a playground.

Severally passed in concurrence.  
 12. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to annul the contract between the City of Boston and the New England Sanitary Product Company, the plant of the said company having, in the opinion of the Board of Health, become a detriment to the public health and comfort.

Referred to the special committee on garbage investigation, on motion of Ald. Codman.

13. Ordered, That a special committee, consisting of eight members of the Common Council and such of the Board of Aldermen as may join, be appointed to consider the advisability of erecting a new City Hall for the City of Boston; said committee to report its findings to the City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

There being no objections, the Board voted to consider Nos. 14 and 15 together, viz.:-

14. Ordered, That the expense of the hearings held by the Committee on Market Department relative to a public market in Park Sq., be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

15. Ordered, That permission be hereby granted for the driving of horses at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance, on Blue Hill Ave., west side, between Talbot Ave. and Morton St., from the present time to April 1, 1900.  
 Severally passed in concurrence.

16. The following order comes up for concurrence in its reference to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:-

Ordered, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum of money large enough to repave Dover St. with granite blocks, from the Dover-St. bridge to Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Referred, in concurrence, to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.**

The Board proceeded to take No. 17 from the table, viz.:-

17. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of William H. Powers to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, in the absence of Ald. O'Toole I move that No. 17 be again laid on the table.

Laid on the table.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.**

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. giving notice of its acceptance of its 185th, 186th and 187th locations and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

**NUMBER OF MEN LIABLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE.**

The following was received:-

City of Boston, Assessing Department,  
 City Hall, Nov. 2, 1899.

City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-The number of persons liable to enrollment in the militia in the City of Boston is 96,765.

For the Board of Assessors,  
 George A. Collins, Secretary.

Placed on file.

**LYING-IN HOSPITAL.**

A report was received from the Board of Health on the petition of Augusta P. Holmes (referred Oct. 9), for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 11 Lambert Ave.—that a license be granted.

The license was granted on the usual conditions.

**EXTENSION OF ROAD—ORDER OF NOTICE.**

On the petition of the New England Railroad Co. for a determination of the manner in which a proposed extension of its road shall cross West Fourth St. and Broadway and any other ways in this city—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 27, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

**LICENSES.**

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:-

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 50 newsboys and 1 bootblack.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for licenses for entertainments for season ending Aug. 1, 1900—that the same be granted, viz.:-

E. F. Turner, trustee, Fraternity Hall, Webb Building, Poplar St., Roslindale.

Jeremiah J. Murray, 1156 Washington St. Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at theatres—that the same be granted, viz.:-

A. L. Griffin, permit for Thomas McAlvin to appear at Bowdoin Sq. Theatre for the week beginning Oct. 30th and at the Grand Theatre for the week beginning Nov. 6th.

Edmund A. Mahoney, permit for Maude Dunn to appear at Bethesda Hall on Nov. 23, 1899.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

**EXAMINATION OF CITY CLERK'S BOOKS.**

Ald. CODMAN submitted the following: The Joint Standing Committee on City Clerk's Department respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the City Clerk for the nine months ending September 30, 1899, and find that the same have been correctly kept and the fees, etc., duly accounted for.

For the Committee,  
 Frank L. Codman, Chairman.

Accepted. Sent down.

**DINNER HOUR FOR PARK EMPLOYEES.**

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to allow the men in their employ a full hour for dinner, instead of a half hour as now proposed.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I present that order this afternoon for the purpose of requesting the Park Commissioners to allow the men employed in their department one hour for dinner, as formerly. As I understand it, they have recently issued an order putting the time for dinner down to half an hour, and it is absolutely impossible for a good many of the men, who work a long distance from their homes, to return home to dinner. Consequently they have to go to the nearest restaurant or carry their lunch with them. For the purpose of having the Park Commissioners reconsider the matter, I have offered the order this afternoon.

The order was passed.

**REMOVAL OF TREE.**

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a decayed tree standing in front of 27 Pearl St., Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to

the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### CLOSING OF LYNDE ST.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Lynde St. from Union St. to Sixth St., Wd. 5, to public travel during necessary construction on said street.

Passed.

#### LAMP ON HILLSIDE ST.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp on Hillside St., Wd. 24, opposite No. 41; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### MEMBER ADDED TO COMMITTEE.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that the Chairman of this Board be added to the special committee on the investigation of the garbage question.

The Clerk put the question and Chairman Barry was unanimously elected as a member of the committee.

#### COST OF WIDENING CONGRESS ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the City Engineer prepare plans for widening Congress St. bridge to a width of eighty feet, with the opening of the draw at least fifty feet; and furnish to the City Council an estimate of the cost of the same.

Passed. Sent down.

#### CLOSING OF IPSWICH ST.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to D. H. Andrews to close the roadway on Ipswich St., between Charles Gate West and Boylston St., to public travel for thirty days or during the necessary bridge construction.

Passed.

#### SETTLEMENT OF LAND DAMAGES.

Ald. COLBY offered the following:—

In Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners.

On petitions now before this Board, viz.: of Lizzie G. Thoits that this Board estimate and determine the damages to her by the taking of her land on Porter St. by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and of the Boston Elevated Railway Company that this Board estimate and determine the damages to Amelia Greenbaum by the taking of said company of her land at No. 31 Porter St..

Voted, that no further action is necessary, as it appears that settlements have been made by said company with said parties for the land taken, as aforesaid.

On petitions now before this Board that this Board estimate and determine the damages to certain parties by the taking of their land by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, viz.: of Hubert Daly, land on Babcock Ct., Charlestown, John H. Quinlan et als., land on Babcock Ct., Charlestown; of Charles M. Baker et al., executors of the estate of Reuben E. Demmon, land on Harrison Ave., also on petition of W. Bowman Cutter that this Board estimate and determine the damages to him as lessee of a portion of the land of Harlan P. Whitcomb, on or near Warren St., which land was taken by said railway company:—

Voted, That no further action is necessary, as this Board, by its action of

October 9, estimated and awarded damages in each of said cases on petitions which had been previously filed by said railway company.

Passed.

#### AMENDMENT TO RULE.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:—

Substitute for rule 31 of rules of the Board of Aldermen, the following new rule:—

"Rule 31. Any rule may be suspended by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present and voting, excepting Rule 28, which shall be suspended only by a unanimous vote upon a roll-call; and no order accompanying a committee report shall be passed unless the rules are suspended by the unanimous consent of all the members present and voting."

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, before moving reference of this matter to the Committee I desire to call the attention of the Board to the ease with which legislation may be put through at the last hour, without knowledge in regard to it on the part of members of this Board. I do not desire to go back particularly, except perhaps to refer to what occurred at the last meeting of the Board, which is already in the minds of the members. At that time, although I and my colleague, Mr. Berwin, demanded strenuously that we be given an opportunity to investigate a matter of which we claimed that we had no knowledge, the matter was rushed through in the closing minutes of the session, despite our protests. That was a franchise in the City of Boston giving the right to locate tracks, and not only was it rushed through here without our knowledge in regard to the matter, but there was not a line or a single reference to the fact that the franchise had been given in any newspaper in Boston, excepting the paper which is employed and obliged to publish the reports of our meetings verbatim. It is too apparent that legislation passes this board sometimes without due consideration. Within the last few minutes a motion has been made—which I did not oppose, on the ground of courtesy to the Chair,—that the Chair be added to a committee which already contains more than a majority of persons who have expressed themselves on the question under consideration. The Chair has expressed himself on the question. Now I say there should be some method, some way by which a member who desires information shall, when franchises are to be given or money of the city is to be expended, and when such matters are sent to a committee which holds them in its pocket until within a few minutes of making a report and then holds a hurried session while the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements is in progress, and then, without anybody's knowledge, starts to railroad the matters before it through on the jump—I say, under such circumstances, that a member who desires information should have the opportunity to obtain it. I think this amendment to the rule will cure the present trouble. Certainly if a matter presented to this Board can bear the light of day, it can do no harm, when we have a meeting almost every week, to have the matter postponed when it is first introduced so that it can be considered by members of the Board and so that public notice may be given of the fact that it is before the Board. Then, if we are voting away franchises, if we are voting away the people's money, there will be an opportunity to investigate, letting the matter stand in the light of day.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry that the newspapers have hurt the aldermen's feelings by not taking any notice of his protest last week; and I hope in the future that the papers will give him notices, so that he will not have his present cause for complaint. It strikes me that the alderman's position is absurd. The in-

stance he refers to last week was not a case where one alderman was trying to crowd a thing through; but it was an instance where three aldermen, representing the section interested, although they were on different sides of the political fence, were united in favor of having a certain thing done, for the interest of their section, for the benefit of Dorchester. The fact is that it was really a Dorchester matter, and, as the representatives of that section unanimously favored it, there was no reason why it should not go through. I hope that this order will not be passed, simply because one man has a spite, a feeling in the matter. I trust that if anything is done it will be after due consideration and when there is more reason for it than has appeared in connection with this matter up to the present time.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope this change of rule will not prevail. I have had before this Board matters which have been of extreme interest to Dorchester, and which have been hung up. There are now matters before the Board, in the hands of various committees, which are of extreme importance to the citizens of Dorchester, and which they want to have pushed through. If this rule is passed, the situation will be simply this, that one or two members who wish to antagonize the bringing forth of these orders which have been in committee long enough to afford opportunity for the most ample investigation, can hang up measures which the interest of the city and of the different sections absolutely requires should be acted upon. The very gentleman who has introduced this has, to my knowledge, delayed several orders in which I am extremely interested, one in particular, for two or three weeks, and I doubt whether he is today willing to let that matter come before this Board from the Committee. It does not seem right to me that one man or two men should be allowed, as they would be allowed under this proposed rule, to block legislation. It is just as fair on the one side that a small minority should not be allowed to block the work of the other members of the Board as it is that the majority should be allowed to rule. I sincerely trust, from the interest I have in matters that are already tied up in this Board and which I would like to see brought out of committees and passed at once, that no such rule as this will be allowed to go through, that one or two members of this Board shall not, perhaps for personal reasons, be allowed to block orders that may be right and proper, orders that should be passed at once.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the gentleman who introduced the order, that under the rules it will go to the Committee on Rules, on the part of the Board. The Chair will make that reference.

The order stood referred to the Committee on Rules (Ald.).

#### GARBAGE PLANT NUISANCE.

Ald. CODMAN offered the following: The special committee of this Board, appointed to investigate and report as to the nuisance existing at the garbage plant at Calf Pasture, and to whom was referred the message of the Mayor transmitting communication from the Board of Health to the Superintendent of Streets in relation to said plant, having considered the subject, respectfully report in part, recommending the passage of the accompanying order.

For the Committee,  
Frank L. Codman, Chairman.

Ald. Doyle and Dixon dissent from the foregoing report.

Ordered, That the Board of Health and the City Solicitor forthwith apply to the court to restrain the New England Sanitary Product Company from carrying on its business at Cow Pasture in a manner objectionable to public health and com-

fort, as stated in the report of the Board of Health, recently made.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, do I understand that Ald. Dixon also dissents from the report of the committee?

The CLERK—Ald. Doyle and Dixon dissent from the foregoing report.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the report of the committee be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the report has been accepted. If the action accepting the report was reconsidered, the motion might be in order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I dislike to differ with the Chair in his ruling, but I am inclined to think that my motion is in order.

The CHAIRMAN—The report has been accepted by this Board and is in the hands of the Board. Does the gentleman desire it referred?

Ald. BERWIN—I do. I desire to ask that the report that has just been accepted be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to that report being sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. In fact, I am rather inclined to favor such reference. But I am decidedly opposed to having the order as reported here go there and lie there. This matter has been under agitation since the middle of the summer, and it is well nigh time now that we make some progress, take some decided steps towards definite action. If that report were to be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements and returned today, I would not oppose it, I never like to make a motion of that kind, because the same votes that send it there can keep it there. But I certainly trust, unless members of this body are willing to consider the matter today and settle it in the Committee on Public Improvements, reporting back at this meeting, that that reference will not prevail. It seems to me that it is a fair proposition, and that it means fair play.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. CHAIRMAN, I am opposed to day to having the matter sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, because I think this whole question has been covered up from the very start. It has taken this Board over three months to get the report of the Board of Health, which was made secretly, for the Mayor and the Street Commissioner; and now, having just received that report and having considered it in special committee, we make our report today to the Board of Aldermen for action one way or the other. It seems to me the citizens of Boston are entitled to know what is being done on this very important matter; and, unless the alderman who offers the motion to send this to the Committee on Public Improvements can give some good reason why that should be done, I certainly hope the motion will not prevail.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman who moved that reference if he would object to having the matter reported back today?

Ald. BERWIN—I think, Mr. Chairman, that that would be a proper matter for the Committee on Public Improvements to consider when it gets in there. At the same time let me say to the aldermen from Dorchester that in asking that the matter go to the Committee on Public Improvements, I have no desire to keep it in there longer than the committee sees fit to hold it. There is a difference of opinion upon this matter. Notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Health have branded this garbage scheme a public nuisance, still there are two members of the committee who, for some reason not given in the report, have dissented from the report of the majority. I think I have placed myself on record in line with the

report made by the Board of Health, and I do not see my way clear at the present time—and I question whether I will later on—to take any other position than the one I have taken already. Perhaps the two members who have differed with the majority in this matter may be able to give to the Committee on Public Improvements some information that may influence some members of the Board one way or the other. I cannot see that anybody is to suffer by the motion I have just made.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairmen, I want to say, as one of the dissenting members of that committee, that it must have been very evident to every member of the Board when that committee was appointed that it was a prejudiced committee and that any report emanating from the committee must necessarily be prejudiced in favor of the expressed views of the majority of its members. For that reason I desire to say something in the Committee on Public Improvements, if the Board sees fit to send the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements. I certainly hope the reference will prevail.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the alderman seems to have something to say to the Committee on Public Improvements that he does not want to say here. Now, the representatives of Dorchester, voicing the sentiments of the citizens of Dorchester as a whole, are ready to talk this matter right out here. It is the same old story. The aldermen opposite, claiming as he always does that he is interested in the welfare of the outlying districts and of the whole city, gets up and makes a plea for the two dissenting members of the committee. After a little pushing and prodding by me, one of the dissenting members gets up and says that he has something to tell us in the Committee on Public Improvements that he won't tell us here. Let us have it out here. We are simply delaying the matter. Let us bring it to the front.

The people of Dorchester have been driven to the courts in connection with this garbage matter before and are ready to go there again. If the members of the Board want to be placed in the position of having the finger pointed at them for having denied to our Dorchester people proper consideration, and if proper treatment is not to be accorded them here, it is high time that it should be known. If there is anything to be said by the minority of that committee let us have it. The members of the committee who voted to put in the order are above board and have nothing to hide under the shelter of the Committee on Public Improvements. If the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Doyle) has anything to say, now is the time for him to say it. Let us have it right out here; let us make the fight right here.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, if I have anything to say here I will have to go into the details of what happened in that special committee—which I will do if my friend does not object. The minority representatives on that committee—that is, the members of the Board of Aldermen outside the Dorchester District, asked in that committee for a public hearing, asked for an opportunity to visit the plant. We were voted down in every proposition we made looking to a full, free and fair investigation of the matter. Neither Ald. Dixon nor myself knows anything more about that plant than about something in the Klondike. We were not allowed by vote of the committee to visit the plant, not allowed to call for a public hearing. We were perfectly ready to go into an investigation that would be an investigation; and I, for one, refused then and refuse now to take for granted anything that may be said in favor of or to the detriment of the plant until I get it officially. For that reason I want to make a motion in the Committee on Public Improvements that may bring the matter to a head, so that we can perform the duties we have been appointed for.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am glad, for one, to hear that the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Doyle) is willing to discuss the matter here on its merits, before the public. If this motion prevails I will simply say that the members of this Board who are favoring sending this report into the Committee on Public Improvements are playing a sharp game of politics, a dilatory game. If this matter had not been investigated thoroughly, if hearings had not been held on it during nearly the whole year, if we had no official report from any organization that had the authority to look into this matter and had done so, it might be well for this Board to go to the expense of an official investigation, which would perhaps take a number of months. But I don't see why any member of the Board should go over the matter again today, when we have before us the official report of the Board of Health, the body appointed for the very purpose of studying, giving hearings upon and investigating just such a matter as this.

We have that report before us, and it seems to me that we, as members of this Board, have not the time to go over that ground, that we can afford to be governed by the opinion of the Board of Health upon this matter. It is absurd for any member of this Board to get up here and say that, because that special committee is made up of three of the Dorchester aldermen and three other aldermen who represent the downtown district in part, that it is a prejudiced committee. This Board is certainly elected to look after the interests of the people, and the whole people. I want to tell the alderman from Wd. 12 that the citizens of Dorchester are not the only ones who have suffered from the garbage plant. South Boston has been suffering from the offensive odors that emanate from this plant fully as much as Dorchester, and it seems to me the alderman should be broad enough to be willing to legislate in the interest of the whole people, not in the interest of any one section, or to charge us with doing it. I hope this will not be referred to day I hope it will be fully discussed here, and I hope also that when the vote is taken it be by yeas and nays. I, for one, would like to see how every member of this Board stands on a matter that has been thoroughly considered by us and that there is no need of displaying ignorance about. It is before the public mind today very prominently. This garbage plant is putting a great many thousands of our citizens to a great deal of discomfort, inconvenience and loss of revenue from tenement houses in the district affected by the plant. There is a great deal that I might say here today upon this matter, if I wanted to take up the time of the Board. The whole subject has been forced upon us wrongfully. The members of the City Government know full well that none of us voted to have that garbage plant established on the Cow Pasture. When the Mayor of Boston advocated the erection of the plant two years ago, in 1897, he stated specifically in his message that he recommended its being placed down the harbor, on Spectacle Island. I think it is safe to say that none of the nine representatives of Dorchester in this Board and the Common Council would for a moment have voted for this contract if they had known that the Mayor intended to establish the plant upon the Cow Pasture. But as soon as he had gained the privilege through the City Government of going into this project, he, on his own authority, as I understand, allowed these people to build their buildings, to establish their plant, upon the Cow Pasture, which is owned by the City of Boston. In doing that he has thrust almost immediately under the noses of the people of Dorchester and South Boston a nuisance which has been allowed to exist a great many months longer than it should have been allowed to exist.

Another thing, Mr. Chairman, the special committee which was appointed three

weeks ago to visit Philadelphia, Washington and New York and look into this question of the cremation of garbage, made a report; and, if I am not mistaken, their investigation showed that in these cities there were crematories where the garbage was consumed, entirely, burned up. That is considered to be the only sanitary way of disposing of the offal of our great cities. Now, there are a great many people in the city of Boston who think we have a garbage crematory. The fact of the case is that we have not. We have not what the committee reported that we should get. Instead of a garbage crematory we have a garbage rendering plant, where everything is turned into a product of commercial use. The odor that emanates from the garbage plant is not from the burning of the offal; and it is not to be remedied, as the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets say by improving the plant and by special machinery. The fact is simply this, that the cooking of this garbage or offal, the steaming of it in immense cauldrons or boilers, and the heating of it to such a degree of heat that the oil can be extracted from it, that being the most valuable product, are the causes for the throwing off of this offensive, sickening odor, which causes many people to become violently sick. I claim that we never will get rid of that offensive odor so long as the garbage plant is allowed to remain within such a short distance of a thickly populated section that whenever the wind is east, west or south it will become a nuisance to the surrounding inhabitants. So I think the only way to give the people of Dorchester and South Boston relief is to remove the garbage plant entirely, to put it down the harbor—on Spectacle Island or some other suitable spot—where it was intended to go, or abolish it entirely. I believe if it is removed to Spectacle Island, a mile and a half down the harbor, we shall have no further trouble with it; and I see no reason why the Mayor of the City of Boston, the Superintendent of Streets or the members of this Board of Aldermen, in their official capacity, should for one moment contend against the comfort and happiness of people of this city by insisting on this plant remaining in its present location, after the full, thorough and sweeping report which the Board of Health, much to my surprise and pleasure, has given to the City of Boston upon this matter. I fail to see, Mr. Chairman, how any official can defend this garbage plant, which is a private enterprise, and which, I am convinced, is a very profitable enterprise. I fail to see how they can get up here today, Mr. Chairman, and defend it for one moment.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to speak upon this question, but it brings back to my mind my position on the proposed rule which would prevent rushing this matter through on a report made today. The gentleman from Dorchester on my left, from Wd. 20 (Ald. Adams), accuses my friend from Wd. 12 (Ald. Doyle), of playing politics. Well, it struck me that if anybody has been playing politics this year it is the three Dorchester aldermen. There has not been a meeting which I have had the pleasure of attending—and it has been a pleasure to me which I will miss hereafter—where I have not heard "Dorchester, Dorchester!" repeatedly. It reminds me of the old Roman who used to talk about Carthage being destroyed. Dorchester wants roads, wants railroads, wants garbage plants destroyed, and is wanting something forever and forever. It strikes me that we might give a little attention to some other place. This report of the committee, submitted by my energetic friend from Wd. 24 (Ald. Codman), is now before the body, having just been presented today. Ald. Doyle complains bitterly that when the meeting of the committee was held he and his friend Dixon were

restrained from investigating the matter. Inasmuch as I have been arguing that all these matters should be thoroughly investigated and looked into, simply because our friends the garbage destroyers want this pushed through today I don't think we should do it. I don't think they are quite fair in their position. They ought to allow some others of us to find out about the matter. Perhaps we might be able to make some political capital which we could use. I hope the gentlemen will allow us to discuss this in committee and get a fair decision in the matter. I had the pleasure of visiting this plant, and, so far as I could discover—this was before the fire—there was nothing offensive about it. In fact, I went through the whole process, and even in the worst parts of it I could not find anything as offensive as the packing houses in Cambridge, nothing nearly as offensive. I think, the Mayor having stated that there are alterations to be made which will remedy this trouble, that an opportunity should be afforded to have the trouble corrected. The order which accompanies this report is a very serious and sweeping one, not one that should be dealt lightly with from personal reasons. To pass this order at this time means a tremendous loss to those concerned who are engaged in this rendering process. That is not to be swept aside at once. We are entitled to fairness in all proceedings of this Board, and we should not pass at this time such an omnibus order as will compel the Corporation Counsel or the City Solicitor to ask that this plant be destroyed and that the city be prevented from using it immediately. I hope the gentlemen will have the fairness to send this to the Committee on Public Improvements, where we can properly discuss it.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I wish to disabuse the mind of the gentleman from Wd. 8 of the idea that there are politics in this matter. I wish to state to him that if there were a garbage plant located in Wd. 8 there would be no politics in it to his mind. It would be removed at once. The gentleman refers to the tremendous loss which would be entailed on the garbage plant people if it is removed. The alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) must distinctly understand that the lives of the people are at stake there, and lives of the people who live at Savin Hill mean more than the mere loss of money that may result from the removal of the plant. The order presented today for the committee by the alderman from Wd. 24 was favored in the committee after a great deal of discussion. It seemed to meet the case exactly, for the Board of Health, being established by the Legislature, have a perfect right to remove any nuisance that exists. If any nuisance is reported to them in any house in any part of the city, under the law they can close that house; and they have a perfect right to close this garbage plant in Dorchester, this plague spot that the people of Dorchester must get rid of. The citizens of Dorchester have not petitioned, never did petition, for the location of the garbage plant in Dorchester, and it was placed there against the protests of the Dorchester citizens. I am sure that if there is any information that the minority of this committee desire here this afternoon the aldermen from Dorchester will be only too glad to give it to them. The citizens of Dorchester since January 1st, 1885, up to January 1st, 1899, have built 11,300 houses. Just think of it! We don't want anything, as I said before, that we did not petition for; and I appeal to the gentlemen sitting around this Board to vote to abolish this nuisance, which has been a subject of debate by the City Government for the past two years. As I stated at the last meeting of the Board, when the plant was located on Gibson St. the people rose up in their might and the City Government was obliged to remove it. This is now simply

a duplicate of that plant, and the people of every section of Dorchester are with the people who reside at Savin Hill in favor of the removal of the plant. The people of Dorchester will not stand this plant in their midst. It must go where it should have gone in the first place, where the citizens of Dorchester understood that it was to be placed—on one of the islands in the harbor. There is nothing that can be done to remedy that nuisance in Dorchester except to remove it.

At the last meeting of the North Dorchester Improvement Association there was a gentleman who had made a study of the plant, who stated it as his firm conviction, not prejudiced in the least, that there was nothing that could be done to remedy the existing state of affairs if the plant is to continue, and that the only thing that can be done, the only thing that will satisfy the citizens of Dorchester, is the removal of that plague spot from their midst. It has got to be done. The citizens of Dorchester, who have been paying about \$500,000 a year into the city treasury of this city for the past ten years, have some rights, and one of their rights is that they shall not be imposed upon by the City Government of Boston. That plant must be removed; it must go out of Dorchester; we will not have it. The citizens of Dorchester must be treated with some respect and some regard for what they have done for this city. The progressive citizens of Dorchester, who have been building up that section, have some rights, and one of their rights is that they shall not be interfered with by the placing of garbage plants in their midst. We will get rid of this plant. The city of Boston has no right to impose the plant upon the people living in that section of the city. I appeal, Mr. Chairman, to the members sitting around this Board—how would they like to have garbage plants put in their sections? I appeal to them in the names of the fathers and mothers of Dorchester, of the children who are attending our public schools. The master of one of the schools has written a letter to a gentleman in this city saying that this is a nuisance beyond all measure. I submit, therefore, in the name of the citizens of Dorchester, that this plant should be removed from our midst.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, if at any time I have been in danger of losing sight of the important relation that Dorchester bears to the whole city, I should certainly have had my wrong impressions corrected by being a member of a Board which contained three members from Dorchester who were candidates for re-election. But I will not touch on the political end of this matter. I think that honors are even, and I think if it were left to the judgment of the other members of this Board they would say that each one of the Dorchester aldermen is entitled to a third of the credit which may be accorded to the representatives of Dorchester by its people for the position they have taken upon this matter. So, perhaps, that may allay the hard feeling which might arise in the mind of any member from Dorchester who thought he was not getting his share of the credit. Each and every one of them has certainly done all he could. Now, I am inclined to vote for this order as looking to a public improvement. I am inclined to think that that garbage plant is a nuisance and that something should be done with it.

We do, however, want to bear in mind this fact, that this is an important matter, and that a good deal may be involved. Certainly it involves somebody's money—we don't know whose—which has been expended in connection with the plant. Then, also, we have a dissenting report here from two gentlemen on the committee, who are inclined, I think, to act fully

as regardless of political considerations as are the gentlemen from Dorchester. In addition to that, at this meeting the Chairman of the Board has been made a member of that committee. Taking everything into consideration, it seems to me only fair that the Committee on Public Improvements should inquire into the matter. Certainly if there is one gentleman in this year's Board who, more than any other has had things sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, it is the alderman from Wd. 24 (Ald. Cooman). That is certainly my impression; and I know on a number of occasions when I have wanted to get things through they have been sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, on his motion. As far as members stating things in the Committee on Public Improvements which they do not care to state in this Board is concerned, I simply desire to say that I do not wish to shield anybody. When I feel called upon to speak upon any matter, personally, I shall do it, in open Board. But when a matter like this comes up, I think we should send it there, where it can be discussed informally. I hope if this is sent there it will not share the same fate as other things that are now in there, which I should like to get out. But the gentleman is certainly as able to control this matter as he has others. So I don't think he will be taking any chances if he assents to its reference to that committee. As far as anything being discussed in that committee in order to avoid publicity is concerned, the joke is that anything which is discussed in the Committee on Public Improvements is quite as well known to the citizens as anything that happens in open Board, if we had a telephone connecting with the room where we hold our meetings of the Committee on Public Improvements, and the other end of the telephone at the reporters' table in the corner here, I don't think the information obtained by the reporters would be any more reliable than it is at the present time. So I really fail to see how there could be any secrecy in the proceedings, because it would be perfectly possible for the press to state tomorrow what was said there, who voted, how they voted, and what they did.

I think, however, that if this is sent to the Committee on Public Improvements we may ask some questions there, and I would like to ask one or two myself. If necessary, I can ask them here; but it seems to be a privilege of members of the Board—which most of the members have insisted on and have had denied to them on very few occasions—that matters which members want to consider and talk over shall be sent into that committee. So, under all the circumstances, I say it is perfectly right and proper to ask to have this sent in there. If the information I get there is satisfactory, I am perfectly willing to vote to report back today. But it is a peculiar situation. One of the gentlemen from Dorchester says the Board of Health might shut this plant up if it wants to do so—or I understood him to say so. I think it is a fact that the Board of Health might go to the courts and stop any nuisance that exists in the city of Boston today, under the general statutes. They have, however, in this case, seen fit to refer to a clause in the contract, which says that the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, may terminate the contract. I think the Board will agree with me, however, in the opinion that the Board of Health, regardless of any contract, may step in and set in motion the lawful machinery which will stop any nuisance. They can do that without any instigation on our part, and they have done it. It would also seem that the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets might have acted in the matter. I am not saying that the fact that they have not acted should not be construed against them. Perhaps it should. But I say it is right to refer

the matter to the Committee, and then, if a satisfactory solution can be arrived at, it will be perfectly proper to report it back.

Ald. PROSHO—Mr. Chairman, I think it would be rather improbable that the Board of Health should take any action, even upon such a strong report, in face of the communication from His Honor the Mayor, requesting a delay in action. I do not mean to single out the Board of Health—I think it rather improbable that any head of a department would take that action against a message from the Mayor in favor of deferring it. I hope the unexpected will not happen here and that this is not a contest between the Mayor and the people of Dorchester. But I do say in this Board, that if this order gets into the Committee on Public Improvements, without any proviso for a report back to this body, it will never get out. Therefore, while I am willing to vote that this shall go to the Committee on Public Improvements, I hope some of the Dorchester members will move an amendment to the effect that it shall be reported back today.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am willing to amend the order in that way, that if the order is sent to the Committee on Public Improvements it may be reported back today for action one way or the other. All I ask for is immediate action, one way or the other. The people of Dorchester, if the City Government does not see fit to take the matter into the courts stand ready to do so, paying the expense out of their own pocket. But, as I have said before, I don't think it is right, with the paid officials and commissions we have whose duty it is to fight the battles of the people of Boston, that our Dorchester and South Boston constituency should be forced to make this contest and pay their own expenses in connection with it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I don't think it is fair to rush the matter through this afternoon. The special committee appointed to investigate this matter had but one meeting. At that meeting I endeavored to the best of my ability to have some sort of a hearing. That was denied by the three members from Dorchester. I was perfectly satisfied to call in the Board of Health and the Superintendent of Streets and to obtain some information from them as to whether or not, since the report was made, something had been done at the garbage plant to render the plant there much more healthy and beneficial to the neighborhood. But that was refused me. Consequently I have absolutely no knowledge of the plant out there more than I had when I was appointed on the committee. Our request to have the Superintendent of Streets and the Board of Health come before us, and to have any papers that might be in existence in regard to the matter, except the report of the Board of Health, placed upon our desks, was refused. And, as far as His Honor the Mayor is concerned, I feel certain that the members of the Board of Aldermen have as much confidence in his statement as in the report of the Board of Health. He tells us in his message that "while it cannot be denied that unfortunate conditions have existed at times during the summer season, it has certainly been demonstrated that conditions formerly complained of could be materially improved, and I believe that all concerned should at least await the installation of the new driers and the resumption of the normal operation of the plant before calling for radical action."

This is fair enough. If they are trying as far as they can out there to remedy matters, they should be given a chance; or, at least, the members of the committee should be given official notice that the plant is a nuisance. I hope the matter will

be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to state what they are doing out there—shutting down on their furnaces when the wind is east, and if the wind happens to shift or change we get a puff of it over in Dorchester. That is all the improvement. I felt that the other Dorchester members were better able to judge as to whether improvements had been made than I. I might go down there today or tomorrow and not know whether improvements were made or what they should be. I think the Board of Health are the ones who should judge. We sent for all the papers we could get, got the contracts from the auditor and went into the matter thoroughly, and I think the Committee has done the best it could. I want to deny the statement of the alderman from ward 12 (Ald. Colby), as to my wanting this matter not referred to the Committee of Public Improvements. I distinctly stated that I was willing to have it go there, but that I would like to have it brought back without delay.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, it might, perhaps, be my distinguished honor to lead my party in the next contest, in the municipal campaign, and I don't want to be placed in a false light before the people of Dorchester by the three distinguished gentlemen who come from that section. I do not mean to say for a moment that I am here to defend this Dorchester nuisance, but, at the same time, I believe in fair play. I ask if any member of this special committee that has been appointed has visited this place since the committee has been appointed? I await a reply, without yielding the floor except for an answer to the question, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I will state that I have not been there.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I will state for the benefit of the gentleman from ward 6 (Ald. Berwin) that I have visited the garbage plant myself three times this year—once in March and twice this summer, since the repairs have been made. I have not been there since the report was made by the Mayor, but I have been there since the report of the Board of Health, and I found that conditions were existing there fully as bad as any that existed before the fire, and much worse. Now, it is a fact—

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I yielded the floor in order that I might hear from members of the Committee in regard to whether they have been there since they were appointed on the Committee.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I will say, for the information of the gentleman, that I suggested that the Committee should go to the garbage plant immediately and make an investigation on its own account. But that was denied me—as, in fact, every motion and suggestion I made was denied, because members making up the committee had expressed their opinion upon this subject and could not render a fair decision under the circumstances.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say—

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I yielded the floor in order to get information from certain members of the Committee. It is fair to assume that the three members of the special committee who come from Dorchester know all about the garbage plant. I don't suppose any member of the Board questions that they have been there and are able to discuss what they know about it. But another thought occurs to me. There is no politics involved in this question—unless I were to assume that the failure of the republicans to come out on election day was occasioned by the fact that the garbage nuisance affected them. (Laughter.) Now, getting back to the question I first intended to discuss, I believe in having a little delay upon this

matter, so that we may all look into it. I have a great respect for expert opinions, and therefore what I will now say in connection with such opinion is more in the light of a joke and is not intended as a reflection on the Board of Health; but it is recognized among lawyers, I believe, that there are three kinds of liars—liars, d—d liars and medical experts. (Laughter). My experience has been right along upon almost every proposition with which I have had to deal that the men who think they know it all know least. I would rather go out there and risk my own judgment than to take the judgment of perhaps a thousand other men who think they know all about these things. I am not here to defend this garbage nuisance, but if these people who are engaged in the business are willing to do everything they can to remedy the trouble they should be given a reasonable opportunity to do it. That is fair to them and fair to the Board, before proceeding to throw them out of business. That is my position, and that is the reason why I am going to vote to refer this to the Committee on Public Improvements. If, after it goes there, the members of that committee are determined to report it back here today, and it is done, I shall vote for the proposition; but I am free to say that I think we should delay action so as to give members an opportunity to look into the matter, because I don't want to be placed in a false light before the people of Dorchester. I may want their votes, and I don't want to be uncoined this afternoon.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I happen to be on that committee on investigation of the garbage plant, and I suggested to the committee that we should visit the plant some forenoon, that it was only fair that we should look it over and see what kind of a nuisance it was. I understood, according to the Mayor's message of the 30th of October that there had been improvements made there and I thought that it was nothing more than right that the committee should go there and investigate. The committee would not do so. I suggested afterwards that it would be a good idea for the members to go out there and investigate, look the place over, and then call for a public hearing of the residents of Dorchester, who might wish to come before the committee. The committee did not see fit to do that. Therefore I voted against the order that passed that day. I think it is no more than right and fair, in connection with the garbage plant or any other plant, that justice should be done to any corporation connected with it, and that justice should also be done to the people of Dorchester or any other who are interested. I therefore thought the plant should be investigated.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the committee was perfectly willing to have hearings and to go out there and look the plant over. But it is, of course, fair to admit that the Dorchester members, those representatives of Dorchester and South Boston in the City Government who are interested in the matter, want this place closed up before the winter comes on and before they, perhaps, may cease to be representatives in this Government. We took the stand that the report of the Board of Health was sufficient ground for us to introduce this order into the Board. We simply asked that the Board of Health go ahead, with whatever process they see fit. We don't ask them to cancel the contract with the company or take any other specific step. They can adopt their own method. We merely want to avoid making the people from Savin Hill, Dorchester or South Boston come to another set of hearings, and when the matter is brought to court, as we believe it will be, compelling them to go there and spend days and days. That would simply put extra work on the members of the committee of the Board of Aldermen and entail great loss of time on the part of the people who are suffering

from this nuisance. There was no attempt of any kind to shut members of the committee off, except that we felt that the hearings before the Board of Health were very complete, were very carefully gone over, and were a matter of record.

It was asked at our committee meeting whether these records could be obtained, and the general opinion was that the members of the committee could obtain the record upon which the Board of Health based its report. It is of no use for the two members who dissent to say that they were shut out. There were ways enough for them to satisfy themselves of the facts, and it is perfectly evident, I think, to everybody here, that this is simply an attempt to delay, delay, delay. That was the chief thing that led the majority of the committee to take the action they did—simply and purely to facilitate matters. It was not to cover anything up, but in order to get rid of a nuisance. We believed, on the other hand, that the two members seeking time could get the information they desired, either from the records already in existence before the committee, or by other easily available sources of information. In any event, there will be an opportunity for the committee to continue its investigations, as this order simply asks that the Board of Health and the City Solicitor commence proceedings. We think that by the passage of this order we will have made a beginning. This committee has an order coming before it from the Common Council today. It may seem to the committee that there is some good in that. It may seem possible to the committee later on to make a proposition for a transfer of the plant. I will say that I myself have a scheme in my mind by which it may be possible to transfer the plant to an island in the harbor at a reasonable expense. But there can be no harm in taking this step now, and I believe that in any action the Board of Health takes upon the matter it will enable the people running the plant to make some rearrangement. It is not proposed to throw the company out of business. Everybody knows that the company is making barrels of money, as well as of oil. It is making all kinds of money. It is the boast of those who know about the company that it pays a big percentage on the capital invested. I am satisfied that we are not asking them to lose money by asking them to suspend operations as a nuisance. After the nuisance is abated we will then try to give them relief. I would be willing to vote in favor of the same company, the same process, in a place where it will not create a nuisance. In fact, if an island can be found in the harbor—as I believe one can be found—suitable for this purpose, I would be in favor of the process being used there. A proposition can be offered. The idea of these gentlemen getting up and speaking of the company not having a fair show is ridiculous. It has had and will have a fair show. I sincerely trust that this matter will be acted upon today.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I want to make a statement to members of the Board who are asking for further hearings on this subject. If this Board and the Common Council will vote to send this matter to the courts, there will be a full and impartial hearing given there. Witnesses complaining of the garbage plant will then be called upon to give their testimony, witnesses in favor of the plant will also testify, and the evidence will be impartially considered. For that reason, I voted in the Committee against taking up any more unnecessary time in holding hearings which I felt would amount to nothing and which were merely suggested to kill time and hang the order up until the city elections were over. That was my whole reason for opposing the holding of any more hearings by the City Government. I believe the courts are the proper tribunals to appeal to now, unless the Mayor

and the Superintendent of Streets see fit to act, upon the suggestions and recommendations of the Board of Health already made to them, having the Plant so improved that it shall not give off odors or so that it shall be moved some distance down the harbor. I say, further, that I agree with what my colleague, Ald. Codman, says. I am not opposed to this garbage plant. I believe it is a proper way to dispose of the city's garbage, provided it can be done at a spot so remote that it will not cause sickness and offence to the public. So I think anyone can see that we are not making an unfair fight or trying to take undue advantage of any private corporation that has money invested. As the Chairman of the Board said at the beginning of the discussion, there are many private concerns today who would be glad to come forward and contract to render the city's garbage, having it all delivered at their doors free of expense, and receiving \$4000 a month in addition to the privilege of converting the garbage into commercial products, which can be sold by the company. I fail to see why this board should wish to further continue this matter, keeping it before us for the rest of the year.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say to the gentlemen from Wd. 24 and Wd. 20 (Alds. Codman and Adams) that when they attempt to say that the minority members are trying to hold this up for the purpose of delay, what they state is not the fact. The minority tried in the committee to have a hearing. We did not suggest a public hearing, which the public in general would be invited to attend, but a small hearing, which would include a representative of the company, the superintendent of streets and the Board of Health. In making that suggestion, I think we did only what was just, because after the Board of Health's report had been presented we had still a further report from the Mayor on the subject, in which he says that alterations are now being made there which, in his judgment, will render the arguments of the gentlemen from Dorchester void, so far as they refer to that plant being a nuisance.

I don't think it is fair for any majority—particularly for the majority of the members of a committee made up as this was to consider this subject—to come in here purposely with a majority report and try to rush it through the same afternoon. As far as looking for delay is concerned, that is not what I am doing. I am fair and honest in this matter. I want some information, and I cannot get any more information from the gentlemen from Dorchester this afternoon than I could in the special committee on garbage plant. If the chairman of the committee is prepared to say that he will be satisfied to arrange for a hearing, so that the members of the committee may go out there, say tomorrow or next day, and have the hearing Friday or Saturday of this week or at the earliest possible time consistent with his business arrangements, I am willing and ready to have an impartial hearing given in connection with the matter. Otherwise I hope it will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will make a statement to the Board, to clear up an expression that has been used here more than once. The Chair did not make up the committee with the intention of having it make up a certain report. The fact is simply this, that the three aldermen from the section particularly interested were appointed on the committee. From the party standpoint, as there were three members from the district, two republicans and one democrat, the Chair thought it better to make up the balance of the committee from other parts of the city, appointing democrats. So the Chair had nothing in line with what has been suggested, as to the makeup of the report. Of that I can assure the alderman.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I don't say that the Chair had anything of the kind in mind, but it must be evident to the Chair, from the remarks of those gentlemen before he appointed them on the committee, that they would necessarily be prejudiced in their report.

Ald. PRESIO—Mr. Chairman, I don't think anything more is needed than the report of the Board of Health. It seems to me that is amply sufficient to back up the order this afternoon. All that is desired to be gained by further assignment, it strikes me emphatically, is delay. I repeat that if this goes into the Committee on Public Improvements, without some action saying when it will be reported back, it will never come out. The idea of visiting that plant, letting them know when you are coming, is simply like the old tricks that used to be played when I first became a member of the Board, when we visited the institutions. Perhaps we would get together at 12 o'clock and vote to go to the institutions; but by the time we got there everything would be swept up and cleaned, everything that was objectionable would be removed, and there was nothing that was not fair to view when we arrived. That is just what would happen here. I think the Board of Health have been careful enough in their investigation here. I have heard enough myself from members of the Board of Health and other individuals to know that their report is true. I hope there will be no further delay, but that we will pass the order today.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I believe in assigning the matter until after the recess, with the idea of convincing the members of the Board that there have been complaints within the past week of the nuisance arising from the garbage plant. I know myself, from conversation I have had with those I have met there, that they have been sending in complaints this very week. We are now in the second week of November. This report of the Mayor's is already ten days old, and there is yet no relief from or interruption of the nuisance. It is the old story. There cannot, as Ald. Adams says, be any relief until summary action is taken, and I trust that there will be no delay.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back this afternoon.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, on that motion I ask for the yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I shall ask unanimous consent of the Board to withdraw my motion, and will then make another one. My motion would then be that further consideration of the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. Berwin's motion being withdrawn, the question came on his motion to refer to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I shall certainly vote against that motion. I will say, however, to the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) that I will agree to assign this matter until after the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements, and I think by that time the members can get all the information they desire to ask for privately.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I want to apologize to the members of the board for taking up so much of their time, but the purpose of my motion is this: There has been so much comment to the effect that if this went to the Committee on Public Improvements it would never see the light of day again, that my idea in making the new motion was to give the members of the Board an opportunity before the next meeting to go out there and see that place, and to look into the facts connected with it.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, my only objection to that action is that it will delay the matter too long. I think we can

give all the information that is necessary this afternoon. I am willing to have the matter assigned until after the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. Berwin's motion to assign the matter to the next meeting was lost. On motion of Ald. Adams, the matter was assigned until after the meeting of the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ADDITION TO GARBAGE NUISANCE COMMITTEE.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the special committee appointed to investigate the alleged nuisance at the garbage plant, Cow Pasture, be enlarged so as to include the whole Board of Aldermen.

Assigned until after the recess, on motion of Ald. Brick.

#### NEWTON AND WEST ROXBURY ST. RAILWAY.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury St. Ry. Co. (referred today), for a location for a single track from the Newton line through Baker, Mt. Vernon and LaGrange Sts. to Centre St., or by such other streets as this Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, November 27th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees at 87 and 89 Bowdoin St., Dorchester.

Passed.

#### EDGESTONES. BOWDOIN ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have edgestones placed in front of 87 and 89 Bowdoin St., Dorchester.

Passed.

#### RINGING OF BELLS.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the expense of ringing the bells on the various holidays of the year 1899 be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

#### TRANSFER OF LAND.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That a committee of three members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to consider the expediency of transferring the charge and control of that part of Squantum owned by the City to the Metropolitan Park Commissioners and connecting it with the proposed boulevard, parkway and shore reservation in Quincy, as the inhabitants of South Boston and Dorchester are deeply interested in having a public park at that place.

Passed. Sent down.

#### PLAN OF BOULEVARD.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway or boulevard in Atlantic in the City of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

Passed. Sent down.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., as follows:—

Little, Brown & Co., a sign, at 254-256 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Victor A. Delamere, a sign, at 1452 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Rosary Ciccolo, 2 barber poles, at 36 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Jacob Sandler, a sign, at 27 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Simon Polimer, 2 pawn-brokers signs, at 2020 Washington St., Wd. 18.

J. M. Vucassovich, 2 signs, one at 2 Stuart St. and the other at 175 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

C. W. Wingate, a sign, at 16 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

International Heater Co., a V-shaped sign, at 47 Union St., Wd. 6.

O. E. Berry, an illuminated sign, at 694 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Lipman Harris, a sign, at 6-8 Salem St., Wd. 6.

O'Brien Bros., an illuminated sign, at 179 Federal St., Wd. 7.

David Stein, a sign, at 7 Miller St., Wd. 5.

Gus De Stefong, a sign, at 96½ Summer St., Wd. 7.

D. T. Connelly, a sign, at 23 E. Lenox St., Wd. 17.

J. W. Broome, 2 barber poles, at 201 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Mme. De Were, a sign, at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Wah Lee, a sign, at 2 Sever St., Wd. 4.

Also in accordance with petitions for leave to project campaign transparencies, viz.:

James F. Finnegan (3 petitions), at 107 Leverett St., at 48 Leverett St. and at 161 Cambridge St., corner North Russell St., Wd. 8.

D. T. Connolly, a sign, at 23 E. Lenox St., and Cross Sts., Wd. 6.

Ward 11 Democratic Committee, corner W. Cedar and Cambridge Sts., Wd. 11.

John J. Cronin, at 92 Main St., Wd. 5.

James F. Dooley, at 61 Palmer St., Wd. 7.

Randolph V. King, at 12 Poplar St., Wd. 23.

Edward G. O'Hara, at 54 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 3.

Morris L. Morrison, at 107 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

W. J. Rourke, at 107 Eustis St., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. Doyle, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to erect poles, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Friday, Nov. 17th, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to erect poles on Green St., between High and Bartlett Sts., Wd. 3.

The same, to erect and remove one pole on Maverick St., near Frankfort St., Wd. 2.

The same, to erect and remove one pole on Western Ave., at Market St., Wd. 25.

Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for location for two poles on Bow St., Charlestown.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommended Sept. 25), for leave to erect poles in Glenway St., Wd. 20—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Co. (recommitted today), for leave to erect poles on Fort Ave. and Humphreys St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to

the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Fort Ave., three poles, 35 ft. in height by 14 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 feet.

Humphreys St., three poles, 35 feet in height by 14 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plans, Oct. 30, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 4:47 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Berwin, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5:48 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the message from the Mayor (referred Aug. 21), vetoing the order granting permission to McNeil Bros. to close to public travel the alleyway in the rear of Commonwealth Ave., between Clarendon and Dartmouth Sts.—Recommending that the veto be sustained.

The report was accepted, and the question came on again passing the order, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, the vote on passing it being—yeas none, nays 11.

(2) Report on the petition of P. Terrile (referred Oct. 9), for leave to project a sign at 280-282 Commercial St., Wd. 6—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the message from the Mayor (referred Oct. 9) transmitting a communication from the Trustees of the City Hospital in regard to an ambulance and relief station at the North End, and recommending the passage of an order placing in charge of the Trustees of the City Hospital so much of the lot of land received from the Boston Transit Commission on Haymarket Sq., the boundaries of the lot of land so transferred to be subsequently approved by the City Council—That the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

(4) Reports (on petitions referred Oct. 30) recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of the estates to furnish the said materials, viz:—

Sharreff Bros., 387-389 Blue Hill Ave. and Brunswick St., wd. 20; artificial stone.  
F. M. & A. G. Frost, corner Common-

wealth Ave. and Winslow road; artificial stone.

Arthur H. Flint, 922 E. Fourth St., wd. 14; brick.

Mrs. Harriet Hackett, 7 Schuyler St., Wd. 21; brick.

George A. Medbery, Execr., 5, 11, 13 Schuyler St., Wd. 21; brick.

William Smith, 18-20 King St., Wd. 19; artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Report on the petition of Moses Williams et als., Trustees (referred Oct. 30), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Moses Williams et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain and use areas, with granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Pemberton Square, Wd. 6, as shown on a plan on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of L. A. Christopher (referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. A. Christopher, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 397 Dudley St., Wd. 20; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of J. J. Frawley (referred today), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. Frawley to construct, maintain and use an area, 6 ft. x 6 ft., with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Smith St., Wd. 19 (St. Alphonsus Hall); the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the order (referred Oct. 16) accompanying the report of the Committee on Railroads submitted Oct. 9th, and granting permission to the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Co. to lay down and maintain tracks on River, Washington and Adams Sts., Dorchester, with all necessary cross-overs, connections, curves and switches connecting with the existing tracks of the said company and of the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Co., the location of said tracks, etc., being shown by red lines on a plan made by H. T. Whitman, dated June, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets—That the said order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I am going to vote against this matter. Probably the votes to pass it are here, but on general principles I will vote against it, as there is no public necessity for this road. This road connects to the Milton line with a right of franchise which has been given by this Board last March or April, and there does not appear to me, as I can see it, any public demand at the present time why this road should be connected with the Norfolk and Suburban Railroad. It is simply an attempt on the part of two of these railroads that are connected now and are consolidated to grab up a franchise. There is not, as I can see, any reason why Dorchester should digest all the railroads and I am going to vote, on general principles, against this measure, because I don't believe this road at this time should be given this franchise.

Five or ten years from now it may be necessary to have this location and then the matter can be taken up. If we grant this franchise at this time it may be that within two or three years an act may be passed at the Legislature which may call for a tax on locations and I say it is not necessary to grant this location. We are simply bargaining or somebody is for the good will of some corporation, and although there may be the votes here to pass the order, I propose to register my vote against it.

The order was declared passed.

Ald. BRICK called for the yeas and nays, and the order was passed, yeas 10, nays 1, Ald. Brick voting nay.

#### REMOVAL OF POLE.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be and hereby is requested to remove the unused and abandoned telegraph pole owned by the Western Union Telegraph Company, located on the north side of Ruggles St., near the railroad crossing, the said pole being dangerous and an obstruction to travel; the expense of the same to be charged to the said Western Union Telegraph Company.

Passed.

#### CALL FOR REPORT.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I feel obliged to give notice to the Committee on Railroads that at the next meeting I shall ask for a report on the question of cross-town roads for Dorchester. It is not that I wish to antagonize that committee. It is far from that, but I shall ask for that report in order to state my position on the general question of crosstown roads. The committee have had these orders for a long time, and I know they have had some difficulty in having a proper hearing and I want to state that frankly. They have called for hearings several times, and for various reasons they have been postponed. My object in calling for a report is for the people of Dorchester, and to state my position on the matter as the people of that section may be called upon to vote for me again.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF THATCHER ROAD.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Thatcher Road, Wd. 20, and to lay out the same under the name of Windermere Road.

Passed. Sent down.

#### LAMPS ON DAKOTA ST.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put in the necessary gas lamps on Dakota St., Wd. 20.

Passed.

#### LAMPS ON MAGNOLIA SQ.

Ald. ADAMS presented the petition of Gardner & Osgood et al. for lamps on Magnolia Sq.

In connection with the above Ald. Adams offered the following:—

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to put in the necessary gas lamps on Magnolia Sq., off Magnolia St., Wd. 13, in accordance with the appended petition.

Passed.

#### LAMPS ON FISHER AVE.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain three lamps on Fisher Ave., between Parker Hill Ave. and Bucknam St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### GAS LAMP, HILLSIDE ST.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp on Hillside St., Wd. 24, opposite No. 41; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move you that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Friday, November 17, at 3 P.M.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would move as an amendment to that motion that when this board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 3 o'clock P.M. As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, that was the agreement that we had in the committee on Public Improvements.

The motion that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 3 P.M., was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, with no reflection on the intelligence of the Board, I trust that it will be made clear to the members what they are voting upon.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is shall the Board, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet on Tuesday, November 14, postponing all orders of notice to that time?

Ald. FRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that the longest time should be put first.

The CHAIRMAN—An amendment is placed first, always.

Ald. FRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that in questions of this kind, under the rules of the Board, the longest time is to be first considered.

The CHAIRMAN—The original motion is proposed to be amended by Ald. Codman, and an amendment takes precedence. It is for the Board to vote the amendment down, and the question will then come on Ald. Berwin's motion.

Ald. Codman's amendment was rejected, yeas 3, nays 6:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat surprised (laughter) that the members of this board in the Committee on Public Improvements should give their word, by vote and by roll call, that when this Board adjourns it be understood that it be to meet on Tuesday, and then vote against that agreement. I hope that, when I ask, as I intend to do, for reconsideration, it will be granted, because certain promises were made to members of this board in the Committee on Public Improvements. I, for instance, have been asked what I would do in regard to one order—if I would take a certain position as regards delay if this board would meet at a certain time. I certainly would never have believed that I would be tricked by the members of this board.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is attacking members of the committee upon their integrity, and I think he is entirely out of order.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will confine himself to the question of reconsideration.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it was distinctly understood, as I understood it, and I trust I am not mistaken, that the members of this Board would bring certain matters to a vote after a delay until next Tuesday, that delay would be granted. A vote was taken then, and members who voted in the Committee on Public Improvements upon the question of this adjournment, with the understanding that an order with the adjournment in view would be put in here, now change their votes directly and wholly, going

back on a vote which is a matter of record—which record I am sorry that I have lost. I wish I had taken it down.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman is exploiting a matter that transpired in executive meeting—or I assume it did. I don't know that it did. I think any statement referring to that is entirely out of order.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that it has always been understood in Committee on Public Improvements that whatever transpired there was not to be used against any member on the floor.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I mention no names. I merely say that any agreement there or here will be public property, and any agreement I enter into there I consider as sacred as one that I enter into on this floor. My agreement or my vote in the Committee on Public Improvements is no better and no worse than my agreement or my vote here. I believe there are members of this Board with whom it makes no difference whether the next meeting is on the 13th, 14th or 17th. I stated my position very clearly before the committee, and there was a pledge made in that committee. If a vote in that committee is not a pledge, the sooner we know it the better, because if a man votes in committee in favor of adjourning to a certain time, it certainly ought to be as binding as any other action he takes. I ask for reconsideration, sincerely and honestly, believing that the members who voted as they did in the committee will make good their pledge here. If they do not, there is no telling where they will stop.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I hope reconsideration will prevail, and I want to say to the aldermen from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) that, unless reconsideration does prevail, if his motion to adjourn to Friday of next week is carried, I shall insist on a vote being taken here and now on the report of the special committee on the garbage plant. Several of the members who are vitally interested in that matter agreed to let it lie over to the next meeting of the Board providing the Board would meet next Monday or Tuesday. That was agreed to in Committee on Public Improvements, and if we are going to be thrown in this way I shall certainly insist on a vote being taken on the garbage plant matter here today, by roll call.

Ald. BERWIN—The situation is just this, in connection with the whole proposition, that if the gentleman were to insist upon bringing up this garbage plant question, the rules of the board provide that it will require a suspension of the rules to give it its second reading this afternoon. So nothing will be gained by attempting to take that action. Another point is this—and I may be pardoned for making a brief statement, inasmuch as the alderman from Dorchester, Ald. Codman, has made reference to what transpired in the Committee on Public Improvements. I know this much, that whatever my vote may have been in there, I am not here to tell anybody what it was. I reserve my rights and I exercise them in this board at this time. Another thing which is a matter of fact, with which every member of the Board is conversant, is that we are to have some visitors here from Philadelphia, who I think may reach Boston tomorrow. They have always shown us a great deal of courtesy, attention and hospitality when we have visited their city; and, so far as I am concerned—and I think other members of the Board feel the same way—I intend to give them the same attention, so far as possible, that they have given to us. That is going to consume considerable time. I am just as much interested as any other member of the board in matters coming before the Board, and I know there is nothing to be gained by a meeting next Tuesday. I am as sincere in the position I take as is the member from Dorchester. The main issue seems to be the garbage plant, and I am going to plead

with my friends of the press to give to the three Dorchester aldermen all possible notoriety in connection with that question. (Laughter) I am going to make a personal appeal in their behalf, because I have enjoyed their friendship in and out of the Board (Laughter).

I am going to speak in behalf of Alderman McDonald, as well as of the two republican aldermen, because he is entitled to as much credit as the others. I am going to attempt to have their position given the greatest possible publicity; and I trust that my motion to adjourn to next Friday will be carried, so that we can extend the courtesies of this city to the Philadelphians. In doing that we will be performing a duty we owe to ourselves.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I fully appreciate the intended humor and subterfuge of the alderman on this question, and I only regret that he does not admit just how he voted in the Committee on Public Improvements. I only regret that I am not at liberty to divulge how he voted and how I voted on these matters. If a plain statement were made of the facts, everybody would know just where we stand. But I am not at liberty to divulge in open Board those matters. Although I believe that the representatives of the press are sharp enough to find out what occurred and that they will get all the information they want from individual members of this Board, at the same time I desire to say that that vote was taken, and that that vote, in my opinion, pledged the members to act as they voted, just as much as any vote has that was ever taken here in which Dorchester was interested, or in which any other section was interested. If that is considered fair play, and if that is the way this matter is to be conducted—a vote to be taken in the Committee on Public Improvements, and then, when we come here in the Board, a member of that committee changes his vote directly—we ought to understand that that is the way the matter is to be treated.

Why, Mr. Chairman, that vote out there was just as sacred to me as any pledge that I could make, and those votes have always been so considered by me unless there was something exceptional that came up—and I do not have to run it in as a joke and divert people's attention to some bright remark. I consider that this matter is an absolute violation of faith on the part of the members of this Board, and shall so consider it; and if this matter is not reconsidered, I shall consider that my vote in the Committee on Public Improvements, as long as I am here with the members of this Board of Aldermen, can be violated at any and all times, if I see fit—which I have not felt before.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion to reconsider was lost—Yeas 5, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

The question came on Ald. Berwin's motion, that, when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Friday, Nov. 17th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that all orders of notice for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I don't want to be discourteous to the Board, and—Well, Mr. Chairman, what I have to say, I will say in private to all the members.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move that when the Board adjourns it be to meet upon the regular meeting day, next Monday.

Ald. Codman's motion was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost—yeas 4, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, McDonald, Presho—4.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle—7.

The question came on Ald. Berwin's motion, that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet on Friday, Nov. 17th.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move that this Board do now adjourn.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, before this Board adjourns, I would like to make an enquiry of the Committee on Electric Wires in regard to a matter upon which the hearing was held some time ago—the poles on Glenway St., Dorchester, I understood they had quite a lengthy hearing, and a report is about due now from that committee. I would like to hear from the committee today as to when they expect to report?

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, I desire to politely inform the gentleman from Dorchester that if he had kept his ears open and had been attending to his official duties, he would know that the report of the committee had already been made, and that the petitioners have been given leave to withdraw.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on the motion to adjourn.

Ald. McDONALD—Do I understand that that report has been made this afternoon?

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer an order.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the alderman withdraw the motion to adjourn? If not, the motion to adjourn takes precedence.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman's courtesy to defer that motion—

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as the alderman from Charlestown has an order to introduce, I will allow him to introduce his order.

Ald. PRESHO offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to erect and maintain an electric light on Front St., at the corner of Warren Ave., Wd. 5.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I do not see how that can be entertained when there is a motion to adjourn before the house.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman has withdrawn his motion.

Ald. CODMAN—No; there was another motion to adjourn before the Board. The only motion made by that gentleman was in the nature of an amendment to the original motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is right. If the gentleman objects to the introduction of the order, the Chair will hold the order and will put the question on the motion to adjourn, to meet next Friday. If that motion prevails, the gentleman's order cannot be introduced. Does the Chair understand the gentleman to object to its introduction?

Ald. COLBY—I don't object to it.

The order was passed.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on the motion to adjourn, to meet on Friday, Nov. 17th, at 3 o'clock P.M., and the Clerk will call the roll.

The motion was carried—Yeas 6, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—5.

The CHAIRMAN—That vote, of course, carries with it a postponement to that date of all orders of notice assigned for a prior date.

Ald. Codman moved a general reconsideration on all motions and orders not already reconsidered; lost.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, before we adjourn I would state that I am delighted that the Committee on Electric Wires have reported in regard to Glenway St. and that they have given the company leave to withdraw. I must have been out of the room at the time; but I am delighted that they have reported, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 6:14 P.M., to meet on Friday, Nov. 17, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, November 9, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M., President Kiley in the chair.

## ELECTION RETURNS—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 4, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I return herewith without my approval the order providing for the receiving of election returns at City Hall, at the stato and city elections, for the reason that there is no unexpended balance in the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses, to which this expense—which is a considerable one—would be chargeable. I have requested the Board of Apportionment to provide by transfer enough money to meet the expense of receiving returns for the city election and am willing to approve the order, if confined to the city election.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Giblin of Wd. 15.

Mr. GIBLIN, of Wd. 15, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order:—That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving and announcing election returns in the Common Council Chamber on the evening of the day of the coming city election and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer a sum sufficient to pay for the expense involved.

Passed.

## NEXT MEETING.

Mr. GIBLIN, of Wd. 15, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order:—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, November 23, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock, P. M.

Passed.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Report of Committee on City Clerk Department, that they have examined the books and accounts of the City Clerk for the nine months ending September 30, 1899, and find that the same have been correctly kept and the fees, etc., duly accounted for.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Thacher road, Wd. 20, and to lay out the same under the name of Windermere road.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the City Engineer prepare plans for widening Congress St bridge to a width of eighty feet, with the opening of the draw at least fifty feet; and furnish to the City Council an estimate of the cost of the same.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway or boulevard in Atlantic in the City of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That a committee of three members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to consider the expediency of transferring the charge and control of that part of Squantum owned by the City to the

Metropolitan Park Commissioners, and connecting it with the proposed boulevard, parkway and shore reservation in Quincy, as the inhabitants of South Boston and Dorchester are deeply interested in having a public park at that place.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the expense of ringing the bells on the various holidays of the year 1899 be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, relative to the establishment of a relief and ambulance station in the more congested portion of the city.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:—

Ordered, That so much as may be needed of the parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, and bounded by Haverhill St., Haymarket Sq., Canal St. and Travers St. extended, be placed under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief and ambulance station, the boundaries of the lot of land to be used for such purpose to be subsequently approved by the City Council.

Message placed on file; order referred to the Committee on Hospital Department.

## PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH MONUMENT.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13 offered the following:—

Resolved, That the City Council hereby protests against the erection on Boston Common of a monument in commemoration of the British soldiers who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill, and hereby requests His Honor the Mayor to withdraw his approval of the proposition to erect such a monument.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I noticed in the daily papers a statement that the Mayor had given his sanction to the erection of such a monument as is referred to in the resolution. I feel that such a monument, if erected, would not be in accordance with the sentiments of the American people; and, as an American citizen I protest against its being erected. We all know that the men who fell fighting for our national liberties at Bunker Hill have been fitly commemorated by the monument upon that spot, and at this late day, after 125 years have rolled away, I can see no good and sufficient reason for erecting a monument to the hired troops sent here by the British government to coerce and oppress the people of these colonies at that time. There is something behind this proposed monument that is not readily seen by the superficial observer, and if we look into the matter and try to realize what is the intent, I think the City Government will oppose any monument at this time. The American people must stand for the principles of the fathers and for the principles that the men who fought and fell at Bunker Hill stood for in their time. The question is, whether we still endorse the principles they fought and died for, or are willing to shake hands with those who came here determined to coerce and oppress us and keep the flag of monarchy flying over this country. There is no question but every American citizen is glad that the American people succeeded in driving the English soldiery out of Boston. There is no question, as far as I am concerned, about the principles that they died for; and, consequently, any attempt to erect a monument and give them the place for a monument on city ground would be an insult to the American people. I don't know that we have the authority to rescind or veto the action of the Mayor, so I put the motion in this way—That His Honor be requested

to recall his sanction to that proposition, in order that the monument may not be erected on Boston Common. I hope the resolution will pass.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in speaking to this resolve and in rising in my place, I notice a smile on a number of the features of the Councilmen present. I would like to state that in this matter I am absolutely sincere, that my object in rising in my place is nothing more nor less than to protest on principle alone against the erection on Boston Common of a monument to perpetuate the memory of men who came here, nothing more nor less than a body of scalp-hunters. Ingersoll's History of the War of 1812 would shed a little light on the matter, if the members of the City Council would take trouble enough to read it. I know that this matter has, in the eyes of the average citizen reached such a point that the people think it is nothing else but a political issue, but I want to say for my part, that there is no politics in it, that I shall always protest and lend my voice and my vote and my efforts at all times to oppose any such measure, any such resolution, or any such permission given to such people as they are by the Executive of this city or any other city. I want to say that in my opinion, there has been a monument erected to the soldiers of Bunker Hill, and that monument stands today, a pinnacle of liberty, a pinnacle of freedom, for all visitors, for all people who care to visit grand, old, historic Bunker Hill. The cause of the people who fought at Lexington, the cause of the people who fought at Concord, the cause of the soldiers who fell at Bunker Hill, is today, in my eyes, at stake. Their cause was principle, and the principle of the whole matter is now at stake. After 125 years, in my estimation, it is poor policy for the people of Boston, it is poor policy for the executive of Boston, a descendant of a grand old revolutionary family, it is poor policy, I say, for him to descend to allow the erection on Boston Common of a statue to commemorate the deeds which were performed by the British soldiers at that time. Ingersoll's history of the war of 1812 states the number of scalps which were taken of men, women and children, by a band of four hundred Seneca Indians, which were sent to England—because, if you will remember, there was a premium at that time upon the scalps of the American people. The number of scalps sent to England in three different packages was 1059. That was the number sent by a band of four hundred Indians. Think of the number of scalps which were sent by the 13,000 Indians who were then fighting for England! Think of the cause, think of the principle, and think of the tribute it is proposed to pay! American Indians, the real inhabitants of this country, the real Americans, were paid for every scalp they secured from the head of man, woman or child! And when any country would descend so low as to place a premium on a man's life, I say it is simply degrading anybody who lends his sanction to the erection of a monument to men who came here as its hired assassins, as its servants, to do something which is beyond the pale of decency.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Council, I hope this resolve will pass. I think it is unwise and uncalled for on the part of any municipality—and particularly on the part of a municipality located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so near the original historic ground where the battle of Bunker Hill was fought—to think of erecting a monument to the soldiers of those representing the monarchy which we were in rebellion against for taxation without representation. I have nothing to say of the English of the present day. I am only speaking of the eighteenth century. I sincerely hope that this resolution will pass,

and that no monument will be erected on Boston Common.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, my attention was called a little while ago by a daily paper in Boston to a project started by a club known as the Victoria Club of Boston, to erect upon Boston Common a monument to the memory of the British soldiers who fell in the American Revolution. Mr. President, I have nothing at this time to say against the soldiers. The soldier will stand at all times, and during all ages, as the symbol of chivalry; but in erecting a monument, Mr. President, to the soldiers who fell in the American Revolution, in their efforts, their proposition to place that monument upon the hallowed ground of Boston Common, where trod the feet of many an American patriot, where your Adamsses, where your Otises, spoke to the people of the time—that, Mr. President, is where I object. The public character of the place would certainly make a private monument also a public object of consideration. While they say that the inscription would not be offending to the eye, it carries with it something besides the mere granite or whatever it may be made of. Mr. President, there was at one time a traveller going through this country, viewing places of interest. He stood by the side of Bunker Hill monument, and he said to his guide, or to his friend that was with him: "There is the first monument that I have ever seen erected to the memory of a defeat."

That traveller was either an acute humorist, and may have said that in a joke, or else, Mr. President, he was so dull of comprehension and vision that his eye did not carry him past the cold granite front of Bunker Hill Monument. He did not see in the dim past the two great questions that were being fought out on Bunker Hill. He did not see that while the Americans were defeated physically and by force of superior numbers of men, that two great moral forces were working in the world one against the other—one the divine right of kings, and the other "shall the people govern themselves?" That is what he did not see. He did not see the great moral lesson that Bunker Hill Monument teaches and throws out to everybody, even those who come from other shores, the minute it rises upon the horizon. And today it is the same way. We can see, Mr. President, beyond the cold granite statue. We can see beyond the bronze of a monument on Boston Common. That is not what makes a statue alone, Mr. President,—the cold granite or the bronze itself—to the memory of the private soldier. That is not what we object to. But the statue, if erected on Boston Common, would be the symbol of something greater; and I ask you, gentlemen, would you erect a statue to the memory of the hand, of the power of that time, that tried to crush you and blot you from the face of the earth? No, never! That is not what we went to school for. That is not what we learned American history for. That is not what we learned the teachings of the fathers for—to lick the hand that smote us. No, not at all. Boston Common, the sacred soil, with its hallowed memories, belongs to the people of Boston. We cherish it more even, perhaps, than Faneuil Hall, because it is older, and with its sacred memories we want to keep it to erect thereon the statues of men who helped to make the American Republic, to make the State of Massachusetts, and to make the great city of Boston what it is. Mr. President, we cannot afford to give one square inch of Boston Common to a statue of this kind. If, as they say, the bones of their heroes lie on the Common we might give them an opportunity to dig them up, transfer them to a private cemetery and erect their monument to them there; or perhaps we would give them the opportunity to transport them to the banks of the Thames, and

thereon erect their monument. But we cannot allow this thing.

This is a precedent, Mr. President. We can see beyond the statue, indeed we can! We have learned this lesson by bitter experience, and I ask you, gentlemen, suppose your children who are coming along in ten or twenty years, pass across Boston Common, what will be their sentiments, what will be their feelings, if they read an inscription on a monument there to the British? Will they have the respect, the sentiment and the love for the men that they have been taught from history to respect and honor? No, they will not. They will look upon those great questions as mere national or international burlesques. That is what we have to consider, and I hope, Mr. President, that this Council will take cognizance of that fact, and that it will vote against any such proposal as this.

Mr. HOWARD, of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I am somewhat surprised to listen to the speeches that the gentlemen have made. I am also surprised that they are ignorant of some American history—especially when my friend in the third division (Mr. Linehan) tells me that they were "scalp-hunters." I imagine from that that he is not aware that an Irish regiment was fighting for the King of England at Bunker Hill, and that their dead are buried on Boston Common. Today, we propose and hope to see a monument erected over the graves of those who fell. At that time we were not fighting for American liberty. The declaration of American independence had not been signed, and they were no more "foreigners," or whatever else you might call them than we were. We were subjects of England, and were up to the time of the Declaration of Independence. Inasmuch as there was an Irish regiment fighting there, and inasmuch as part of their dead are buried on Boston Common, it seems fitting that an Irish cross should be placed upon the top of the monument, and, as I understand it, the idea is that there shall be one. As a descendant of a revolutionary soldier from Lexington to Yorktown, I think I have got as good a right to stand on this floor and advocate that those who tried to oppress us and were afterwards beaten, should be remembered just as much as some of those who fought for their liberty. The men who fought at Bunker Hill were no more hired than those who have fought for the King or Queen of England since. Today there are Irish regiments fighting in the interests of England, who are paid just the same as those men were. Now, gentlemen, if you want to put that down, perhaps you will have an opportunity; but remember that you have not trodden on the toes of England entirely. You are stepping on those of Ireland just as much, for, if I remember correctly, the larger proportion of the Irish regiment was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information. I would like to know if I can ask the gentleman who has just spoken a question?

The PRESIDENT—Under the rules of the Council that is not allowed. A gentleman, when he yields the floor, yields it for all time.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just spoken has seen fit to bring into this question of a monument a question of nationality, and I feel that such is a very, very wrong insinuation to bring into it. He has told you that a regiment of Irish soldiers fought for the British government at the battle of Bunker Hill. I would like to say to the gentleman for his information that the records of the battle of Bunker Hill will show that 265 Irishmen died fighting for this country at the battle of Bunker Hill. I am opposed, Mr. President, to this monument being erected on Boston Common. I am opposed to it on many grounds—certainly for those that have been expressed by the gentleman in the first division. I am also opposed to

it for another reason. I am opposed to it, Mr. President, because I think that American citizens should first see to it that those men who have fought and died in their own wars should be remembered, before they commemorate on Boston Common the memory of men who fought here opposing the independence of this country.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman's statements that the majority of the British soldiers were of Irish birth, and that, in consideration of that fact, there is to be a Gaelic cross, I want to say, as an Irishman, that I take great pleasure in insisting on the passage of the resolution, with a total indifference to what the nationality of the soldiers who fought for the English flag was. If Englishmen want to treat the Irish people with any consideration, instead of going back 125 years and looking for somebody whose deeds they wish to commemorate, let them turn their eyes to Ireland today, and they will find ample opportunity to treat the Irish people with consideration and justice. He also said that there are Irish soldiers today fighting the battles of England. If there are, I hope they will meet with a greater defeat than they ever met with on these shores; and I am proud to know that under the Boer flag there is many a good, warm Irish heart, fighting for liberty, fighting the same fight that was fought upon these shores. If I had my way, and the bones of those British soldiers could be got at, I would have them dug up and cast into the sea. That is the recognition I would give the English soldiers who came here to try to defeat the objects of American citizens who fought for their homes, their wives and their families, who died on the thresholds of their homes in their defence against a ruthless lot of semi-civilized soldiers, who had no other instincts than to kill and murder right and left the people of these colonies. I hope the resolution will pass, Mr. President.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, as the gentleman's reply was, in my estimation, made to me, I think I ought to say a few words. I will say that if any Irishman died fighting under the British flag at the battle of Bunker Hill, when he swore allegiance to the Queen he ceased to be an Irishman, and was, in my estimation, the same as the man told about by Edward Everett Hale in his book "The Man Without a Country." I would like to ask some of the members here, where are the monuments that England has erected to some of her soldiers? Take the battle of Isambulwana, in the Zulu war, where 2000 men were cut to pieces—England, or her people, never visited the battle ground for four months. Where is the everlasting monument that will live in the memory of the people as long as there is a world to the blowing of the Sepoys from the guns, in India? There is a monument in Africa, although not erected in stone—an everlasting monument, which will always live, to the memory of the British soldiers—Majuba Hill. Where is the monument erected by England and Omdurman, to the bravest men she ever fought, the Dervishes, where they scattered the tomb of the Mahdi to the four winds of Heaven, destroying the monument that the people there erected to their patriotic leader? And today they are erecting a monument on the same spot to Chinese Gordon. Where is the monument England erected to the 10,000 Zulus she slew, taking away from them their land and their homes, the property of their people for centuries? England destroyed the entire Zulu empire. Where is the monument erected to it? And where is the monument erected to the Prince Imperial? It was left to the French people to do that. Men come in here and say to us that Irishmen were slain, fighting for England. We know it. We are Irish. We know what England has been doing. We know the condition of England. We know that history shows that no men have

ever gone more bravely to the charge than Irishmen. We know that famine and poverty in Ireland have forced them into the British army. And I say again that any man who swears allegiance to the crown of England ceases to be an Irishman, in my estimation.

Mr. GIBLIN—Mr. President, if I may be permitted just one word more, I congratulate the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Howard) upon his ancestry. I, perhaps, cannot go back so far in this country with reference to my ancestry. They, Mr. President, came to these shores because they were here afforded a place where they could perhaps obtain a few more rights than they had on the unkind soil from which they came. But I want to say, Mr. President, that their sentiments and their sympathy are with this country, and I here tonight cannot give my consent to any such proposition as this, even if he does raise the false premises that there was an Irish brigade or regiment in the service of the British in this country at that time. We know it, Mr. President—we know it, indeed. Conditions drove them under the British flag, but Mr. President, this is not a race question. This question has to do with the American people and American ideals and institutions. We are all Americans here, and we want to stick to the place that gives us an existence, that protects us and affords us privileges that we did not have in other lands remote from here. Mr. President, I want to state that there are Irish soldiers under the English flag at Ladysmith. There are Irish soldiers under the Boer flag, too. That thing happens the world over. In the great Rebellion, when two sections of this country were struggling against each other in an internecine war which was ripping the country apart, when the question was whether this country should remain a union or not, there were Irish who took sides against the North, and there were, indeed, many Irish who took sides with the North, and they met on the field at Fredericksburg. But it did not dampen their ardor for the cause they were fighting for, either on one side or the other. It is the difference in conditions, Mr. President, that brought about those results, and that is why I feel as though I must reply to the gentleman in the second division, because of those conditions.

The resolutions were read a second time, and the question came on their passage.

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I would be sorry to see such a monument erected on the Common, but I am glad the subject has come up, on account of the great amount of Anglo-mania which has been in the air lately. We have heard some wholesome truths stated here tonight which we should be glad to hear,

under the circumstances. This proposition is particularly significant after the visit of those two distinguished Irishmen who have lately come to our shores, to whom the city gave such a grand reception. I am very glad they received such a good reception. It would be strange indeed if a city in which the principles of liberty were cradled would fail to extend the heartiest welcome to these envoys of a country which has felt the iron heel of oppression for centuries—to these representatives of a people who have struggled for ages for a fair measure of liberty, of independence, independence of that same government whose insufferable rule we overthrew more than one hundred years ago, because of a lewd king who denied us justice. The English employed at that time, as has been said here tonight, the savage and his scalping knife as legitimate means of warfare against us, and it is the same government, Mr. President, which Robert Emmet in his dying speech said "is steeled to barbarity by the cries of the orphans and the tears of the widows which it has made;" the same government which is now holding untold millions of people in subjection and which is at this moment engaged in an endeavor to add to its number of subjects by stifling the spark of liberty in a small nation of a few hundred thousand people in far away South Africa, who are fighting for their own. I said in the beginning that I was glad these two Irish gentlemen came here to tell us what England is to them and to remind us of what she has been to us in all our troubles and perplexities. Such remarks as they made shed a wholesome ray of light through this murky atmosphere of a proposed Anglo-American Alliance which we have been struggling under for months. I hope the resolution will prevail.

The resolution was passed. Mr. Collins moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

#### PUBLIC LANDS REPORT.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the order (referred June 29) authorizing the sale of additional land on Long Island to the United States Government—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will rule the point of order well taken and will declare the Council adjourned, to meet on Thursday, November 23.

Adjourned, at 8:38 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Nov. 23, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Friday, Nov. 17, 1899.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. O'Toole.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Six additional traverse jurors, Superior Court, October sitting, first session:—

Geo. A. Hall, Wd. 20; Daniel C. Holder, Jr., Wd. 11; Geo. P. Scannell, Wd. 17; Harry N. Lockwood, Wd. 23; Chas. S. Stearns, Wd. 25; Daniel M. Driscoll, Wd. 7.

Six additional traverse jurors, Superior Court, October sitting, third session:—

David O. Felt, Wd. 7; Edward J. Twomey, Wd. 5; John B. McAleer, Wd. 22; Geo. E. Knapp, Wd. 8; Robert J. Lucey, Wd. 10; Walter H. Sibley, Wd. 9.

Eight additional traverse jurors, Superior Court, October sitting, fourth session:—

Wm. E. Martin, Wd. 14; Frederick W. Peters, Wd. 23; Eugene D. Greenleaf, Wd. 6; Wm. H. Marvell, Wd. 4; James F. Madden, Wd. 9; Frank H. Bradford, Wd. 2; James E. Crowley, Wd. 3; James F. Quinn, Wd. 12.

## APPOINTMENT OF GRAIN MEASURER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 17, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen.

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint James C. Bell a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900. Josiah Quincey, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## REPORT CONCERNING SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 17, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the report of Mr. E. C. Marshall, Director in Charge of the Randidge Fund Excursions for the past season, and I recommend that the same be printed as a city document.

This report certainly makes a gratifying showing as to the large results obtained through the income of the Randidge Fund, and I feel that Mr. Marshall, who has for the second time taken charge at my request of these excursions, in addition to the performance of his regular duties as Penal Institutions Commissioner, and without extra charge, should be complimented upon the showing made, and particularly upon the entire absence of any accident in connection with the care and transportation of such a large number of children. I believe that the showing made by the city in this line of excursion work is a unique and creditable one, and that the beneficent intentions of the donor of the fund have been realized in a larger way than he could have anticipated.

I commend this report to the consideration not only of the City Council, but all public spirited citizens, as showing how much can be accomplished in the line of philanthropic work at a comparatively insignificant expenditure of money by the

intelligent utilization of the organization and facilities of the city government.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincey, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to.)

Ordered printed and sent down.

## REPORT CONCERNING DRUNKENNESS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 17, 1899.

To the City Council:

I transmit herewith a report of the committee on the penal aspects of drunkenness, appointed by me on January 11, 1899, and I recommend that it be printed as a city document, and that provision be also made for printing 2500 extra copies.

This carefully considered report, made unanimately by a representative committee, whose members are well qualified to make a valuable analysis of the workings of existing methods of dealing with the punishment of drunkenness and ascertaining their defects, should prove an interesting public document, not only in Boston but elsewhere, and should lead to the adoption of more rational methods of dealing with this important problem. I feel that the members of the committee are entitled to the thanks of the city for their painstaking work.

While I have not been able to take any part in the work of the committee, I am in hearty sympathy with the main conclusions arrived at. It has long seemed to me that the fine system of punishing drunkenness, as in operation at present, was entirely indefensible from any standpoint.

Its financial results are comparatively insignificant, even upon the face of the figures, while in reality the amounts received from those who pay their fines are far more than counterbalanced by the cost of maintaining in confinement those who do not; while from the standpoint of getting out to all, without regard to social condition, the equal justice which is assumed to prevail under democratic institutions, it is certainly a gross anomaly to let off practically without punishment those who are able to pay fines, while inflicting a heavy penalty upon those who are too poor to purchase exemption from imprisonment.

I know of no more glaring instance of injustice daily inflicted upon a large scale than the operation of the system of imposing fines for the offence of drunkenness, with imprisonment as the alternative for non-payment. The present practice seems to me unworthy of a civilized democratic community; it is unscientific, uneconomical and unjust, and if it can be even modified in the directions suggested by the committee, great good will certainly result.

With the main recommendation of the report—that probation work should be considerably extended and systematized—I think that every intelligent observer must agree. This certainly seems the most hopeful line of work, and the one in support of which it should be the most easy to unite those of all shades of opinion upon the general aspects of the liquor problem.

The circumstances which lead to arrests for intoxication are of infinite variety, and to deal with these cases in mass, without some intelligent effort to individualize each case, and to deal with it according to the special circumstances surrounding it, is neither scientific, humane nor economical; I believe that it would be a direct economy to the public treasury to double the expense of probationary investigation, while the indirect benefits of extending this work would be far reaching.

The excellent beginning which has been made in this line of work is the one bright spot in our record in dealing with the punishment of drunkenness; the extension and better organization and co-ordination of that work may yet give to this community the high rank in respect to the treatment of drunkenness which it has already won

in so many other lines of reformatory and philanthropic effort.

In contrast to the crude and old-fashioned method of dealing only with symptoms, the modern scientific spirit, which is at last in our day being applied to the problems connected with crime and pauperism, seeks to ascertain the causes of moral and social disease, and to diminish their influence, if it cannot altogether remove them.

To deal with every person arrested for intoxication in the same manner would be an absurdity. We have already made some progress in the classification of cases by law, and the exercise of discretionary powers by the judges does much to alleviate present conditions, but there can be no question that what is now most needed is the extension of individual investigation and of the probation system.

If the fine system is to continue as at present, the recommendation of the committee that time should be allowed to those arrested for drunkenness in which to pay their fines, is certainly a wise and practical one.

The expenditure of all available money is the usual incident of such a case of intoxication as leads to an arrest, and the alternative of immediate payment of a fine, instead of imprisonment, offered to the unfortunate victim is in a great majority of cases a hollow mockery.

If the community desires pecuniary compensation for his offence, he should at least be placed upon probation long enough to show his disposition and ability to earn the amount of the fine imposed; if incarceration is the only proper penalty for drunkenness, then the opportunity of escaping it through the payment of a fine should not be allowed to those who are pecuniarily more fortunate than their fellows.

I trust that this report will be carefully read by the members of the city council, and that it will lead to the support by the authorities of the city, and by the public generally, of such legislative action as is required in order to carry its principal recommendations into effect. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to.)

Ordered printed and sent down, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### GARBAGE HEARINGS—VETO.

Mayor's Office, City Hall.

Boston, Nov. 10, 1890.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your board authorizing certain expenditures in connection with hearings to be given by a committee of your Board relative to the garbage plant at the Calf Pasture, for the reason that I find by the proceedings of your Board at its last meeting that such committee has already made a report which fully covers the ground and takes a definite position in respect to the matter, by directing application to be made by the city solicitor to the courts.

While I can see no objection to a proper enquiry through a committee as to the conditions which have been complained of, it does not seem to me a proper procedure for a committee to report first in a manner which takes a definite position upon matters in controversy, and then to put the city afterwards to the expense of reporting hearings.

If this matter needs any further investigation, the committee of your Board should not have made what is practically a full report, in that it finally disposes of the matter; if, on the other hand, it does require investigation, the order reported by the committee should be rejected, upon the ground that it is at least premature.

I must, therefore, await further action by your Board before giving my assent to the expenditure of money for the purpose of conducting an investigation. If your Board rejects the order reported by the committee, I shall be glad to approve an

order providing for meeting the expense of public hearings; if, however, it chooses to pass the order reported, the whole matter is in the hands of the City Solicitor and the courts. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I move that that communication be referred to the special committee on investigation of garbage plant.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest to Ald. Adams that that matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, because the special committee referred to has, as I understand it, already made a report which practically discharges it from any consideration of the matter. I hardly think the special committee that has been appointed can go much further into the subject than it has already gone. It has made a report. While I do not want to press the point, I merely make it in line with what I think is the proper course for this report to take.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the committee I will say that there are papers at present before the Committee, so that it could not report except in part. We consider that there are more important matters that may come before that committee, and personally I feel that the place for that communication is before the committee.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me entirely proper that this matter should be discussed in committee on Public Improvements. The special committee on garbage plant has already shown by its report what the opinion of the majority of the committee is. I think the proper place to discuss this matter of the Mayor's message is in Committee of the Whole, so that we may get information and not have a biased opinion. I hope the matter will go to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, this Board having appointed a Committee on Garbage it seems to me that the communication should be referred to the special committee that has been appointed for this purpose. While that committee has only made a partial report, it has other matters before it. This communication relates solely to the garbage matter and certainly should go to the committee that has been appointed upon that subject, not to the Committee on Public Improvements. After the Committee on Garbage makes its final report to the full board it will then be a proper time, it seems to me, to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements. For that reason, sir, I hope that the motion to refer the communication of His Honor the Mayor to the Committee on Garbage will prevail.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw the motion I have made.

Ald. BRICK—I object to the withdrawal, Mr. Chairman. I still believe the communication should be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The communication was referred to the Special Committee on Investigation of Garbage Plant.

Later in the session Ald. Berwin said:—

Mr. Chairman, I merely rise to ask some information and to obtain a ruling from the Chair. The Mayor vetoed the appointment of that Special Committee, and its authority to expend money. I now understand that that veto has come to the Board. Does not that practically discharge the committee?

The CHAIRMAN—The communication from the Mayor, the veto message and the order, are referred to the Special Committee on Garbage, to report at some future time to this Board.

Ald. BERWIN—What is the ruling of the chair?

The CHAIRMAN—That it is proper to send the matter to that committee.

## DECORATIONS FOR LIBRARY.

The following was received:—

Mayor Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 17, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a copy of the resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Public Library at their last meeting, and in accordance with their position I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, providing for the application of the sum of \$2500 from the income of the Phillips Fund to the purposes recommended by the Trustees. Some sculptural decoration of the interior courtyard of the library is much needed to complete its effect, and I trust that the amount named may be devoted to this purpose, and that it may lead, as suggested by the Trustees, to additions to the fund for this purpose from private individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Copy of resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Public Library at meeting held Nov. 10th:—

“Resolved, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library have heard with pleasure of the proposed application of a portion of the income of the Phillips Fund to the decoration of the central courtyard of the library. They are also entirely in sympathy with the proposal to place bronze medallions in suitable places on the walls, but they regard the central fountain as the feature of the courtyard most urgently in need of decorative treatment, and would therefore suggest that the chief part of the amount now available be set aside to form a nucleus of a fund to be raised by subscription for the purpose of providing a decorative fountain, and that a single medallion head of some distinguished literary New Englander be placed in a suitable position in the courtyard.

“It is thought that such a medallion, together with the bust of Gen. F. A. Walker, now soon to be placed in position, will serve to suggest the gift of similar memorials of other citizens who have deserved well of their city and State.”

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 17, 1899.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) be appropriated from the income of the Phillips St. Fund, to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library toward a fountain for the interior courtyard of the library building, and any other works of sculpture to be placed in said courtyard.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

1. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Maverick St., near Frankfort St., Wd. 2.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. For leave to erect poles on Green St., between High and Bartlett Sts., Wd. 3.

A remonstrance was received from George Watson Prescott, et als., against erection of poles on Green St. between High and Bartlett Sts., Charlestown.

There being no further objections the petition with the remonstrance was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Western Ave., at Market St., Wd. 25.

4. On petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company for a location for two poles on Bow St., Charlestown.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

## PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received,

and were referred to the committees named:—

## Building Department.

Aaron D. Weld estate, for leave to build a wooden stable on Weld St., cor. Church St., Wd. 23.

Alfred D. Perron, for leave to build a wooden building on rear of Gardner St., Wd. 23.

## Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

John R. Murphy Club of Wd. 11, a campaign transparency, at 156 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

William J. Donovan, a campaign transparency, from building on Maverick Sq., cor. Winthrop St., Wd. 2.

Frederick W. Day, a stereopticon cloth for campaign purposes, from building on Maverick Sq., near Bremen St., Wd. 2.

A. Gertrude Wood, a sign, at 67 Warren Ave., Wd. 10.

Albert D. Cassidy, two barber poles, at 334 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Isaac Rosen (to suspend clothing outside of store) at 19 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Durnin, McLaughlin & Co., a sign, at 43 Pulton St., Wd. 6.

Downing & Dodge, a sign, at 158 Court St., Wd. 6.

Morris Ableman, a transparency, at 48 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Dr. Chas. E. Kreppel, a sign, at 10 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Braman, Dow & Co., an iron beam to be used as a tramway to facilitate the loading of teams, from the Medford St. side of building 239-243 Causeway St.

George R. Wiley, a druggist's mortar, at 93 Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

Henry Penn, an illuminated sign, at 17 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

J. A. Mahoney, an illuminated sign, at 985 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

G. H. Worcester & Co., an illuminated sign, at 27 Exchange St., Wd. 6.

## Claims.

Melissa A. Todd, for payment to J. Walter Newhall of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Columbia St. (now Columbia Road).

John B. Edmands et al., for payment to Abram T. Collier of balance remaining from tax sale of estate, 461-463 Medford St.

Florentine Walters, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Preport St.

George P. Otis, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 26 Belmont St.

Malachi A. Haley, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Heathcote St.

Julia C. Ruttle, for compensation for personal injuries caused by her being run over by one of the city's teams.

Fred McBride, for compensation for bodily injuries and damage to horse and buggy by an alleged defect in Columbia Road.

John W. McBride, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Road.

L. P. S. Barnard, for compensation for damage to land on Hammond Ave.

Mary M. Dierkes, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Dalmatia St.

Charles A. Fernald, M. D., to be paid for professional services.

## Electric Wires.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles in Neponset Ave. and other streets.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole in Congress St., Wd. 13.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove one pole in South St., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove two poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Tele-

graph Co., for leave to erect poles in Mt. Washington and Dorchester Aves., Granite, W. First, W., W. Sixth, D. W. Ninth, Dorchester and Sweet Sts. (part of location bet. Boston and Springfield).

Massachusetts Tel. & Tel. Co., for leave to erect poles in Mt. Washington Ave., Granite, W. Second, A. C., W. Seventh, D., W. Ninth, Dorchester, Vinton, Preble, Wendel Sts., Washington Ave., Locust, Buttonwood Sts., Crescent Ave., Sydney, Spring, Bay, Freeport, Tenean, Franklin, Walnut, Taylor Sts. and Neponset Ave. (part of system bet. Boston and Providence).

#### Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

Social Democratic City Committee, on Friday evening, Dec. 8.

Woman's Relief Corps, No. 67, on the evening of Dec. 15.

Josiah Quincy, on the evening of Nov. 22.

M. L. Jennings et al., on the evening of Nov. 13.

#### Supt. of Public Grounds.

H. W. Stark, for the removal of one tree at 476 E. Seventh St., and for the removal or trimming of one tree at 468 W. Seventh St., Wd. 15.

#### Licenses.

Harugari Club, for a license for Kossuth Hall, 1095 Tremont St., for literary, musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Luther A. Dandridge, Mgr., for a license for concerts, lectures, etc., at Chickering Hall, 153 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Joseph T. Mitchell, for a license for a bicycle academy in the old freight station of the B. & P. R.R. Co., in Park Sq., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

#### Public Improvements.

Thomas B. Black, for leave to erect guy posts; one on Howard Ave., and one on Woodward Pk., Wd. 16.

Boston Elevated Railway Co., for leave to erect two guy posts on Beacham St., with guy wires crossing said street, Wd. 4.

L. P. Soule & Son, for leave to erect a guy post in Pemberton Sq. (north side).

Michael Bowen, for leave to construct a coal hole opening on the Russell St. side of estate 31 Oak St., Wd. 4.

John P. Gallagher, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening in sidewalk at 3 Liverpool St., Wd. 2.

Augustus P. Loring et al., trustees, for leave to construct areas, etc., under sidewalk at 19-25 Myrtle St. and 32 Joy St., Wd. 11.

John Cavanagh & Son B. M. Co., for leave to move a wooden building along Gerald St., Wd. 16.

Wm. H. J. Stone, for leave to construct a coal hole opening on Corinth St., side of estate corner Corinth and Poplar Sts., Wd. 23.

#### Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Anna Rome, 14-16 Morris St., Wd. 1.

J. D. Steuer, 811 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Samuel W. Johnson, 149 W. Eighth St., Wd. 13.

John J. Martin, 178-180 Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Aug. Huckins, 17 Huckins St., Wd. 17.

M. Scheffren, 19-29 Huckins St., Wd. 17.

M. Scheffren, 127-133 Moreland St., and 49 Dennis St., Wd. 17.

Henry M. Leen, 87-89 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

Walter Baldwin, 10-16 Minden St., Wd. 22.

Charles R. Marsh, 229 Highland St., Wd. 22.

#### Public Lands.

R. A. Quimby et al., for the execution of a deed releasing a right of way over certain land on Codman St.

#### ILLUMINATED SIGN.

Ald. BERWIN presented the petition of Ralph G. Howe, for leave to project an illu-

minated sign at 538B Tremont St., Wd. 9, and moved that leave be granted.

It was voted that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving and announcing election returns in the Common Council Chamber on the evening of the day of the coming city election, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer a sum sufficient to pay for the expense involved.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Resolved, That the City Council hereby protests against the erection on Boston Common of a monument in commemoration of the British Soldiers who fell at the Battle of Bunker Hill, and hereby requests His Honor the Mayor to withdraw his approval of the proposition to erect such a monument.

Passed in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to consider No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:-

7. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Victor Weimar to be a Constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Colby and McDonald. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### GARBAGE PLANT NUISANCE.

The Board proceeded to take up past assignments, Nos. 8 and 9, viz.:-

8. Ordered, That the Board of Health and the City Solicitor forthwith apply to the court to restrain the New England Sanitary Product Company from carrying on its business at Cow Pasture in a manner objectionable to public health and comfort, as stated in the report of the Board of Health recently made.

9. Ordered, That the special committee appointed to investigate the alleged nuisance at the Garbage Plant, Cow Pasture, be enlarged so as to include the whole Board of Aldermen.

The orders were read a second time and the question came on their passage.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that No. 8 on the calendar be referred back to the Special Committee on Investigation of Garbage Plant.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, at the last meeting of this Board this matter was quite fully discussed and the Alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Gerwin) asked that it might lie over until the next meeting of the Board. We agreed at that time that that should be done and that the next meeting of the Board should occur last week, on Tuesday. That agreement was broken, the Board adjourning until today, giving nearly a week's longer time than the alderman originally asked for on the order. Now, unless he can give some valid reason here today why this matter should be referred back to the committee, I hope it will not be so referred. I ask, Mr. Chairman, that when the votes be taken on the motion to refer it be by yeas and nays.

The CHAIRMAN—The question comes on the reference of Nos. 8 and 9.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I don't think No. 9 should be included. I don't think it is necessary for us to take advice from the other branch in regard to this matter. I believe it is our own business, and I ask to have No. 9 indefinitely postponed.

The CHAIRMAN—Objection being made, the question comes on the reference of No. 8.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I will say to the alderman from Charlestown (Ald. Presho) that No. 9 does not come from the other branch, that it was introduced here by myself.

Ald. BERWIN—It is a fact, Mr. Chairman, that No. 9 on the calendar, originated in this Board. Ald. Presho was not aware of that fact, and I think he will now withdraw his objection.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me there is no use in referring No. 8 back to the Committee on Garbage, as that committee has gone over the whole subject and has presented its report, recommending that the City Solicitor with the Board of Health, go to the court and obtain an injunction. If the matter is recommended, all the committee can do is to bring back exactly the same report. The matter is now in the hands of this board, it seems to me, for them to vote for the order, which is a very fair one, taking the subject entirely out of the hands of the government and putting it where it belongs, in the hands of the City Solicitor, the law officer of the city, who is willing and desirous to go to Court with the Board of Health and obtain this injunction. Now, sir, as I said before, if this report is recommended to the Committee the same report will come back to this Board. The matter ought to be acted on here this afternoon.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope we will act upon this matter this afternoon. I don't think it is the intention of my good friend on the right (Ald. Berwin) to refer this for burial purposes, but I think that would be the effect of the reference. If we are going to do any thing in this matter we had better do it here and now. In my opinion, when this order goes to the Committee on Public Improvements that will be the last we will ever see of it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I was a little confused when I made the motion. I would like to withdraw it, with the consent of the Board, and shall then move reference of Nos. 8 and 9 on the calendar to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I object.

Ald. ADAMS—On that motion, Mr. Chairman, I call for the roll.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, speaking upon No. 9, I think there is some truth in what Ald. McDonald has said in regard to referring it to the committee. They have already given their opinion. At the last meeting the Chair, who has already given voice to his sentiments upon this matter, was added to the committee. I now desire, in accordance with the provision of No. 9, that the rest of the Board be added—or I will be satisfied to have this sent to the Committee on Public Improvements. It seems to be a matter that has excited the interest of pretty nearly every member of the Board. It seems that the strenuous efforts of the aldermen from Dorchester have caused a good deal of feeling one way or the other. I think, looking at it fairly, that it should not be made a political football. The interests of a corporation are involved here, and I believe in treating corporations fairly. Because a corporation is assailed in this case is no reason why it should be used unjustly or unfairly. That is, we should not take the ground at once that this corporation shall move its plant and order the City Solicitor, without exercising any judgment or giving these parties any opportunity to remedy the trouble, to apply for a restraining order from the court to prevent them from doing business. That strikes me as very unfair and unjust. It strikes me that some members are playing politics here, are not using the corporation fairly, but are making a great hue and cry. I think the Mayor and members of the City Government should be given an opportunity to look into the matter fairly. I believe every member of this Board should act on that committee, that a hearing should be had by a Committee on Public Improvements, that we, as well as the Garbage Committee, should have an opportunity to investigate, to look into the subject, and to find not so much whether there is a smell, but

whether it is intended to treat everybody fairly. This corporation has come in here and has in good faith invested a large sum of money in this work. It is unfair, it is not using them right, if we at once wipe out their franchise and put them to an enormous expense.

That is not the sympathetic argument, and perhaps it will not be considered a good one by the people who want to fight corporations, whether they have any rights or not. I do not believe in giving corporations franchises that they are not fairly entitled to, and I have spoken in this Board frequently on that subject. But when this Board and the City Government give to a corporation a franchise, they should not immediately take it away from them, cut them off. It is not fair to the people who have invested their money, to the people who have an interest in it. We should treat them right and there should be an opportunity given these men to see if they cannot cure the evils there, or, if they cannot without prejudice to their business or their interests, without publicity to have their plant removed to some place where they can. This system is untried; no doubt there are some difficulties in its operation as yet. But what are we going to do if we do away with this plan? Dump our garbage into the harbor and have it washed back on our shores? There is a business question here, as well as a sentimental question. There are things to be considered, material as well as those that apply merely to politics; and I hope the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, where we can consider and weigh it fairly and every member can make up his mind.

The motion to refer Nos. 8 and 9 to the special committee on garbage plant was lost, yeas 0, nays, 11.

Ald. Brick moved the reference of Nos. 8 and 9 to the Committee on Public Improvements. The motion was carried, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, McDonald, Presho—5.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I now move that that order be reported back today, and on that I call for the yeas and nays.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope no motion will prevail here today to have that order reported back, because if there is any information we can get today in the Committee on Public Improvements we can get it right here. As a member of the special committee on investigation of the garbage plant, I desire to say that I had no opportunity to investigate the subject, and there has been no desire shown on the part of the majority of the members of that committee to have an investigation. Until such time as we have an investigation and perform the duties for which we were appointed, I think we ought to make no report. I want an opportunity to go out to that plant, to visit the place myself and see for myself whether or not it is a nuisance, or have some sort of public hearing so that we may at least have some members of the Board of Health attend and state whether or not in their judgment the place is a public nuisance. The fact that it may have been at some time during the last year a nuisance is no reason that it is still a nuisance. I want it demonstrated before that committee that this place is a nuisance before I will by my vote close up a mercantile establishment as large as this.

Ald. PRESCHO—Mr. Chairman, I was out at the garbage plant the other day and there was very little odor. I looked around and found out why there was so little. It was because they were not doing work. They knew there was a member of the City Government coming there, and the

result was as you will always find it when this Board goes anywhere to investigate a nuisance. The moment when they find the investigation is to be made the nuisance will cease, if there is any way of stopping it, so that you will not notice it when you get there. I hope this will not be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, but will be fought out here. We have the report of the Board of Health, stating ample grounds for closing this plant, and you cannot go behind the Board of Health. They do not go out there to make a torchlight investigation, but send out inspectors who are used to looking into these matters and find out what the facts really are when the company does not suspect it.

The CHAIRMAN—I will say, for the benefit of the alderman, so that he may not be misled, that the question is on Ald. Adams's motion to report back this afternoon.

Ald. PRESHO—What I have said will apply to that perfectly, Mr. Chairman, and I hope the Committee will be instructed to report back today.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. It strikes me that, under rule 26, a committee has the right to consider a subject for a proper length of time. That rule provides that a committee shall report within four weeks or ask for further time. It seems to me we cannot at this time properly ask the Committee on Public Improvements to report back today.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that it is in the power of the Board by a majority vote to instruct its committee to report back upon the matter today.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I hope the Board will instruct the Committee on Public Improvements to do this, because, unless it is done, I fear the reference will be the death knell of the whole question. I think the idea is to get this into the Committee on Public Improvements and keep it there, and I don't believe any honest effort will be made to bring it out. It is only a question of whether we are to act fairly in this matter or to use subterfuge. The proper way is to meet the issue at the present time. The Board of Health have given ample evidence that it is a nuisance, and one that should be abated.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the committee being ordered to report back today, but there is no value to be attached to that vote, in my opinion, because if you should instruct the committee to do so and they should change their minds, as is the privilege of any members of the Board when they get inside the committee, it is very easy for those in favor of the order to put in another just like it; and I give notice that I will do so.

It was voted to instruct the Committee on Public Improvements to report back this afternoon. Ald. Brick doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays. The instructions were carried, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—6.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—5.

Later in the session Ald. Codman moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

#### CONSTABLE'S APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take No. 10 from the table, viz:—

10. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of William H. Powers to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 10 still lie on the table, in the absence of Ald. O'Toole.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, Aid O'Toole has no objection to this appointment. The

only objection was that somebody was removed—I have forgotten his name—and this gentleman is appointed to fill the vacancy. Ald. O'Toole wished to straighten the matter out, and he assured me that he would have no objection to this being taken up and acted on today.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this will continue to lie on the table.

The Board voted to let No. 10 remain on the table.

#### SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of C. H. K. Skillin for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at rear of 18 Leonard St., Dorchester—approving of the same.

Leave was granted by the Board on the usual conditions.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 28 newsboys, 2 boot-blacks and 1 vendor.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for amusement licenses for season ending Aug. 1, 1900—recommending that the same be granted, viz:—

Harugari Club, Kossuth Hall, 1095 Tremont St.

Luther A. Dandridge, manager, Chickering Hall, 153 Tremont St.

Joseph T. Mitchell, bicycle academy, old freight station of Boston & Providence R.R. Co. in Park Sq.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

Reports recommending payments of balances remaining from tax sales of estates, viz:—

(1) Report on the petition of Richard W. McDowell (referred Aug. 21),—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Willard Welsh the sum of \$178, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Wentworth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 56.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Alexander Y. Cochrane (referred June 26),—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles A. Gleason the sum of \$176.70, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on north side of Farrington St., lot 40, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 56.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Maurice Clarke (referred Aug. 7)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcreast the sum of \$381.35, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 142-4 Lincoln St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 120.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Maurice Clarke (referred Aug. 7),—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcrest the sum of \$282.55, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 148 Lincoln St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 121.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(5) Report on the petition of Elizabeth Webster (referred Oct. 30)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frederick W. Hassam the sum of \$73, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Savin Hill Ave. and Gramplan Way for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, (by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 103.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of Rufus K. Thomas (referred Oct. 30)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of \$107.50, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40 of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willis St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2851, fol. 100.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(7) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz:—

James J. Powers (referred May 8) for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Sanitary Division (at his own request).

Mary A. F. Rcardon (referred Nov. 21, 1898), for compensation for damage to estate 45 Stonehurst St., caused by blasting (as the claim has been settled).

Michael T. Toumey (referred Oct. 10, 1898), for compensation for personal injuries and damage to bicycle caused by an alleged defect in Huckins St. (as suit has been entered against the city).

Elizabeth C. Giblin et al. (referred June 13), for compensation for damage to estates 409 and 412 Bremen St., caused by the overflow of sewage (as suit has been entered against the city).

Elizabeth C. Giblin (referred June 12), for compensation for damage to estate 400 Chelsea St., East Boston, caused by the overflow of sewage (as suit has been entered against the city).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

#### PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF FOWLS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of Albert McDonald (referred Nov. 8), to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Albert McDonald the sum of Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3.75) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs on August 30, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Albert D. Cassidy, two barber poles, 334 Warrern St., Wd. 21.

Downing & Dodge, sign, 158 Court St., Wd. 6.

Morris Ableman, transparency, 48 Levrett St., Wd. 8.

Wm. J. Donovan, campaign transpar-

ency, Maverick Sq., corner Winthrop St., Wd. 2.

John R. Murphy Club, Wd. 11, campaign transparency, 156 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Durum, McLaughlin & Co., sign, 43 Fulton St., Wd. 6.

Frederick W. Day, stereopticon cloth for campaign purposes, Maverick St., near Bremen St., Wd. 2.

A. Gertrude Wood, sign, 67 Warren St., Wd. 10.

Henry Penn, illuminated sign, 17 Chapman Pl., Wd. 7.

J. A. Mahoney, illuminated sign, 985 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George R. Wiley (referred Nov. 8), for leave to project a druggist's mortar at 93 Stoughton St., Wd. 20—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Arthur Murphy (referred Oct. 9), for leave to project four bay windows from building, No. 365-369A Neponset Ave. and 2-2A Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24—that leave be granted to project 2 feet over Neponset Ave. and 1 foot 6 inches over Chickatawbut St.

The question came up on the acceptance of the report.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I was not present when that was considered in committee and I would like to have it laid over for a week for that reason. It was probably my own fault.

The report was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report that allowances of aid be paid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston, or having a settlement therein, in accordance with an annexed list, and authorizing the City Treasurer to pay the said allowances to the persons named, until otherwise ordered by the Board, except such persons as shall become ineligible to receive such aid; the amount of said allowances to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers Relief.

Report accepted; said order passed.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports (on petitions referred today) recommending that the use of Faneuil Hall be granted as follows:—

M. L. Jennings et al., evening of Nov. 13.

Josiah Quincy, evening of Nov. 22.

Social Democratic City Committee, evening of Dec. 8th.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### REQUEST FOR REPORT.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, at the request of several gentlemen on West Cottage st., I would like to ask if the Committee on Electric Wires have any report to make this afternoon in regard to the removal of poles?

Ald. DOYLE—The report is now being made out. It will come in later.

#### PAYMENT TO PATROLMAN'S WIDOW.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Board of Police be and hereby is authorized and directed to allow and pay to Mary E. Cunningham, widow of the late Patrolman Frank Cunningham, deceased April 27, 1899, an annuity of three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum, as provided by section 2 of chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

Passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent down.

## REMOVAL OF TREE, EDSON GREEN.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two dead trees, between 885 and 911 Dorchester Ave., at Edson Green.

Passed.

## A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.51 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.30 o'clock P.M.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that orders be passed directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates and along the following-named streets, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from five to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestones, the owners of said estates to furnish the said materials, viz:—

A. C. Chisholm (referred Oct. 30), Harrihoff St., West Side, 138 feet from Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21; gravel.

John R. Watts (referred Nov. 8), 210-212 East Eagle St., Wd. 1; brick.

S. N. George (referred Nov. 8), 62 Roslin St., Wd. 24; artificial stone.

Davis & Diamond (referred Nov. 8) 341-357 Heath St., Wd. 22; brick.

Catherine Helmboldt (referred Nov. 8), Walter St., at corner of Hewlett St., Wd. 23; gravel.

E. D. Berrigan (referred Nov. 8), 192 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24; artificial stone.

George F. Crossin (referred Nov. 8), 24 King St., Wd. 19; artificial stone.

Thomas Butler & Co., (referred Nov. 8) 124 Charlestown St. and 33 Medford St., Wd. 8; artificial stone.

Simon Goldsmith (referred Nov. 8), Seaver St., Cor. Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21; artificial stone.

John J. Johnston (referred Nov. 8), 15-31 Hollander St., Wd. 21; artificial stone.

Frederick W. Kennedy (referred Nov. 8), Harrihoff St., between Harold St. and Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21; gravel.

Mary B. W. Lawson (referred Nov. 8), 27 Colden St., Wd. 21; brick.

Peter F. O'Brien (referred Nov. 8), 15-17 Scotia St., Wd. 10; brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports (on petitions referred Nov. 8) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Trustees of Tufts College to construct, maintain, and use a coal hole opening 18 inches in diameter with iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 68 Eliot St., Wd. 7; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern, to move a wooden building, flat roof, 18 feet in length, by 12 feet in width, by 10 feet in height, from 28 Stanwood St., along said street to the corner of Blue Hill Ave. and said street, Wd. 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Reports (on petitions referred today)

recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Thomas B. Black, to erect, maintain, and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached, as follows, viz: One post on Howard Ave.; one post on Woodward Park St., for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to erect, maintain and use two guy posts with ropes attached thereto in and over Beacham St. on the southerly side between Arlington Ave. and West St., and to stretch two guy wires over and across said Beacham St., the work to be completed on or before December 31, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Augustus P. Loring et als., Trustees, to construct, maintain and use areas with granite and sidewalk lights and two coal hole openings, each not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, under and in the sidewalk on the corner of Joy and Myrtle Sts., Wd. 11, as shown on a plan dated Nov. 9, 1899, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John P. Gallagher to construct, maintain, and use a bulkhead opening, 5 ft. by 4 ft. with a wooden cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 3 Liverpool St., Wd. 2; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Michael Bowen, to place, maintain, and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter with an iron cover of rough upper surface in the sidewalk on the Russell St. side of estate No. 31 Oak St., Wd. 4; the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. P. Soule & Son to erect, maintain and use a guy post with the necessary ropes attached thereto in and over Pemberton Sq., on the northerly side, at or near Tremont Row, Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before —, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(g) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cavanagh & Son Building Moving Co. to move a wooden building, flat roof, 22 feet in length, by 22 feet in width, by 24 feet in height, from present location on Gerard St., along said street about 100 feet, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Reports on the order (referred today) directing the Board of Health and the City Solicitor to apply to the courts to restrain the New England Sanitary Product Company from carrying on its business at Cow Pasture, and on the order (referred today) enlarging the special committee appointed to investigate the alleged nuisance at the garbage plant, Cow Pasture, so as to include the whole Board of Aldermen—recommending that the said orders be returned to the Board of Aldermen.

The report was accepted; and the orders, after being read by their titles, together,

on motion of Ald. Berwin, were declared passed.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I most respectfully doubt that vote, and ask for the yeas and nays.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. Isn't the question one of verification by yeas and nays?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes. The vote has been doubted and the yeas and nays are asked for.

Ald. CODMAN—Is argument in order?

The CHAIRMAN—No objection being made.

Ald. CODMAN—Then I object.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I understand that these two orders have been voted on together?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, as submitted by Ald. Berwin. If any member objects, the Chair will separate them.

Ald. ADAMS—I object, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN—Then the Chair will separate them. The Clerk will read the first order.

(The Clerk read the order that the Board of Health and the City Solicitor apply to the court to restrain the company from carrying on its business, etc.)

The CHAIRMAN—The question is on the passage of the order, and the Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk commenced to call the roll, and Ald. Adams voted in the affirmative.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair is solving a doubt.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I asked that the yeas and nays be called, and on that motion I ask to address the Chair, which I think is perfectly in order.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is in order.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I believe the Chair is solving a doubt, and I have already voted on that matter. I ask your ruling on that point. We are now voting on solving a doubt.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would remind the Chair that the vote was taken on the passage of Nos. 8 and 9 jointly. If there has been a mistake it would seem to be necessary to go back and consider them both separately, or to then move the passage of Nos. 8 and 9 together.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Berwin made a motion that the papers be read by their title. The Chair put the motion and declared it carried. There was no objection made by any member of the Board. Objection was afterwards made by Ald. Colby to their being considered together, and they were separated. If the Board makes any objection to orders being acted on together, the Chair will separate them. The question now comes on the order in the Clerk's hands, which is No. 8 on the calendar.

Ald. BERWIN—I ask, then, Mr. Chairman, that the yeas and nays be ordered, and upon that motion I desire to address the Chair. That I think is perfectly in order. I shall vote this afternoon against the passage of the order, and I desire, in giving my reasons to the Board, to place myself correctly before the public at large and before this Board, as I can readily understand that my position is apt to be misconstrued and misrepresented. I have said time and time again that I am inclined to look with more or less favor upon the report of the Board of Health. But, at the same time, there are good reasons why, if members of this Board are desirous of investigating the matter on their own account, that opportunity should be given them to do so. I am also well aware of this fact, that the votes are here to defeat the position I now take, and I take it knowing that I am simply wasting the time of the Board by discussing the matter. But I want to give to the Board what I believe are good and sufficient reasons why it should be further delayed. I am very much influenced by what Ald. Brick has to

say on this subject, because I think that at the last meeting of the Board he told the Board that he had "gone through the process." (Laughter.)

Ald. BRICK—Not through the process. (Laughter.)

Ald. BERWIN—Now, I have no desire to go through the process, but I have a desire—and I say this sincerely—to look into the matter on my own account and then to make up my mind how to vote, intelligently. Here is another proposition to be considered. Here is a garbage plant that is practically a public institution. That is to say, this plant is practically in the same position today as if it were run by the City of Boston. There is no disputing that fact, and it seems to me every fair and reasonable opportunity should be given to the city, or even to this private corporation, to do everything it reasonably and possibly can to remedy what has been termed a nuisance. They say to (this Board and to the people that they are willing to do what is right, and I don't believe anybody is going to suffer by having these people given an opportunity to do all they possibly can to remedy the trouble. There is \$350,000 involved, I understand, in the establishment of that plant. Now it is not a fair proposition, no matter how prejudiced some of the members of the Board who live in Dorchester may be in the matter and no matter how local feeling may be upon the question to act hastily and without due consideration. I believe that the people of Dorchester—and I do not mean to reflect upon their representatives in saying this—are just as much inclined to be fair as anybody else, and I say in behalf of them that it is not a fair proposition to come in here and say that, simply because the Board of Health have declared this thing a nuisance, these people shall be driven out of business, without being given an opportunity to remedy the trouble, as they say they intend to do.

That is substantially the line of argument I am dwelling on, and I don't believe we are going to accomplish any good by forcing the question to an issue today. I argued at the last meeting of the Board for more time and I did it with a sincere motive, because I recognize the fact that I had a great deal to do in my political contest, and I assumed that the members from Dorchester had the same thing in mind. Aside from that fact, I have always felt to a great extent that the agitation which the members from Dorchester have made upon this question has been one more or less in the line of a local hurrah in politics, not being really for the purpose of getting rid of the plant; because, why do they leave the whole proposition until the tail end of this session? Why do they leave it until the eve of a caucus or the approach of an election? Why did they not make such an effort in the early part of the year, getting after the Board of Health? Why didn't they endeavor in this Board to force the matter to an issue in the early part of the year? That is what I am getting at. But I argued that I needed more time, as I do now, and I say that sincerely. I believe everybody should be given a chance to look into this matter. Here is another proposition, No. 8 on the calendar has to go to the Mayor for his approval. That being the case, it is going to delay the matter anyway for some little time. I realize that I am wasting my time in arguing to the members, anyway, and I will cut my argument short by saying that I hope the Board will see fit to postpone action upon this matter. Another idea just occurs to me, Mr. Chairman, and that is that No. 8 on the calendar is not properly drawn. It is a direct order to the Board of Health and the City Solicitor to take action, which is contrary—

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is talking away, away off from the question.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will confine himself to the question of why the

yeas and nays should not be ordered, not discussing the main question.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, one of my reasons for thinking the yeas and nays should not be ordered is that this order is not really in proper form, because we cannot order any head of a department and the City Solicitor to take any action. This order substantially directs them to act.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman asked for the yeas and nays, and is now arguing that they should not be ordered.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the ruling of the Chair on the question I have just raised. Is the order numbered 8 on the calendar in proper form? Can we order the head of a department to do a certain thing?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that, as the order reads now, whether it be an order or a request, it depends upon the Board of Health whether they will pay any attention to it or not.

Ald. BERWIN—Well, Mr. Chairman, if that is the ruling of the Chair I have nothing more to say, because I take it that an appeal from the decision of the Chair would not be sustained by a majority vote this afternoon.

The order was passed, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—6.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—5.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration, hoping the same will not prevail.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope that motion will not be acted upon at this time, but will lie over. It strikes me that we should be fair, even in playing politics. The gentleman who made the motion to reconsider, hoping it would not prevail, perhaps thinks he has the votes, but he may not be as clever as he thinks he is. This matter is going to the Mayor and will be vetoed, with all due respect to the alderman's judgment, and when it comes back here he will not have the votes to pass it. Now it is just as well to be fair and to treat other people fairly, and the matter may turn out right. I hope reconsideration will not prevail, but that the matter will be left open.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know just what the parliamentary situation is at the present time with reference to this matter, but I voted for the order for only one reason, and that is that I think it puts the responsibility right on the Mayor, because I think it is only through him that we can make any request. The Mayor seems to be the party who made the contract, and I am very willing that he shall assume the responsibility with reference to it. I do not understand that by voting for this order I am making a direct request of the Board of Health or the law department to go to court, I am voting to make a request of the Mayor, and if he sees fit to do what this order asks for he will do it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the motion to reconsider be assigned to the next meeting of the Board, and on that question I call for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign reconsideration to the next meeting was lost, yeas 5, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle—5.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, McDonald, Presho—6.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion of Ald. Presho the second order (No. 9 on the calendar) was indefinitely postponed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted Oct. 20), for a location for double tracks on Adams St., from Neponset Ave. to Minot

St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Co. to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Adams St., beginning at Neponset Ave. and connecting with company's tracks on said avenue thence on said Adams St. to a point at or near Minot St., there connecting with other tracks asked for by said company; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Oct. 6, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the said Company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed by, or that may hereafter be conferred on, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, simply on general principles—I don't know that I shall vote against this when I find out the facts—I would like information upon the matter. I have been voting against a number of matters of this kind affecting Dorchester, because I have not thought it right that we should grant franchises without knowing what we are about. Perhaps I will vote for this when I understand it. There does not seem to be any hope of my changing anybody's mind on the question of giving away these franchises, but I do wish the railroad committee would tell us what this location is and the necessity for it. It strikes me that Adams St. is narrow, and I would like to know something about the matter. I don't suppose there is any need of my arguing about giving away franchises, as I have said so much upon that in the past, but I do

wish the committee would give us some information in reference to this matter.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am very glad to give the alderman any information I possess in regard to Adam St. This is one of the oldest streets in Dorchester. It is quite a thoroughfare, and the people there for several years have been agitating the question of putting down railway tracks on that street. The residents on the street today are practically unanimous in favor of the railroad company putting its tracks in the street, and the petition of the railroad people for a location there is the result of the petition of the citizens, taxpayers and property owners on that street for the tracks. I see no reason why this Board, when there are no objectors to it, should not vote unanimously to give the railroad people the right to lay down their tracks there, in compliance with the requests of the abutting owners.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I would say that the railroad people were not very anxious at one time to lay tracks on Adam St. It was brought about by the sentiment of the people, who wanted accommodation on Adams St., who demanded it. The matter was referred to the Committee on Railroads and there was not a single objection before that Committee to the granting of the location. It is a fair order and should pass here today, because the people in that section have not the accommodations they should have. As I have repeatedly stated here in the Board, what Dorchester requires is more cross-town routes. Geneva Ave. should be carried through, as Talbot Ave. has been carried through. Tracks should be laid on those streets. It is high time that the street commissioners of Boston should look into Dorchester more carefully and map out and lay out more streets across there, in order that the people may be accommodated. At the last meeting of the Board there was an order brought in here, which was a very good one, that the Elevated Railroad be given permission to lay tracks across Swett St., in order to connect at Columbia Road and to give accommodation to the people of Neponset. That is another cross-town route. During the year we obtained not only Swett St. but also Talbot Ave., and Geneva Ave. should certainly be carried across Dorchester to Blue Hill Ave.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I suppose this sounds very nice and will look very well as a campaign document. (Laughter.) But I asked about Adams St. I wanted some information about Adams St., not intending to bring forth something which will be printed as a political document.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman is continually talking about politics here. I would like to say, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, that I have not descended to petty politics since I have been a member of the Board. Whatever matters have come up here I have acted on honestly and fairly and for the best interests of the citizens as a whole, not only of Dorchester, but of the other sections of the city, and I am not bringing politics into this matter. As the gentleman has referred to politics in connection with the garbage plant, I will also say that I have refrained from politics there. I have not brought politics into the garbage plant. There is no politics in that as far as I am concerned. But I live nearer to the garbage plant than my colleagues in this Board, and reports have come to me about it. I have acted honestly and fairly.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I must still insist on my point of order, that the alderman is not talking to the question. If he desires to rise to a question of personal privilege, he has that right.

Ald. McDONALD—I ask that, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will proceed, if there is no objection.

Ald. McDONALD—My question of personal privilege is that the gentleman has been referring to politics here in the Board. I want to state that I was acting on all these matters upon business principles and that I believe Adams St., above any other street in Dorchester, ought to have tracks laid in it. Gentlemen residing in Dorchester have complained for years that it is almost impossible to reach Cedar Grove Cemetery except in carriages. (Laughter.) If people can ride there for a car fare, they will thereby be able to save three, four or five dollars.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, being Chairman of the Railroad Committee, I will say that at the last meeting, when a public hearing was given I was absent. As I understand it, the gentleman who served on the committee reported favorably on this Adams St. order. I have had half a dozen letters from different residents there, people residing in the vicinity, asking that this order be put through the Board.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would treat the request of the alderman who wishes information more seriously if I did not know a little something about it. As a matter of fact, we had a public hearing here about a week since, with reference to Morton St., and we had about a dozen witnesses—I don't know but more than that—in here. It so happened that Ald. Brick was in here and heard the whole thing, and so when this matter came up he said he was going to object to Adams St., because he heard the whole matter before the committee, happening to be present and hearing the case presented, and being satisfied that he should object.

Now, if he heard the whole case presented, and it was not this case at all, but another matter entirely, it is perfectly obvious to my mind that we could not convince him in regard to this. If he could not grasp from hearing the people who appeared at that hearing what they were talking about, I don't see how we can give him any light upon this. As a matter of fact, the case he is now talking about is entirely different. The people of Dorchester have asked for this, through their representatives. The railroad has asked for it, and if nobody out there objects, I don't see why an alderman from the other end of the town should. I certainly would be willing to give him all the information I have, only I am afraid he would think I was talking about Morton St. (Laughter.) I am not talking about that, but Adams St. It seems to me a perfectly plain case. They want a road there, nobody objects, and they ought to have it.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, perhaps I should rise to a question of privilege. Possibly what I have said may be taken a little humorously, but I don't think with my national descent that I am as dense as the alderman from Wd. 12 would think. If anybody knows that I have made any argument against this location, I wish they would state it. My whole position is simply this, that I wish to know something about the matter. I may vote for it or may vote against it. I simply say that I am in that equipose that I know nothing about it, and the railroad committee does not give us any information about it. But I do say this, that I have had an opportunity to practice law for ten years, and I think when I hear an argument pro or con I have sense enough to make up my mind in accordance with the facts. I know of no occasion when I have not made up my mind and have not voted yes or no, giving my reasons for it, on important questions coming before this Board. I don't think he knows of an occasion when there has been any issue raised here that I have not spoken or voted.

THE CHAIRMAN—The order will go over under the rule.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, I ask that the rule be suspended.

The rule was suspended, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I wish to offer an amendment to that location, to strike out the words "Minot St." wherever they occur, and insert the words "Beaumont St."

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the gentleman's motion is not in order. They asked for a location, it has been advertised, and it cannot now be changed.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, my amendment would simply cut out a part of the location, not changing it. I would like to cut off a few hundred feet at the end, for this reason, I don't know whether the Railroad Committee have been out there, and I would like to ask through their Chairman, if they have paid a visit to the location.

Ald. DIXON—We have not.

Ald. CODMAN—The object of my amendment is this. The Committee on Railroads have before them at this time and have already given several hearings or attempted to give several hearings upon the question of a crosstown road for Dorchester. There are two companies who have asked for these crosstown locations. Both of these companies have asked for a location on Minot St.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say, for the information of the gentleman, that the distance can be reduced. The gentleman desires to reduce the distance on some street several hundred feet. Is that the idea?

Ald. CODMAN—I wish to stop the road 100 feet from Minot St., instead of having it go across.

The CHAIRMAN—The same line?

Ald. CODMAN—The same line.

The CHAIRMAN—That is in the province of the gentleman.

Ald. CODMAN—For this reason, that if you give the road an opportunity to go to Minot St., to go on to Minot St. at this point, you completely cut off the possibility of the other road, besides the West End or Boston Elevated, that has asked for an opportunity to go across town there. Whether or not it is the purpose of the committee to give them a favorable answer, I do not know. But in the meantime, I suppose action of this kind should not be taken. The terminal of this Adams St. location crosses Minot St., according to the plan I have examined, and the granting of this petition prevents the possibility of the Railroad Committee giving anybody a crosstown location as proposed, except the road to which you are granting a location today. For that reason I don't believe the Railroad Committee want to put themselves on record as granting this location, thereby committing themselves to the proposition that this particular one of the two roads shall have that crosstown location.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman a question, if he will pardon me, and that is if he understands that the other road that has petitioned for a location here—the Norfolk Suburban, is it?—

Ald. CODMAN—Quincy and Forest Hills.

Ald. COLBY— contemplates running directly over streets now occupied by the Boston Elevated? I would ask if that is where they have asked for locations—on streets already occupied?

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it has in one case for a very short distance. But my objection would be that if these cars were allowed to stop at the end of this terminal, as set forth in the plan, it would block the street and another line would find it impossible to run cars on Minot St. It is simply a question of stopping the cars 100 feet away, instead of allowing them to cross Minot St. at all. It does not injure the location and does not prevent the accommodation of the people. It is in no way

an injury. It merely affects the standing of the two orders now before the Railroad Committee, upon which the people of Dorchester are very anxious to have a report.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would call the attention of the members from Dorchester and the members of the Railroad Committee to the language of the order—"to maintain and use double tracks on Adams St., beginning at Neponset Ave., and connecting with company's tracks on said avenue, thence on said Adams St. to a point at or near Minot St." It does not speak about crossing Minot St.

Ald. CODMAN—They can go across Minot St., Mr. Chairman, and the plan shows where they cross.

Ald. COLBY—Connecting with other tracks?

Ald. CODMAN—They have no tracks on Minot St. That is what you are considering now in your committee. My amendment, if it is allowed by the Chair, would be to have the cars stop at a point 100 feet or 10 feet from Minot St. That is the only correction I would like to make.

The CHAIRMAN—That is, continue on Adams St. to a point 100 feet from Minot St.

Ald. CODMAN—Yes.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I am familiar with that section, as well as Ald. Codman, and the point he has raised here this afternoon is well taken. It strikes me that the Boston Elevated Railroad Company will be just as well satisfied to run its tracks within 100 feet of Minot St. as to the centre of Minot St., and the fact that the Railroad Committee has before it two other propositions for locations on Minot St. is good reason, to my mind, for supporting the amendment offered by the alderman from Wd. 24.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will put the motion as made by Ald. Codman, which will read as follows:—

"Thence on said Adams St. to a point 100 feet northerly from Minot St."

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me perfectly within the province of this Board to grant the whole or any part of a petition that comes before it—to grant a location up to Minot St. or to within 100 feet of Minot St., as it sees fit. I trust sincerely that the other members of the Board will allow the amendment offered here to go through.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it strikes me, despite the humor of the gentleman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), that this committee has not done quite as well as it might have done, that there is more in this matter than appears on the surface. We find now, after the committee has reported, that there are difficulties in the way—other petitions and other things wanted by other railroads; and we further find, from the inquiry of the gentleman from Wd. 24 of the Chairman of the Committee, that the Committee has not even visited this location. It strikes me that some little consideration should be given to these matters. There is a matter coming up here this afternoon in regard to the removal of poles. The location has been granted, the company goes to the expense of putting up poles, and then we have an objection from the abutters. Therefore the committee will come in this afternoon and ask to have these poles removed, and the next thing will be that the telegraph company will have an injunction against us. They will have an order of mandamus issued and will make us put a line of telegraph poles through that section. These things ought to be considered fairly in committee. That is the place to do it. I therefore move that this entire subject be referred back to the railroad committee.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I certainly trust that this will not be referred back. What I propose is very simple; everything is right and proper. I am in sympathy with everything that has been said here today in favor of these tracks.

I live in the section. I know the wants of the people. There has been a large and extensive petition handed to the Board for these tracks. I think the year before I entered the City Government, about six years ago, this same matter came up and an order was passed by the Board of Aldermen at that time. The people at that time were opposed to these tracks, and although the Board passed the order in face of the opposition, the Railroad Commissioners refused to approve it.

Since that time there never could have been a more complete change in anything than there has been in the position of the residents of Adams St. This petition, as I say, bearing nearly 100 signatures, shows to me and to those who are acquainted out there that the situation has entirely changed. The people there now want these tracks. Those people who were opposed are now in favor of them, and there is absolutely no argument that I know of, except lack of information, possibly, on the part of one or two members of the Board—which information I, as far as I am able, am ready to give—for further delay. I certainly hope that the little amendment I have offered in all sincerity, shall not be a block to the order. It is very easily understood, and there is no cause to block the whole proposition at this time by reason of it. If the order is passed now, I understand that possibilities favor a great deal quicker construction than later on. The road is practically a straight road and the rails can be gotten quickly and put in place, there being no curves or construction of that sort. I trust that the matter will not be laid over on account of the point I have raised, because I am sincerely and honestly in favor of the location.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I want to say just a word to Alderman Brick of Wd. 8. It seems very strange to me that the alderman should rise here today, as he has on other occasions, and try to block the wheels of progress out in Dorchester. We have three aldermen in this Board from that section, and they are all united on these railroad sites. They are for the interest of the district, they help the property out there, and we know what we are talking about when we ask the Board to join with us and to grant the locations. I fail to see why the Board should take seriously anything the alderman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Brick) may say on this matter. He has offered no reason why Ald. Codman's amendment should not prevail and why the whole order should not be passed as amended. I would be perfectly willing, for one, if a matter with which he was perfectly familiar came up in his district, to take his opinion upon it and to vote on it practically as he might suggest. I fail to see why he cannot accord the same courtesy to the aldermen from Dorchester.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Ald. Codman just one question, with the permission of the Chair. I would like to ask him if he recollects to whom the franchise was granted three years ago and what were the reasons for the refusal of the railroad commissioners to grant the location at that time—also, if those objections have been remedied? Is Adams St. wider now, or what were the reasons?

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman's question I will say that the location was asked from the Lower Mills, what we call Dorchester Lower Mills, at Pierce Sq., which the gentleman is familiar with on the way down through Adams St. to the junction of Neponset Ave.—including exactly the same location as Minot St. to Neponset Ave., but being a longer location. The opposition came before this Board, and in the judgment of the Board it was not strong enough to be recognized, and the Board voted to grant the location notwithstanding the opposition. Before the Railroad Commission

the opponents made a better showing. They got their forces together and made a very strong presentation of their case. Their principal objection was not to the width of the street but because, as they said, there was no particular call for the road at the time, that they did not care for it. A large part of the opposition at that time came from that part of the street between the point now asked for as the southerly terminal and Pierce Sq. So that, by asking for a location from Neponset Ave. through Adams St. to Minot St. they have either cut out the objection above there, from the southerly part of Adams St., or else have converted the owners of property who were at the time opposed to the road to the belief that it has become a necessity. The street is not a very wide street, and yet it is wider than a great many streets where locations are granted.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I want to find out if the Railroad Commissioners refused this location on the ground that the street was not wide enough?

Ald. CODMAN—No.

Ald. BRICK—It seems that they must have given some other reason than what has been stated.

Ald. CODMAN—The reason was on account of the strength of the opposition. The opposition here at the time was not sufficiently strong to defeat it, for the reason that insufficient notice was given. The showing before this Board in opposition was not very strong. But it then went to the Railroad Commissioners, was well agitated, and all the opponents of the location appeared. So it was really a case of not needing it, not a case of narrow streets.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I am willing to do either one of two things—either to vote for this report as submitted, or vote to lay it over. I am free to say that I don't see anything to be gained by the amendment.

All that is asked for in this location is the right to lay tracks to the junction of Adams and Minot Sts. Now, if the Boston Elevated Road has its petition allowed it can simply connect its tracks on Minot St. with these tracks. If it is not allowed, if the other railroad gets it, that does not help out the Boston Elevated. They will simply have their tracks two hundred feet longer, but that will give them no right to run over the other people's tracks or even to connect with them. This location, as shown on the plan, would not be detrimental, as far as I can see to the petition of the other people, because they do not ask to go down to the point covered in the petition of the other people. If the tracks are simply stopped back of that point, I don't see what difference it makes. It is simply a question of their going 100 feet farther to connect with the Minot St. tracks, if they get the right to place tracks in that street, and if they don't get it they simply do not build the track in Minot St. It is perfectly obvious that if the Boston Elevated Road does not get the location it asks for the tracks that it is building down here will be of no use to it beyond the point where the cars stop and go the other way. I cannot see for the life of me how this interferes in the slightest degree with the other petition.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it is not my purpose to discuss this matter with the Committee on Railroads or with any other member of the Board from a map or plan. I have got up here and explained my position. Ald. Adams is well posted on the section and has borne me out. He believes my request is reasonable. Ald. Colby has got up in the Board and expressed his opinion. But none of us know just how these locations may be used. There are a great many things that may come up, which can be avoided if they are taken in time. It is easy enough to block up a street with railroad tracks, and these tracks, where they terminate on that plan, go on to Minot St., so that a road coming

along Minot St. could not get by without going over the end of their tracks. I don't believe this Board has the right to give one road the right to cut across the tracks of another in that way. It is only a question of stopping 100 feet this side of it and then waiting to see what road we will give the cross-town location to. I believe that is a proper and business like thing to do.

On motion of Ald. Dixon, the order was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, Nov. 27th, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the following petitions (severally referred to-day):—

American Telegraph and Telephone Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on Neponset Ave. and other streets.

The Massachusetts Telephone & Telegraph Co., for leave to erect poles on Mt. Washington Ave., Granite, W. Second, A. C. W. Seventh, D. Ninth, Dorchester, Vinton, Preble and Wendel Sts., Washington Ave., Locust and Buttonwood Sts., Crescent Ave., Sydney, Spring Bay, Freeport, Tenean, Franklin, Walnut and Taylor Sts., and Neponset Ave. (part of system between Boston and Providence).

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Mt. Washington and Dorchester Ave., Granite, W. First, B. W. Sixth, D. W. Ninth, Dorchester and Swett Sts. (part of location between Boston and Springfield).

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole in Congress St., Wd. 13.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove two poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove one pole in South St., Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(2) Reports that no action is necessary on the following:—

Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. (recommitted June 26), for leave to erect poles, wires, etc., in Sumner and East Cottage Sts., Dorchester.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred May 15), to be allowed to open streets for the purpose of laying conduits jointly with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass.

Reports severally accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of Rev. John J. Farrell and others (referred Oct. 9), for the removal of the poles of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. on West Cottage St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board July 17, granting permission to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to locate poles on East Cottage and West Cottage Sts. be rescinded so far as the same relates to the location of 13 poles on West Cottage St., and the said Postal Telegraph-Cable Company is hereby directed to remove the said 13 poles on West Cottage St. within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I dislike very much to oppose this report, and in doing so I may be alone again. But it seems to me that leave was granted to this company to erect its poles, and that it has done so. Now, I dislike as much as any other man to oppose gentlemen who come in here and desire to have poles removed from their streets. Some of them are my friends. But, as a matter of equity and decent treatment, it strikes me that we are trespassing a little bit on the rights of this company in ordering them to remove these poles. The location was granted after a hearing. The matter was looked into, leave was granted,

and the poles have been erected. We are now obliged by a United States law to grant a location to this company. The Postal Telegraph Cable Company is a trunk line from New York to Boston, and we have got to grant to it a location somewhere. These gentlemen, who are very decent people, come in and object to the poles on their street. Well, we have got to grant a location somewhere. We must either allow the poles to be erected on West Cottage St. or to go around through some other street, because they can go to court and compel us to do it. In some of the best streets in Roxbury and Dorchester—in Crawford St., Humboldt Ave. and other streets—there are telegraph poles. Of course, it is unfortunate, it is too bad; but they have to run through some street. There is a project in the air that all the wires be buried, but the law does not compel companies to do that yet. There is a section, extending as far as Dover St., in which that must be done. The residents beyond that section come in and say they want these wires buried. That is all right—I would like to see them buried, too, would like to see them all buried; but it seems like an onerous burden to place on this company.

If we compel them at once on West Cottage St. to bury these wires, the persons living on all the other streets where there are telegraph poles will come into this Board and ask a similar privilege. If we are going to play favorites, we may compel or order the removal of poles in almost every street out through that section. I would like to see that done. The argument is that this does not amount to much in this case, that it will cost only a few thousand dollars. But if people along the whole line come in, people on Humboldt Ave., Crawford St. and all through that section, on streets where there are nice residences, as of course they will come in, it would be a very serious matter if the company was to be compelled to bury the wires. The law does not compel them to bury these wires, at the present time. As I say, I dislike to vote against these gentlemen, because I like their friendship as well as the other gentlemen on the committee. But, as a matter of business, it strikes me as unfair to do this, simply because an active opposition comes in here against the poles on this street. If we order the poles removed from the street, we will be compelled within a short time to allow a location for them out through there. The court will direct us to do it. As County Commissioners we will be obliged to give the company a location along the best routes. If we take this action in regard to West Cottage st., we will be obliged to do so in connection with other streets, which will object to the poles just as much. I feel that in passing this order we will be establishing a bad precedent, one which will lead us into trouble.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman a question. Are you on the Committee on Electric Wires?

Ald. BRICK—I am.

Ald. CODMAN—Have you visited this location?

Ald. BRICK—I think not, except as I have examined it on the map. But everything seems to be on the map.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman now finds himself in the same position as he found the railroad committee. I have been there three times, and I am extremely anxious to see those poles come down. The citizens on that street—

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I beg the gentleman's pardon. I am a little wrong—I have visited the location.

Ald. DOYLE—He just woke up. (Laughter.)

Ald. CODMAN—Then the gentleman will bear me out in what I say. I never saw such poles on a street in my life. They are crooked, twisted, and are the homeliest poles I have seen in the city of Boston,

and I have been through a good many streets. Aside from that, they are very heavy poles for their height, because they are supposed to carry a trunk line cable. The sidewalks are very narrow and the poles, according to the Superintendent of Streets, must be set back fifteen inches from the curbstone. The poles are fifteen inches through, so that from the outside on the curbstone to the inside of the pole is nearly three feet, in some cases fully that. The result is that it is in many places almost impossible to pass two abreast between the poles and the fences, which are sometimes not just perpendicular. In fact, I think there are some individuals who could not go through without walking sideways. I hope the board will rescind this permit. As far as placing wires underground is concerned, I believe the Board should take a position in favor of it. I believe when we ask a company that has within a year been compelled to put two miles of its wires underground to put a thousand feet under, we are not asking them to do very much for us. I do not believe in taking the poles down in Dorchester, and putting the wires underground, as a whole, at once; but I believe, when there are new locations asked for, especially for trunk lines, that those trunk lines should go underground. I hope, without delaying the Board too long with this matter, that the order will pass.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope that the order for the removal of these poles will pass, notwithstanding the fact that my friend feels that if this order passes the residents on Crawford St., Humboldt Ave. and other streets in that section of the city may come in and ask for the same privileges. If the residents on Humboldt Ave. and Crawford St. can work up any such sentiment as has been worked up against the poles on West Cottage St., I am free to say that I will vote for the removal of the poles on those streets. For the information of the other members around the Board, I want to say that there was a mass meeting in opposition to those poles, at which some very prominent men gathered, and it was the unanimous sentiment of everybody in the neighborhood that the poles should come down.

Report accepted and order passed.

#### PAYMENT TO COMMONWEALTH.

The Committee on County Accounts submitted a report recommending the passage of the following order: That the Auditor of the County be authorized to allow for payment to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of Sixty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$68.78) assessed on the County of Suffolk by the Mass. Highway Commission under the authority of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1894.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, that, I understand, is our assessment for a small piece of State road down toward Revere.

Report accepted and order passed.

#### LABORERS TO BE PAID \$2.25 PER DAY.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay all laborers at a uniform rate of \$2.25 per day, except where their compensation exceeds that rate.

Passed. Sent down.

#### PAYMENTS BEFORE THANKSGIVING, ETC.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly payrolls be allowed and paid on or before Wednesday, November 22, in anticipation of the December draft, and for the month of December on or before Saturday, December 23, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby directed to submit pay-rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed. Sent down.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN announced as the Committee on Park at Squantum, Ald. Codman McDonald and Doyle.

#### PENAL ASPECTS OF DRUNKENNESS.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That 2500 extra copies of the message from His Honor the Mayor transmitting the report of the Committee on Penal Aspects of Drunkenness, together with the said report, be printed, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

Passed. Sent down.

#### MOTION FOR RECESS.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I move we take a recess subject to the call of the Chair and my purpose for asking for it is this: When the Board was out I forgot something. I meant to ask that the Committee on Public Improvements report on the Franklin Fund matter, as we might just as well bring this matter up now. If my motion is defeated we will not take a recess, but I think that this subject has been in committee sufficiently long, and as near as I can find out the thing is being played for political purposes only. We agreed on a report and I believe that the matter should be reported here from the committee and not be left in there. Therefore, I ask that we take a recess subject to the call of the Chair, and on that motion I ask for the yeas and nays.

The motion to take a recess was defeated, the vote being:—

Yeas—Ald. Colby, Day, McDonald, Pre-sho—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Dixon, Doyle—7.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. CODMAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### NEXT MEETING.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, Nov. 27, at 3 o'clock p. m., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

Adjourned at 5:32 o'clock p. m., on motion of Ald. Adams.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Nov 23, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the Chair and a quorum present.

## CHAPMAN SCHOOL CONTRACT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 23, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting information as to why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a schoolhouse in East Boston at a cost of \$85,000 was allowed to add over \$7000 to his original figure, after the bids had been opened and contract signed?"

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, In School Committee,  
November 14, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred, Oct. 24, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting that they be informed why the contractor, Frank G. Coburn, to whom the contract was awarded for building a schoolhouse in East Boston at a cost of \$85,000 was allowed to add over \$7000 to his original figure after the bids have been opened and contract signed, report that the facts in connection with this contract were fully set forth in a report presented to the Board at its meeting of Sept. 26, and they recommend that a copy thereof be transmitted to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

For the Committee,

E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

City of Boston,

In School Committee, Sept. 26, 1899.

Mr. Aldrich, for the same committee, reported that at the last meeting of the Board an order was passed authorizing the execution of a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co., in the sum of \$85,900 for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston, said firm being the lowest bidder. Subsequently your committee were informed by F. G. Coburn & Co., that a clerical error had been made by them in making up the figures upon which their bid was based, in that the sum of \$1,100 was entered in a certain item, when \$11,000 was clearly the amount intended to be used. The original figures have been examined by your committee, and they are satisfied that the mistake was wholly unintentional, and that the larger sum was a fair one for the item in question. The contractors are perfectly willing to forfeit the \$1,500 deposited by them as security for signing the contract, but decline to go further, as to do so would involve a loss to them far in excess of the \$1,500, but have agreed to undertake the contract for the sum of \$93,683, which is \$7,783 in excess of their original bid. This amount is \$3,550 less than the proposal submitted by the next lowest bidder, and, in the judgment of the committee, it would be better for the interests of the city to accept this proposal than to readvertise for new bids, which course they are confident would not result in any saving of expense, to say nothing of the delay that would thereby result. In consideration of the facts herein set forth, and after consultation with the Corporation Counsel, and with the consent of the

Mayor in writing, your committee recommend the rescinding of the order passed by the Board at its last meeting, and the passage of the following order in place thereof:—

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with F. G. Coburn & Co. in the sum of ninety-three thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars (\$93,683) for erecting the Chapman Grammar School building in East Boston; and on the execution of said contract by said Coburn & Co. the fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) deposited by them as security for signing another contract to be returned to them.

The report was accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

A true copy. Attest:—

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

## DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Nov. 23, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reply to your order requesting that some alteration be made in the entrance on the west side of the new high school building in Dorchester.

Yours respectfully,

Joshua Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, In School Committee,  
November 14, 1899.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred—Oct. 24—a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, with regard to the entrance to the new High School building in Dorchester, report that although no change in the original plans of this building with regard to the entrance referred to, has as yet been made, the matter has for some time been under consideration both by the committee and the architects; and your committee recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the architectural effect of the western facade of the completed structure will be fully consonant with the dignity and importance of the entire building.

For the Committee,

E. I. Aldrich, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

## PLAYGROUND, MARCELLA ST. HOME.

The following was received:—

Children's Institutions Department,  
Trustees for Children.

Nov. 17, 1899.

Daniel J. Kiley, Esq., President of the Common Council, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Trustees for Children respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the request of the Common Council that the grounds of the Marcella St. Home should be used as a playground for children.

The Trustees would see the Marcella St. grounds used in this way with great pleasure were it not that there is no money at their disposal to pay for police protection or for the repair of the property at the Home in case of accidental or intentional injury to it.

If the City Council could arrange for police protection and for making good any damage to the property the Trustees would be more than glad to have the grounds used as a playground.

Your obedient servant,

Charles P. Putnam, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Grounds Dept.

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

The following was received:—

Office of City Clerk, City of Boston,  
City Hall, Nov. 17, 1899.

To the Honorable Common Council:—

You are respectfully notified that the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen this day appointed Alderman Codman, McDonald and Doyle as members on the part of this Board of the special committee on the matter of transferring certain land belonging to the City in Squantum to the Metropolitan Park Commissioners.

Attest:—

John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk.

Placed on file.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Message of Mayor transmitting report of Committee on Penal Aspects of Drunkenness. (City Doc. 158.)

Placed on file.

2. Message of Mayor transmitting report of Ernest C. Marshall, Director in charge of Rindge Fund Excursions. (City Doc. 162.)

Placed on file.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 3 to 7, inclusive, together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

3. Report of Committee on Claims on petition of James J. Powers, referred May 8, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the Sanitary Division—leave to withdraw, at his own request.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary A. F. Reardon, referred November 21, 1898, for compensation for damage to estate, 45 Stonehurst St., caused by blasting,—leave to withdraw, as the claim has been settled.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Michael J. Toumey, referred October 10, 1898, for compensation for personal injuries, and damage to bicycle caused by an alleged defect in Huckins St.,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Elizabeth C. Giblin et al., referred June 12, for compensation for damage to estates 409 and 412 Bremen St., caused by the overflow of sewage,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Elizabeth C. Giblin, referred June 12, for compensation for damage to estate, 400 Chelsea St., East Boston, caused by the overflow of sewage,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

8. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Richard W. McDowell, administrator, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Willard Welsh the sum of \$178.34, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Wentworth St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 56.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 9 to 13, inclusive, together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz:—

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Alexander Y. Cochrane, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered. That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles A. Gleason the sum of \$176.70, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on north side of Farrington St., lot 40, for unpaid taxes of the

year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2582, fol. 36.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Maurice Claike, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcrest the sum of \$381.35, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 142-4 Lincoln St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 120.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Maurice Clarke, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John E. Gilcrest the sum of \$282.55, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 148 Lincoln St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 121.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Elizabeth Weston, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay Frederick W. Hassam the sum of seventy-three (73) dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Savin Hill Ave. and Grampan Way for unpaid taxes of the year 1897 (by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 103).

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Rufus K. Thomas, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank Brewster the sum of one hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents (107.50), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40 of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willis St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fo. 100.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That 2,500 extra copies of the message from His Honor the Mayor transmitting the report of the Committee on Penal Aspects of Drunkenness, together with the said report, be printed, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8, and the order was passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Police be and hereby is authorized and directed to allow and pay to Mary E. Cunningham, widow of the late Patrolman Frank Cunningham, deceased April 27, 1899, an annuity of three hundred (300) dollars per annum, as provided by section 2 of chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887.

The rule was suspended, on motion of Mr. Simpson of Wd. 1, and the order was passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay-rolls be allowed and paid on or before Wednesday, November 22, in anticipation of the December draft, and for the month of December on or before Saturday, December 23, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby directed to submit pay-rolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed in concurrence.

17. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to pay all laborers at a uniform rate of \$2.25 per day, except where their compensation exceeds that rate.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and members of the Common Council, I ask for the assignment of that order. I think that is a very sweeping order and one that may work great harm to the laboring class. We all know that the treas-

ury of Boston is nearly empty today. There are many laborers, honest men, who are employed at less than \$2.50 a day, and if all the money is used up at the rate of \$2.25 a day, it means that men must be turned off, men who are earning their living and who are supporting their families at the present time on \$2 a day, and very likely they will receive full compensation for what they give the city. For that reason I ask for assignment, to get information, to find out how many men receive less wages than that, and what they do.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I am much surprised at the attitude of the gentleman in the Fourth Division (Mr. Stevens), who is attacking this order here on the payroll for less than \$2 a day. He knows as well as I that practically all the laborers of Boston are employed at a rate of not less than \$2 a day. I see no reason why this gentleman here—

Mr. STEVENS—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Mulcahy has the floor.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I see no reason why the gentleman in the Fourth Division should raise any objection to increasing the wages of the poor man, the laboring man who is in the employ of the city, in the street and sewer departments, where they have to work in holes down six or eight or ten feet underground, as well as in the water department and in every other department. I say that every man who is a laborer earns his compensation of \$2 a day, and I say that he deserves \$2.25. I don't really know what to say to the gentleman in regard to his attitude on this matter. There is nothing more I can say than that it comes from a republican. It would be well if the gentleman himself had had to go into the streets of Boston and earn \$2 a day. He would be willing, if he had friends among members of this body, to then ask them to vote for an increase of twenty-five cents a day, so that he might improve in his method of living, and get along better. I trust that the order will pass.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I disagree with the speaker who just preceded me, inasmuch as he has attacked the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens). I think the gentleman from Wd. 11 is earnest and honest in asking for the assignment and in desiring information. I think I can give the gentleman from Wd. 11 and the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) both some information. I desire to ask the members of this body to refuse assignment of this matter for two reasons—one, because the gentleman in the other branch who introduced this order has waited on His Honor the Mayor, and His Honor the Mayor has practically decided that no increase shall take place under his administration. The gentleman who introduced this order, the alderman-to-be from the new seventh district (Ald. Doyle), has told me that he will wait upon the next Mayor, be he republican or democrat, and insist upon regulating the salaries of city employees, laborers, who now receive no more than \$2 a day, giving them a uniform amount of \$2.25 a day, and says he intends to fight for it. Now, assignment will amount to but little. It will give a week's delay. The gentleman will receive no information whatever, further than that there are some employees of the city of \$2.25, some who receive \$2.10 per day, some who receive \$2.02 per day, and others who receive \$2. As a matter of fact, the laborers' pay is not regulated in a uniform manner. A man driving a tipcart in the Street Cleaning Division receives \$2.10 a day. The easiest job as laborer in the city of Boston—and I know it, because I have worked over them—is that of the men who use a hoe and broom in the streets, and they receive \$2 a day; and the man who does the hard-

est work of any in the department, the man who shovels the dirt, and the helpers, receive \$2.02. That is unjust. For that reason I hope that assignment will not prevail this evening. That is one reason why I wish the order to go through tonight, because I know nothing will be done this year by the administration. The administration has no desire to do anything for the working people. But I have hope that the next administration, no matter who the gentleman at the head of it may be, will treat the laboring man with fairness. I have in mind a gentleman who is a candidate for Mayor, who I know will treat the laboring man fairly. I don't intend to mention his name tonight, but I will vote for him. (Voices: "Collins!" "Hart!") Somebody is right. (Laughter.)

Another reason why I ask that the matter may not be assigned tonight is because we may not have another meeting to act upon this,—a quorum, and for the reason that I wish His Honor Mayor Quincy to pass on this matter now, and not have it said that if it came to him he might do it. I desire the order passed so that it may come before him. I feel satisfied that the gentleman from Wd. 11 asked for assignment in all fairness. As to protecting the treasury, he knows that nobody will protect it now more than the man down stairs—at present. (Laughter.) Everything is all over. (Laughter.) I trust that the gentleman will withdraw his objection and will let this order go through tonight, and I hope that he will take no notice of the remarks of the gentleman who followed him.

The motion to assign was lost.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. Watson moved to reconsider. Lost.

#### DOWN TOWN RELIEF HOSPITAL.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11, for the Committee on Hospital Department, submitted a report on the order (referred Nov. 9) concerning a site for an ambulance and relief station at Haymarket Sq.,—Recommending the passage or the order in concurrence.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence. Mr. Armistead moved to reconsider; lost.

#### CLAIMS.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions for balances remaining from tax sales of estates, viz.:

Report on the petition of Mary A. Doyle (referred Oct. 16)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of one hundred eleven and 97-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 330, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith St., lot 140, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 615.

Report on the petition of Mary A. Doyle (referred Oct. 16).—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of one hundred eleven and 77-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 330, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith St. (lot 139) for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 613.

Report on the petition of Mary G. Davis (referred Oct. 30).—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edgar G. Fisher the sum of ninety-eight and 95-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under

chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Spencer St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 578.

Report on the petition of Thomas R. Fallon and others (referred Aug. 14)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster the sum of two hundred seven dollars and sixty-five cents, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 77 Longwood Ave., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 363.

Report on the petition of Thomas R. Fallon and others (referred Aug. 14)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster, the sum of twenty-nine dollars and thirty cents, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 140 Ward St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 593.

Report on the petition of Anna Horrigan (referred Sept. 12)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Anna Horrigan, the sum of one hundred ten dollars and eighty cents, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 75 Decatur St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 145.

Reports severally accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

(2) Report on the petition of Norman F. Garland (referred July 17)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to Norman F. Garland the sum of Fifty Dollars, being the expense incurred on account of a suit brought against him for his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

(3) Report on the petition of Herbert I. Nickerson (referred Oct. 9)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Herbert I. Nickerson the sum of one hundred and six dollars and thirteen cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; the said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rules. Sent up.

(4) Report on the petition of Joseph O. Hodgkins (referred June 26)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Joseph O. Hodgkins the sum of forty-five dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the city of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule. Sent up.

(5) Report on the petition of George A. Jordan (referred Oct. 23)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George A. Jordan the sum of two hundred and forty-four dollars and eighteen cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the city of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule. Sent up.

Mr. Logan moved to reconsider on all the above reports; lost.

#### ADDITIONAL COPIES, MUNICIPAL REGISTER.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, for the Committee on Printing, submitted a report of the order (referred Nov. 2) for the printing of one hundred additional copies of the Municipal Register—Recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

#### PROTEST AGAINST VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT.

Mr. WATSON, of Wd. 18, offered an order—That a special committee to consist of five members of this Council, with such of the Board of Aldermen as may join, be appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor and the Cemetery Trustees and urge them to revoke the permit granted to the Victorian Club to erect a monument on Boston Common.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, it may seem strange to some members this evening that I should introduce an order for a committee, and I will briefly state why I have introduced it. At the last meeting of the Common Council a resolution passed here unanimously protesting against the erection upon Boston Common of a statue by a British Society. That resolution has by this time reached His Honor the Mayor, and from all reports which I have received he has no intention whatever of revoking the permit or recalling his approval. The resolution has not reached the Cemetery Trustees, and, therefore, has not been acted upon by them. If a joint committee of the City Council is appointed and waits upon His Honor the Mayor and asks him verbally to revoke the permit or to recall the approval which he has given, the people of Boston will know whether he is friendly to the scheme; and if the committee waits upon the Cemetery Trustees, it can easily find out whether or not they intend to revoke the permit. I arise here, Mr. President and fellow members, as an American born citizen, born of American people, born in this country, yet I bear no feeling against any man because of his race, color or creed. God gave him brains to seek enlightenment in reference to religion, education and other matters, and when a man chooses his life, he must abide by it. He is answerable for himself, and himself alone, to a higher Being. While I am upon my feet speaking in favor of this order of mine, I desire to call to the attention of the members of this body an article which appeared in a paper—which I want to say frankly I did not buy, but which was sent to me as a marked copy—known as "The American Citizen," which I am ashamed to hold in my hand, but which I feel compelled to bring to the attention of those who are born in this country, and those who are not, of those who believe with me and of those who do not, who are attacked by this newspaper. With the permission of the Council I will read a sentence or two from it, showing the kind of people who ask to have this statue erected upon our breathing spot, Boston Common. This "British American Citizen"—well, they have to cut out the "British," in order to sell enough copies to pay for the printing. I wish to read a sentence or two from it. In the issue of Saturday, November 13, a gentleman by the name of Neal, whom I do not know at all, and do not know where he belongs, but I believe if I had the proof I would be apt to claim—and I think I can prove the claim in time—that the gentleman is not a citizen of the United States, because so far as I have gone I cannot find his name upon the voting list, and good citizens vote, has

a letter to the editor. It starts as follows:—

"Is Boston an Irish or an American city?"

Editor of the Citizen: "It would seem, by the trend of things that Boston's name should be changed to 'Erin go Bragh' (laughter), as it has just been found"—

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. WATSON—(Continuing)—as it has just been found out that Boston is an 'English' name and cannot be retained if Linehan, Collins, Klein, Gibbons, Watson and Stevens can have their way. They have decided that no gravestones shall be erected on the Common, after liberty to do so has been given by the sons of true Americans, who know what is just and proper to do at all times."

I want to say that this society which has asked and has obtained the permit or approval of His Honor the Mayor to erect this statue is unable to raise sufficient money in the United States to erect it. They are getting funds in England today with which to erect that monument. That shows how much sympathy American citizens—not that kind of American citizens but honest American citizens—have with such schemes. I will skip part of this article, in one place in which this gentleman refers to the gallant Ninth, which needs no defence from me. I will read the concluding sentence of his dirty letter. I would like to lick him, I think.

"Try another Fenian Raid into Canada, friends Linehan, Collins and Jerry Watson, and see what would be left of your scalps to adorn the council chambers of Boston in the future; and that too, by 'volunteers,' not 'hirelings,' like the 'Gallant Ninth' of hospital service fame. H. S. K. Neal."

Now, gentlemen and fellow-members, I want to ask this Council to stand tonight in favor of honest American purposes. No man in this body, regardless of his birthplace, regardless of his religion, regardless of his race, will stand up and allow any pro-English to erect a monument on Boston Common to those who tried to take from us the liberty we so gallantly won. Mr. President and fellow members, I say this as one who was born in this country—although I am no better than a foreign-born citizen who pledges his word and honor to be with the United States, and do not feel that I am any better, but if he wants to draw the line on citizens born of American born people, I want to say to him that I stand here as one of them who opposes the erection of any statue on Boston Common, and that if it ever goes there I am liable to be one of the many to see that it goes away. I trust that my order will pass here unanimously.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—As the gentleman in the first division refers to an article in a certain paper, I also would like to call his attention to an article which appeared in the Boston Traveler, stating that the men who favor such a statue had in their veins the blood of grand old revolutionary ancestors, patriotic people of days gone by—not a muddy type. I would like to say, for the benefit of the Boston Traveler, that in my veins is the blood of an English soldier. My father served all through the Crimean war. He served 16 years in the British army, and if anyone should favor the erection of a statue on Boston Common, it should be the son of an English soldier; but I say that, out of sentiment, patriotism and common decency, I oppose it.

The order was read a second time, and was passed. Sent up.

#### IMPROVEMENT IN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. WATSON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to put the property lately acquired for a playground on Columbus Ave., Wd. 18, in order

so that the same may be used for football and other games.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LIGHT ON HAVERHILL STREET.

Mr. SULLIVAN, of Wd. 4, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light on the corner of Haverhill and Seaver Sts., Wd. 4.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### WOODEN BUILDING.

Mr. STONE, of Wd. 7, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report of the petition of the Aaron D. Weld Estate (referred Nov. 17)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Aaron D. Weld Estate, to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Wd. St., corner of Church St., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for a stable.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

#### SEWER IN BIRD ST.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a sewer through Bird St., Wd. 16, between Virginia St. and Columbia Road.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF HUMPHREY SQ.

Mr. WELLS offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Humphreys Sq., Wd. 16, as a public highway.

Passed under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

#### EXTENSION OF NORFOLK HOUSE LINE.

Mr. LOREY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through the Board of Aldermen, to extend their Norfolk House line to Jamaica Plain terminus or establish a free transfer system at Jackson Sq.

Passed. Sent up.

#### REPAIR OF SIDEWALK.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place in repair the sidewalk in front of estate 369 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### LEGISLATION TO PROTECT CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to consider and report what legislation is necessary to prevent the brutal treatment of prisoners and citizens by members of the police force of the city of Boston.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, my object in introducing that order at this time is this. Being a member of the Committee on Claims, I have noticed a lot of cases coming before the Committee this year of police officers whom the court has decided should pay damages to certain citizens for false arrest and for brutal beatings and treatment received at their hands. At the last meeting of the Committee on Claims, three or four of those cases came in, and I opposed every one of them. I told the members of the Committee that I proposed to get up in the Council and make a statement. I think some measures should be adopted to pro-

vent policemen from abusing and beating citizens and being then allowed, after judgment has been awarded against them by the court, to appear before the Committee on Claims and have the money refunded to them. In my opinion, when the court gives a decision against the man the court is right and he is wrong. Therefore, it is poor policy, in my opinion, for the a condition as would not be tolerated by the citizens of any other municipality in this country. The people here suffer from the domination of policemen—drunk-n Committee on Claims to undo what the court has done. I would like to say that the police of Boston to day are in such policemen, who insult decent people, arrest respectable women, and beat citizens of Boston. I will say that there are cases innumerable where men have entered station houses at night, apparently all right, and have appeared in court the next morning with their heads smashed to pieces. I think it is about time that some legislation, some ordinance, some law, should be enacted and placed on the statue books, to prevent policemen from beating citizens of Boston.

The order was read for the information of Mr. Bagley of Wd. 1.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Claims, I am compelled to rise here and defend myself against the onslaught of the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan) He has attacked the Committee on Claims in very good style, and is right in every particular, in my judgment, with one exception. The exception is the case of Officer Nickerson, which has been passed upon here this evening. I want to say for benefit of the members of this body and of my constituents in general that I have voted against every measure proposing to pay back to police officers the amount of damages obtained against them by somebody whom they have assaulted, by award of the courts. I have done so in a prejudiced manner in many cases, knowing, as I have, some of the extremes that a policeman goes to. But in this one particular case, that of Officer Nickerson, I have made an exception to the rule I have followed. His is the case I voted for in committee the other day, as the member who has just spoken will bear me out I voted with him on every case—the vote was two nays, and the rest yeas, on every one of them.

I do feel that some measures should be taken to remedy the present state of affairs in this respect in Boston. I do think the policemen of Boston go too far. For example, I will refer to a case that happened only the other evening. I stood down on Hanover St., watching the fire over the Bryan Club Headquarters, near Station 1, inside the ropes. There was considerable pushing and shoving on the sidewalk and people on the edge of the sidewalk were shoved into the street. One or more policemen jumped up at once and crowded and rushed them back. The people near the building, at the back of the sidewalk, endeavored to get away by running right and left, and those back of them were pushing on them, making it a regular pushing match. A police officer standing near me got hold of four or five people and handled them roughly, making matters much worse than they would otherwise have been, and finally got hold of a young man and brought him to the station. Of course, my freshness brought me along with them to the station, too—or rather, one. The police officer's name was Arnold. The young man's name I do not know. The lieutenant asked the young man his name, and he gave it, and the lieutenant then turned to the officer and said "What is the trouble?" The officer undertook to say that the young man gave him some cheap chin and that he was a fresh young fellow from Harvard. The young fellow never went to Harvard—I could see that. He had not done any

talking at all, and I told the lieutenant so. Of course, the result was that they then tried to rush me out of the station, but when I went the young man went along with me. That is an example of what the police try to do here in Boston, and I am an example of an encounter with a policeman myself. I think there should be some legislation in regard to this matter. I would like to amend the order, or would prefer to introduce a substitute order for the repeal of the act which gives the city the right to pay back the amount of money which policemen who are sued may be obliged to pay to meet a judgment against them. If the gentleman who has offered this order will withdraw it, I will introduce a substitute order to that effect—but I will vote for either that order or the one he has offered, at the Legislature, where I am going. If the gentleman does not care to withdraw his order, I will vote for this, and I hope it will pass.

The order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

#### REPLY REQUESTED TO ORDERS REFERRED.

Mr. ARMISTEAD, of Wd. 11, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to cause a reply to be transmitted to the Common Council as soon as convenient to the two orders referred to him on February 2, 1899, one regarding department pay-rolls bearing the names of persons deceased, and the other concerning payments of sums of money in excess of salaries as defined by ordinance.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11—Mr. President, in explanation of that order I would like to state that in February last two orders were offered by me in this Council, one asking the City Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with a list of the departments on whose pay-rolls the names of dead men were being carried, the names of the parties using said names to draw money from the city treasury, and the amounts so paid out; and the other, asking through the same source, for the names of the department heads who are drawing from the city treasury sums in excess of the salary defined by ordinance for their services, the amounts so drawn and the reasons therefor—Since these orders were offered over eight months have elapsed and the Mayor has not yet given the information desired, although the first inquiry intimated criminal action on the part of some one in forging names on the city pay-rolls. From the fact that His Honor found it necessary to reduce the scant wages of a great number of the city employees, including the police and firemen—and that in some of the departments this reduction is still in force—this is a reasonable inquiry for the City Council to make. Why is it withheld? We desire to know why discrimination is made in favor of the heads of certain departments which, upon inquiry, seem to be those most in touch with His Honor, when dealing with the corporations who have secured such great favors at the expense of the taxpayers during the present administration.

I renew the orders offered on Feb. 2nd asking His Honor for this information, and trust that it be given to the council at its next meeting. Possibly this information may be deemed of such importance that this body, in case of the failure or neglect of the Mayor, to uncover the frauds and favoritism which these orders are designed to expose, may seek the information through the means which a wise legislature has placed at its disposal.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## FLOODING OF NORTH END PLAYGROUND.

Mr. BADARACCO of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to flood the North End playground so that it can be used for skating purposes.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## INFORMATION REGARDING G. A. R. EMPLOYEES.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this Council why the employees of the ferries who are members of the G. A. R. have not been paid for the time lost while attending the encampment at Philadelphia, in accordance with the order passed by the City Council.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## NEXT MEETING.

Mr. BAGLEY offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1899, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

## CONSTRUCTION OF STONY BROOK.

Mr. McINERNEY, of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to prevent the further construction of Stony Brook by contract.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege. Last week there was a scurrilous circular sent through my district against my character, against my motives as a member of this and last year's government, giving the people in my district a chance to impugn my motives as a member of this body.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. MARTIN—Mr. President, it was stated in the circular sent through my district last week that I was the direct cause of having city laborers' pay reduced seven and one-half per cent. The reason, as stated, was this, that I voted a year ago last April for the increase of the policemen's pay. It is true that I did vote to increase the policemen's pay, as I would vote to increase the pay of any city laborers if I had the same chance—which I have not got—again. It was also stated that when the question of increasing the firemen's salaries came up here in this body I absented myself. Mr. President, every member of this body knows what my position has been towards the firemen. I have advocated and have introduced more bills and measures in their interest in my two years' service here than were ever introduced in their interest before, as having been a fireman myself, I realized full well what they had to contend with, much better than anybody who did not know the facts as well as I. There were also sent through the Ward a great many copies of another circular, saying that I would not vote for the increase in the city laborers' pay. Mr. President, there was never any such matter come before this body. If there had been, I would have done as I have always done—voted to increase the pay of laboring people. Mr. President, this is the only way I have to explain my position, as a member of this year's body.

## WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVE.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Street Commissioners and the Superintendent of Streets

to expedite as quickly as possible the widening of Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5, the appropriation for the same having been passed by the City Council.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5—Mr. President, there was an order passed last year, or the year before, which led to an act of the Legislature, accepted last year by the City Government, to provide money for that avenue, and this year the first loan order introduced provided for a loan of \$200,000. So far nothing has been done. The property owners on the street cannot let their property, because tenants will not take it, for fear that they will be thrown out without any notice. Tenants will not lay in a week's supply of coal and fuel, because they don't know how soon they will have to vacate. By the proposed widening of Rutherford Ave. much of the teaming traffic that now goes through Main St. will be taken care of. Main St., Charlestown, the main thoroughfare of our district, is now in a very bad condition for the handling of teaming traffic, by reason of the fact that a great deal of it has been usurped by the Boston Elevated Road. It is necessary that most of the teaming traffic should be diverted from Main St. up through this other way. I therefore hope that the Mayor or the Street Commissioners will inform us as to their purpose at once, what they intend to do and how they intend to do it, so that the tenants and property owners there may understand what position they are to be in.

The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

## PASSENGER STATION, WD. 12.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Boston Elevated Railway Company to locate a passenger station midway between Northampton St. and Dover St. in connection with the elevated structure on Washington St.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I understand that the Boston Elevated Railroad Company has made no provision whatever for a station between Dover and Northampton Sts., on Washington St. I wish merely to state at this time that the distance from Dover St. to Northampton St. is about 420 feet, or nearly five-sixths of a mile. I don't think it is necessary at this time to make any extended remarks upon this order. We will try to have His Honor the Mayor petition the Elevated Road and will see what answer they will make. At that time, perhaps I will go into the matter at greater length.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, may I ask the gentleman from Wd. 12 a question, through the Chair? I want to know if he is absolutely certain that the road does not intend to have stations between those points? Is he certain of that? The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## REPAVING DEVONSHIRE ST.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 called up No. 22, past assignment, viz:—

22. Ordered, That the sum of sixty-five hundred (\$6500) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets for repaving Devonshire St., between State and Water Sts.; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, that is an order which, I think, needs very little to be said in its favor. It is well known to every one that that is one of the busiest streets in the city, and I trust that the order will pass.

The order was passed in concurrence.

## LOAN TO MEET DEFICIENCIES.

Mr. WATSON called up No. 24, past assignment, viz:—

24. Ordered, That the sum of forty-two thousand (42,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the following-named purposes; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the total amount of such appropriations, viz:—

Pauper Institutions Department.	
Barn, Long Island.....	\$2,487 84
Hospital, Long Island.....	6,643 76
	\$9,131 60
Park Department.	
Playground, Billings Field, West Roxbury.....	27,060 98
Public Buildings Department.	
Fire Department, buildings and site, South Boston.....	600 86
Street Department.	
Gold St. bridge.....	216 66
Street Laying-Out Department.	
Centre St., Wd. 24.....	\$1,896 99
Widening and extending.....	3,092 91
	4,989 90
	\$12,000 00

The question came on passage of said order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, this order will in a very few days become operative, and, in order to save a few days, I sincerely trust that the Council will concur with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in its passage. There is an item here for a playground at Billings Field, West Roxbury, in connection with the Park Department. I would oppose that, were it not for the fact that the Park Commission has located a playground in the ward which I represent in part, and when I get anything I am willing always that some other district should get something. I sincerely trust that this order from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be concurred in.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state, for the information of the Council, that all the items contained in No. 24 on the calendar are for costs and executions of court. The question is on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I would like to object to this order just because of that one item that has been referred to by the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson). If I understand this order aright, it contains an item for a playground in Wd. 17, under the heading "Park Department." While I know that the order will become a law whether we sanction it or not, I want to go on record

as objecting to this matter, because when South Boston wants a little playground or park it cannot get \$5000 for it, while here is a sum of \$27,000 provided for Billings Field. I would like to know how it is that the Park Department has money for such purposes out there, when it has not anything for Wd. 15?

The PRESIDENT—If the Council will pardon the Chair, the Chair will state, as the representative of the Council on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 15, as well as other members of the Council, that all of the items contained in No. 24 are for costs and executions of court, owing to the deficiency in certain appropriations made for these specific purposes.

The order was passed in concurrence.

## RISING SUN STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 called up No. 19, past assignment, viz:—

19. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps, in reply to the order of the Common Council requesting a copy of the contract between the City of Boston and the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, and a schedule of city property used or controlled by said company. (City Doc. 153.)

Referred to the Committee on Lamp Department, on motion of Mr. Sanderson.

## RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF VICE-PRESIDENT HOBART.

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 submitted the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston deploras the loss sustained by this country in the death of Garret A. Hobart, Vice-President of the United States.

He was a man of unblemished character, of gentlemanly instincts and was possessed of an amiability that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

He discharged his public trusts with unusual ability, and this combined with his integrity, his statesmanship and his patriotism entitled him to the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens regardless of their political affiliations.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Passed by a unanimous rising vote.  
Mr. ARMISTEAD—Mr. President, I move that as a further mark of respect, this Council do now adjourn.

The motion was carried, and the Council adjourned at 9.08 P. M., to meet on Thursday, Dec. 7, 1899, at 7.45 P. M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 27, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Aid. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-four traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, Dec. 11th in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—

Arthur W. Kennard, Wd. 11; David E. Partridge, Wd. 10; Thos. F. Curley, Wd. 17; Arsenous J. Kelly, Wd. 2; Jere. J. O'Callaghan, Wd. 20; Patrick F. Gittings, Wd. 19; Wm. R. Dixon, Wd. 16; Carl E. Gooke, Wd. 22; Geo. S. Dyer, Wd. 24; Wm. N. Cook, Wd. 11; Dennis F. Sullivan, Wd. 7; George S. Tarbell, Wd. 21; Austin Avery, Wd. 14; John W. Mitchell, Wd. 18; Caleb A. Thurston, Wd. 14; John L. McKenzie, Wd. 8; John J. Toomey, Wd. 14; Abner F. Locke, Wd. 15; Hugh Smith, Wd. 18; Joseph A. Peters, Wd. 5; Frank R. Brady, Wd. 9; Ernest Mann, Wd. 23; Wm. Peeney, Wd. 22; Edward R. Gray, Wd. 2; Patrick H. Hession, Wd. 18; Hugh P. Smith, Wd. 13; Eliot B. Conyers, Wd. 18; Patrick J. Myers, Wd. 19; John A. McGonigle, Wd. 2; Axel A. Wahlberg, Wd. 24; Chas. M. Richardson, Wd. 12; Theo. Glaesel, Wd. 22; Augustine D. Edwards, Wd. 1; James A. McLaren, Wd. 1.

## CLOTHING ON POLES.—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, November 20, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature votes passed by your Board granting permission to Charles Goldstein to project a pole on which to hang clothing at corner 55 Cross St. and 37-39 Salem St., and to Joseph Freed to project a pole on which to hang clothing at 9 Salem St., the said poles to be 10 feet above the sidewalk.

I understand that the Committee on Building Department have had a number of similar applications referred to them, and that they have not recommended the granting of permission for the reason that the law provides that no part of a sign shall be less than 10 feet above the sidewalk, whereas these applications state that the pole itself is to be only 10 feet above the sidewalk, and this would make it necessary for the clothing, which is in reality the sign, to be placed below the limit established by law. I am of the opinion that this is the correct view to take of the matter, and that poles on which to hang clothing should be placed at such a height that the clothing hanging thereon would not come within less than 10 feet of the sidewalk. At any rate, I do not think that leave should be granted on these petitions, while it is refused on others exactly similar.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The votes whereby the said permission was granted were reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant permission, in spite of the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being—yeas none, nays 10.

## SIGN, DORCHESTER AVE.—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, November 20, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting permission to W. E. O'Brien & Co. to project a sign at 1208 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, the said sign to project four feet six inches.

The law provides that an unilluminated sign shall not project more than one foot and the enclosed vote is therefore illegal. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the said permission was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to grant permission, in spite of the Mayor's objections, the vote on doing so being—yeas none, nays 10.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Florence E. Creed, for leave to project one bay-window from building 197-199 Dorchester St., corner of West Seventh St., Wd. 15.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. Petition of Catherine Curran et als., that the Board estimate the damages sustained by them on account of the taking of their land on Beacham St., Charlestown by the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect and to remove poles, viz:—

3. One pole on Congress St., Wd. 13.

4. One pole on South St., Wd. 23.

5. Two poles on Ashmont St., Wd. 21.

No objections. Severally recommittees to the Committee on Electric Wires.

6. On petition of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles on Neponset Ave., Taylor, Rice, Franklin, Walnut, Fulton, Tenean, Freeport, Auckland, Bay, Spring, and Sydney Sts., Crescent Ave., Buttonwood and Locust Sts., Washington Ave., Wendell, Pringle, Vinton, Dorchester, Middle, Tuckerman, West Ninth, D, West Seventh, C, West Second, West Third, Granite and West First Sts., and Mt. Washington Ave.

A written remonstrance was received from Andrew Walsh et als., against the erection of poles on Buttonwood St.

Joseph A. L. Wallon, of the American Sugar Refining Company, objected to poles on Granite St., on the ground that there are already poles on one side of the street and that there is no necessity for more.

Albert L. Flanders seconded the objection.

The CHAIRMAN—If there is no further objection, the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I don't know why that matter should go to the Committee on Public Improvements. It seems to me there is a committee of this Board that should consider such matters.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair suggests that reference, because we are to have only one or two more meetings and this should be attended to promptly. If the Alderman objects, and desires the matter referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, the Chair will put that motion to the Board.

The Clerk called the roll, and, pending the announcement of the result, Aid. Codman said:—

Mr. Chairman, I understand that you have not announced the vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The City Messenger has informed me that Aid. Presbo desires

to go on record on the roll call, and he will be here at once.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, is that proper action—to wait for a member who is not in the room? I ask for a ruling, whether the Chair or anybody else can send out for a member to come in and vote?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has received word from the messenger that Ald. Presho desires to vote.

Ald. CODMAN—I ask for a ruling.

The CHAIRMAN—It is in the province of the Chair to use his discretion in that matter.

Ald. CODMAN—How long can he wait?

The CHAIRMAN—(Ald Presho having entered the chamber)—The question is on the reference of No. 6 on the calendar to the Committee on Electric Wires, the Chair will state for the information of Ald. Presho.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Day, Presho—6.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Colby, Dixon, McDonald, O'Toole—5.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would say at this time that he did not have the slightest idea how the alderman was going to vote; but that the alderman made a request of the City Messenger that he be allowed to go on record on this matter.

7. On petition of Mass. Telephone and Telegraph Co. for leave to erect poles on Mt. Washington and Dorchester Aves., Granite, West First, B, West Sixth, D, West Ninth, Dorchester and Sweet Sts. (being part of location of said company between Boston and Springfield).

Joseph A. L. Wallon, of the American Sugar Refining Company, appeared and objected to the erection of poles on Granite St., seconding his objection as expressed on No. 6. Albert L. Flanders also appeared and objected.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

8. Mass. Telephone and Telegraph Co., for leave to erect poles on Mt. Washington Ave., Granite, West Second, A, C, West Seventh, D, West Ninth, Dorchester, Vinton, Preble and Wendell Sts., Washington Ave., Locust and Buttonwood Sts., Crescent Ave., Sydney, Spring, Bay, Freeport, Tenean, Franklin, Walnut and Taylor Sts., and Neponset Ave. (being a part of location of said company between Boston and Providence).

Joseph A. L. Wallon also appeared and objected, as before, to the erection of poles on Granite St.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

9. On petition of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company for a location for a single track from the Newton line, through Baker, Mt. Vernon and La Grange Sts. to Centre St., or such other streets as the Board of Aldermen may determine, with the right to use the overhead trolley system thereon.

Josiah H. Quincy, representing the West Roxbury Citizens' Association, objected to the granting of the petition, not thinking it necessary that any street railway line should come over from Newton to that portion of Wd. 23.

Howard R. Guild, W. Stanley Campbell and L. J. Brackett seconded the objection.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

10. On petition of the New England Railroad Company for a determination of the manner in which a proposed extension of its road shall cross West Fourth St. and Broadway, and any other ways in this city.

Hon. John B. Martin appeared and stated that, until he had examined the plan he did not know whether he would object to the petition or not.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, it was voted that No. 10 be referred to the Committee

on Public Improvements, sitting as County Commissioners, and that Mr. Martin or any other person be given an opportunity to be heard.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

##### Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Robert Reynolds, a sign, at 43 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Downing & Dodge, an illuminated sign, at 158 Court St., Wd. 6.

John Marks, a sign, at 243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

J. H. Newbegin, a sign, at 652 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Raphael Nazzaro, an illuminated sign, at 282 North St., Wd. 6.

Chang Toy and Sam Yick, a sign, at 9½ Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Rosary Ciccolo, a barber pole, at 36 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Uplam's Corner Universalist Church, a transparency (temporarily) at Wheelock Hall, Columbia Road.

William A. Beckett, an illuminated sign, at 7 No. Anderson St., Wd. 8.

J. C. Pineo, a pole, on which to display a flag, at 643 Warren St., Wd. 21.

William Beeching & Co., a sign, at 3 John St., Wd. 6.

Ira P. Pope, a sign, at 82 Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

Frank Landino, a sign, at 29 So. Margin St., Wd. 8.

J. J. Delaney, an illuminated sign, at 1651 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Echel Herman, a pawnbroker's sign, at 178 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Braman, Dow & Co., for leave to project an iron beam, to be used as a tramway to facilitate the loading of teams from Medford St., side of building, 239-243 Causeway St.

##### Claims.

Benjamin Finkelstein, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Haverhill St.

Jennie Rosenberg, for compensation for injuries caused by her being struck by a hook & ladder truck.

William Tyner, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by an alleged defect in Lowell St.

##### Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect two poles on Park St., Wd. 5.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on E. Cottage St., Wd. 17.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Blue Hill and Geneva Aves.

For leave to erect and to remove poles on South St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect and to remove poles in Washington St., Wds. 20 and 24.

For leave to erect poles in Wolcott, Seaver, Erie, Summer, and Quincy Sts.

For leave to erect poles in Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect poles in Mansfield St., Wd. 25.

James Menzies et als., for removal of a pole at the corner of Bennington and Brooks Sts.

##### Faneuil Hall, etc

Public School Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall on December 8, at noon.

Bunker Hill Chapter, D. A. R., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon and evening of January 1, 1900.

##### Lamps.

Watson & Waite et als., for public lamps on Burnham Pl. S. E.

##### Licenses.

Morgan Chapel Day Nursery, for a permit for Ross Skinner and other children under

15 years of age, to appear at Music Hall on the afternoons of Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 2.

Petitions for licenses for musical, dramatic, literary, and dancing entertainments for the season ending August 1, 1901, as follows:—

Catholic Union of Dorchester and Milton, at the hall of said Union, 24 River St.  
Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, at Norfolk Hall, 328 Washington St., Dorchester.  
Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, at Columbia Hall, 363 Centre St.  
Dorchester Woman's Club House Association, at its club house on Centre St., Dorchester.  
E. R. Buffinton, at hall 67 Warren St., Roxbury.

#### Police. (Ald.)

G. W. Berry, Jr., to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

#### Public Improvements.

Cutting, Bardwell & Co., for leave to erect a guy post in Congress St., Wd. 13.

John C. Haynes, for leave to lay a 1½ in. pipe under sidewalk at 333-335 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Mrs. L. J. O'Toole, for leave to lay a 1½ inch pipe under sidewalk.

M. J. McKenna, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 99-101 Washington St., cor. Austin St., Wd. 5.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a building from Orchard Pl., cor. Boston St., to 11 Clapp St., Wd. 16.

Samuel Ward Company, for leave to place storm doors, swinging outward, at 49 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Samuel Malkiel, for leave to place a sign on an unused lamp post at 7 Post Office Sq., Wd. 6.

Joseph Schaff et als., that the Board do not grant a permit for coasting on Thorn-ton St., between Ellis and Valentine Sts.

Frank G. Coburn & Co., for leave to stretch guy ropes across Eutaw, Trenton, Brooks and Marion Sts.

Harry Myers, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 106 Court St., Wd. 6.

Frank W. Simons, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon on Summer St. extension, corner Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Communication from Nathaniel Niles Thayer, in relation to bequest of Caroline C. Thayer, for Protestant widows and single women.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

George H. Gibby, 52-52A and 54-54A W. Eagle St., Wd. 1.

Atherton Brown, cor. Atlantic Ave. and Summer St., Wd. 7.

George Wheatland, 813-815 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

Charles J. Bower, 1, 2, 3, 4 Covington St., Wd. 15.

Mary Doherty, 23-30 Rand St., Wd. 16.

Roger Regan, 27 Bellflower St., Wd. 16.

Patrick Nylon, 23 Bellflower St., Wd. 16.

Felix Smith, 11-17 Wabeno St., Wd. 21.

Mrs. A. V. Moore, 3 Schuyler St., Wd. 21.

#### ILLUMINATED SIGN.

Ald. DOYLE presented the petition of George M. Potter, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 2143 Washington St., and moved that leave be granted.

It was voted that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

11. The following order was passed and sent up by the Common Council:

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through the Board of Aldermen, to extend their Norfolk House line to Jamaica Plain terminus or establish a free transfer system at Jackson Sq.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

12. Resolved, That the City Council of Boston deplores the loss sustained by this

country in the death of Garret A. Hobart, Vice-President of the United States.

He was a man of unblemished character, of gentlemanly instincts, and was possessed of an amiability that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

He discharged his public trusts with unusual ability, and this, combined with his integrity, his statesmanship and his patriotism, entitled him to the respect and admiration of his fellow-citizens, regardless of their political affiliations.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Passed, by a unanimous rising vote.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and construct Humphreys Sq., Wd. 16, as a public highway.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Street Commissioners and the Superintendent of Streets to expedite, as quickly as possible, the widening of Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5; the appropriation for the same having been passed by the City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of five members of this Council, with such of the Board of Aldermen as may join, be appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor and the Cemetery Trustees, and urge them to revoke the permit granted to the Victorian Club to erect a monument on Boston Common.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move that No. 15 on the calendar be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. In support of that motion, I desire to make my position very clear. The Board, I believe, joined with the Common Council at a previous meeting in voting against granting a permit upon Boston Common for the erection of this particular monument. That being the case, I take it that the Board has done practically all it can do in the way of recording itself against the proposition. For that reason, I move reference of No. 15 on the calendar to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that this order stands in a little different light than the previous one. This order provides that the Committee wait upon His Honor the Mayor and request him to revoke the permit. The Board in its previous order did not vote to make that request in that way.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I hope it will go to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back this afternoon. I want to merely enlighten my mind upon a certain point in connection with it.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back today.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Adams, to consider Nos. 16 to 25 together, inclusive, and to dispense with the reading of the same, viz:—

16. Report on the petition of Mary A. Doyle (referred October 16) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of one hundred eleven and 97-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith St. (Lot 140), for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 615.

17. Report on the petition of Mary A. Doyle (referred October 16) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward A. McLaughlin the sum of one hundred eleven and 77-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Keith St. (Lot 139) for unpaid

taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 613.

18. Report on the petition of Mary G. Davis (referred October 30), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edgar J. Fisher the sum of ninety-eight and 95-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Spencer St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1893, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 578.

19. Report on the petition of Thomas B. Tallon and others (referred August 14), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster the sum of two hundred seven and 65-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 41, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 77 Longwood Ave., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 363.

20. Report on the petition of Thomas R. Dakon and others (referred August 14), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Solomon A. Bolster the sum of twenty-nine and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 149 Ward St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 593.

21. Report on the petition of Anna Horrigan (referred September 12), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Anna Horrigan the sum of one hundred ten and 80-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate, 75 Decatur St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 145.

22. Report on the petition of Norman F. Garland (referred July 17) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, that there be allowed and paid to Norman F. Garland the sum of fifty dollars, being the expense incurred on account of a suit brought against him for his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

23. Report on the petition of Herbert I. Nickerson (referred October 9) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, that there be allowed and paid to Herbert I. Nickerson the sum of one hundred and six dollars and thirteen cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; the said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

24. Report on the petition of Joseph O. Hodgkins (referred June 26) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Joseph O. Hodgkins the sum of forty-five dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

25. Report on the petition of George A. Jordan (referred October 23) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to George A. Jordan the sum of two hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty cents, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged

to the appropriation for Police Department.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

26. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Aaron D. Weld estate to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Weld St., corner of Church St., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall, as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for a stable.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 27, unfinished business, viz:—

27. Action on the appointment submitted by the Mayor, of James C. Bell, to be a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. McDonald and Colby. Whole number of ballots cast 10; yes 10, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### LEAVE TO PROJECT BAY WINDOWS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 28, special assignment, viz:—

28. Report of Committee on Building Department (Aldermen) recommending that leave be granted to Arthur Murphy to project bay windows from buildings 365 and 369A Neponset Ave., and 2 and 2A Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Committed to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), on motion of Ald. Brick.

#### TRACKS ON ADAMS STREET.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 29, special assignment, viz:—

29. Order granting location to the West End Street Railway Company "to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Adams St., beginning at Neponset Ave., and connecting with company's tracks on said avenue; thence on said Adams St. to a point (A) at or near (B) Minot St., (C) there connecting with other tracks asked for by said company, (D)" with the right to use the overhead electric trolley system thereon.

Ald. Codman has moved to amend said order by striking out the words between (A) and (B), and inserting instead "one hundred feet northerly from;" also by striking out the words between (C) and (D).

The question came on the adoption of Ald. Codman's amendment.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I feel that I should oppose the amendment offered by the Alderman from Wd. 24. I believe the locations as asked for originally should prevail, because if this amendment passes, as I understand it, it will mean that no railroad will come into Dorchester at this point. Now, the people of Dorchester are very much in favor, as I understand it, of this service being given by the elevated railroad. The petition presented by that road last year I have now in my hand. As I understand it, there has been no petition sent in here to change the original plan of location which the elevated railroad asked for. Now, upon this petition is a list of the petitioners—F. J. Pierce, G. F. Pierce, Webster Treston, Edwin T. Scott, Frederick R. S. McDowell, Benjamin C. Boyd, E. T. Wheeler, N. Jacobs and Edwin Rosey, and from one hundred and fifty-two to two hundred other names. It seems to me, under the circumstances, as there is no great demand for this amendment, that it would be much better to have the location as originally asked for granted.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I thought I fully explained my position at the last meeting, but, as I apparently did not, and as some members of the railroad committee have been on the spot with me and have seen exactly what I meant by my attempted explanation of last week—although the gentleman who has just spoken was not able to be there, I think—I hardly feel like trying to reply to what has been said. It is not that I want to prevent the West End Road from having a location, but that two corporations have appeared before this Board at some time during the summer and have asked for a location up Minot St. and thence across town. Now, unless this amendment is adopted the matter will be left in a very strange position. While the Committee on Railroads have had under consideration, and have given a number of hearings upon, the question of a cross town road, it is proposed to come into this Board and vote to give to one of the companies who is petitioning for a cross town road the privilege of so going across the location as asked for by the two companies as to make it impossible for any but one of the petitioners for the cross town road to obtain what they want.

I don't believe it is right or proper for members of this Board to vote for this location as originally petitioned for until the Committee on Railroads have committed themselves to either one or the other of the cross town locations. It is not to stop the location as asked for; it is not to prevent or allow any other road to come into Boston from any other direction. It is simply a question of whether it is not proper for the Railroad Committee to decide first which company it is going to allow to go across the outer edge of Dorchester. Then, if it is decided to allow the Boston Elevated to have the location there, this location can be connected with it.

If it is not so decided, the last one hundred feet of this location, unless they wish to terminate at a bank end there, does not amount to anything. As a matter of fact, some road will have to go down that way, and I don't doubt that they will. But I think it is simply a question of putting the cart before the horse, turning the whole matter over so as to block the possibility of a good, fair, square vote on the question. I am not personally committed to either of the cross-town petitioners, but I do feel that if you are going to settle the question of a cross-town route at all, it should be settled first. So, although the alderman from Dorchester (Ald. McDonald) apparently is opposed to me in this matter, I think we are fully agreed except on the question as to which order should be passed first. I hope the amendment will prevail, so that later we can, if necessary, extend this location to connect with the proposed tracks.

The amendment was declared rejected. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The amendment was rejected, yeas 3, nays 8:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman, O'Toole—3.  
Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, Presho—8.

The order was declared passed. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, yeas 11, nays 0. Ald. Codman moved to reconsider; lost.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 30, on the table, viz:—

30. Action on the appointment of William H. Powers, to be a constable for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I would

like to ask the alderman's reasons for referring the matter at this time? It has been on the calendar now for several weeks, and I would like to hear some reason why it should not be acted on at the present time.

The appointment was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the Norfolk Suburban Street Railway Co. accepting its 7th location and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer after duly approving of the same, submitted the constable's bond of James O'Connor.  
Approved by the Board.

CLERK HIRE.

Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, submitted a list certifying that persons had been employed in this office to the amount of 2238.85.

Approved by the Board.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

B. J. Connolly, one, southerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

B. J. Connolly, one, northerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon Monday, Dec. 11th, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

PROJECTIONS OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Robert Reynolds, sign, 43 Warren St., Wd. 18.

Dwining & Dodge, illuminated sign, 153 Court St., Wd. 6.

J. H. Newbegin, sign, 852 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Raphael Nazzaro, illuminated sign, 282 North St., Wd. 6.

Chang Toy and Sam Yick, sign, 9½ Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Rosary Ciccolo, barber pole, 35 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Upham's Corner Universalist Church, temporary transparency, Wheelock Hall, Columbia Road.

William A. Beckett, illuminated sign, 7 North Anderson St., Wd. 8.

William Beeching & Co., sign, 3 John St., Wd. 6.

Ira P. Pope, sign, 82 Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

Frank Landino, sign, 20 South Margin St., Wd. 8.

J. J. Delaney, illuminated sign, 1651 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Echel Herman, a pawnbroker's sign, 158 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Braman, Dow & Co., to project an iron beam to be used as a tram-way to facilitate the loading of teams from Middleford St. side of building 239-243 Causeway St. Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions to project signs, etc.—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:—

John Marks (referred today), sign, 213 Washington St., Wd. 6.

J. C. Pineo (referred today), pole on which to display a flag, 643 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Joseph Aronson (referred Nov. 8), pole on which to hang clothing, 5 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Wolf Moskovitch (referred Nov. 8), pole on which to hang clothing, 10 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Morris Cohen (referred Nov. 8), pole on which to hang clothing, 24 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Philip Cohen (referred Nov. 8), pole on which to hang clothing, 38 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Hyman Levenson (referred Nov. 8), pole on which to hang clothing, 59 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Isaac Rosen (referred Nov. 17), for leave to suspend clothing on the outside of store 19 Cross St., Wd. 6.

Accepted.

#### WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept., submitted a report on the petition of Alfred D. Perron (referred Nov. 17) for leave to build a wooden building on rear of Gardner St., Wd. 23.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Alfred D. Perron to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on rear of Gardner St., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention of construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for an ice-house.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitions be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Clifford Devens (referred last year), to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Dudley Ave., Wd. 23.

Alice E. Gould (referred April 3), for compensation for damage to estate 63 Beech Gen St.

Edmund T. Lamb (referred July 17), for compensation for damage to horse caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Road.

Charles A. Fernald (referred Nov. 17), to be paid for professional services.

Margaret E. McNealy (referred Aug. 1), for compensation for personal injuries from a fall caused by snow and ice on Centre St. (as the city is not liable).

Robert Hodson, Jr., 4 petitions (referred May 22), for compensation for damage to estates, 366 Princeton St., 341 East Eagle St., 368 Princeton St. and corner of East Eagle and Princeton Sts., caused by alleged defective construction of a sewer (as suit has been entered against the city).

Henrietta Stowell (referred Nov. 8), to be paid for constructing a wall at Sweet Brook (as the claim has been outlawed).

Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum (referred June 12), to be refunded the amount paid as a sewer tax (as the committee has no jurisdiction).

John Sullivan (referred July 17), to be refunded the amount of sewer taxes paid under protest (as the committee has no jurisdiction).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Louisa Dorr (referred Nov. 8), for compensation for land taken for sewer purposes between Hewlett and Mozart Sts.—Recommending reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Report accepted; said reference ordered. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Malachi Lennon (referred Nov. 8), for compensation for damage to estate caused by change of

grade of Blue Hill Ave.—Recommending reference to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Report accepted. Sent down for concurrence in reference.

#### NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Clerk be directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places heretofore designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of December next, for the election of a Mayor to serve for two years; also a Street Commissioner to serve for three years; also thirteen Aldermen, one in each Aldermanic District, except in the fourth and ninth Aldermanic districts in each of which last named districts two will be chosen,—all to serve for one year; also eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years; and for three members of the Common Council to serve for one year; also to give in their votes Yes or No in answer to each of the three following questions:—

"Shall chapter 393 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to authorize the replacing of street car tracks on Boylston and Tremont Sts. in the City of Boston' be accepted?"

"Shall chapter 344 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled 'An Act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees,' be accepted?"

"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

The City Clerk is also directed to give notice, as aforesaid, that meetings of the female citizens of this city, qualified to vote for School Committee, will be held on the same day and in the same places, to give in their votes for eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at six o'clock A.M. and closed at four o'clock P.M.

Passed.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF HARBOR.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the next General Court for such legislation as will cause by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the development of the channel or channels of Boston Harbor to such width and depth as will permit any ship now built or building entrance to the Port of Boston with safety and convenience.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, in the matter of widening the channel in Boston Harbor, the natural channel is on the water front of East Boston, and if there is to be any future development in the dock facilities of the port of Boston it will have to be in East Boston, as evidenced by the appropriation already made for the state docks there. But I do not present that order in behalf of the district I represent, but for the whole city of Boston and the whole State of Massachusetts. The Merchants' Assn. is holding meetings, adopting resolutions, sending committees to Congress and messages to the Congressmen, and every Congressman is getting up and telling how much he has done for the Harbor of Boston, or how much he is going to do. But it seems to me they are getting at it in the wrong way. This is something that the State itself ought to do. Since the formation of this Government the national government has only contributed three million dollars towards the development of Boston Harbor; and the great wealthy State of Massachusetts ought not to go to Washington begging a pittance from the national government, but should take hold and do that work itself. There has been so much discussion in the newspapers and among the dif-

ferent associations, that I think there can be no question that it is an absolute necessity for the commerce of Boston that the channel shall be widened and deepened. Only last week I read in one of the newspapers that the Cunard Company had notified the Merchants' Assn. that it could not send its two new ships here to Boston, because the channel is dangerous. It should be a matter of civic pride on the part of the citizens of Boston to say that there is no ship built or building but what can enter the port of Boston with entire safety. The State of Massachusetts has spent millions upon millions for parks and for boulevards to connect these parks, and for state highways in order that the traffic from the country districts to the city may be carried on safely and nobody, even here in Boston, objects, even though we pay nearly one-half the state tax. I think we all agree that such things are along the lines of state socialism, and that they are good things. But if these are good things, it seems to me it is a great deal better that the State of Massachusetts shall provide a safe pathway for the commerce of the world.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, I am favorable to the main idea contained in the gentleman's order, but it seems to me surprising that we should ask the State of Massachusetts to do this, when all over the rest of the United States the government is doing this work at enormous expense. The New York channel is now being deepened and widened at a very great expense, so as to accommodate the steamers of the future, the steamers they expect to have, seven hundred, eight hundred or nine hundred feet in length, and of corresponding tonnage. I don't really know what the gentleman's idea is in not asking the Union, the Congress of the United States, to give us our share. It seems to me money is being spent by the government for these purposes in New York, in San Francisco, in every small port on the southern coast, and that we at the present time in Massachusetts, needing money for this purpose, should ask the United States Government for it. It is proper that the United States Government should grant money to Boston for this work. There is a tremendously large river and harbor loan bill passed every year, involving anywhere from ten million dollars to twenty million dollars, and sometimes a great deal more, for these very purposes, and a great deal of it goes to small places. It does strike me that Massachusetts, through her two senators and her congressmen, should have her share in this improvement, and should have the channel deepened, so that it will be safe and practicable for large vessels to enter the harbor. There is no reason why New York should receive almost all the Atlantic seaport commerce in connection with the European trade. Boston should make a very determined bid for it, and the only thing to do is to make the United States Government feel that New England, with her railroads coming through Canada and New York State, should have an outlet here in Boston. I think it would be a good idea for the gentleman to withdraw his resolution, and I will cheerfully support any resolution demanding of our congressmen that they further this matter in Congress. I don't see why the socialistic idea should tend so far as to ask the State to do this, proposing that the State of Massachusetts do what the United States should do. The United States is spending a vast amount of money for just such work. Anyone looking over the river and harbor loan bill will be surprised at the immense amount of money that is spent and the way it is concentrated in certain places. I don't see why we should not have more of it concentrated right here in Boston.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, the reason why I have introduced this is that there are already built ships that cannot enter Boston Harbor. The national government only provides a port sufficient to carry

foreign commerce, and it cares nothing for the port of Boston. Congress had just as soon all the traffic should go to New York, even if it does not prefer it. It has already appropriated money to make New York Harbor wider and deeper than our harbor here. If we are going to wait for an appropriation in the river and harbor bill, or anything of that kind, it will be a long, tedious wait. The State of Massachusetts, the city of Boston, must see to it that that channel is deepened and widened, if we are going to have our share of the business. I think instead of waiting for the national government to do it, that the state should go ahead and do it, and do it at once. If this is passed, and the Mayor backs it up, as I believe he will do, we can get the money appropriated. It will be only a few months before the Legislature meets, and within about six months work can be under way. If you wait for the national Congress to act, it may never act, and even if it does act as quickly as possible it will mean a long delay.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, when our representatives are working as hard as they can to accomplish this thing, I don't think we should throw an obstacle like this in their way. They are knocking at the doors of Congress for money for Boston harbor, and if this is passed they will simply be told "Your state is going to do this." It seems to me rather absurd to say that this cannot be accomplished through the United States Government. We have a dock in Boston 800 feet long, capable of holding any vessel that will be built in the next ten or twenty years. Now, why should not the government, in order to be consistent, take further action? Certainly it will place itself in an absurd position if it does not take action towards admitting large vessels to the harbor. If they have looked so far ahead that they can see that it is necessary to have a dock eight hundred feet long, to be logical they must have a channel through which the vessels can come. I am told that a vessel eight hundred feet long cannot come up this harbor, cannot come any farther than President Roads. It seems to me that action such as is proposed here will be embarrassing our representatives. The fact that much has been accomplished for Boston at a very recent date, that there has been work in the way of widening and deepening the channel to accommodate the trade, is a guarantee that the government is looking after Boston and will see far enough ahead to realize that we must have a better port here. I am not willing to admit that our Congressional delegation, composed of two Senators and a large number of Congressmen, is not able to take care of this. I should feel that it was a great confession of weakness if we say that the Massachusetts Congressmen cannot hold their own with those of any state in the Union. I feel some interest in this, and I hope it will go to the Committee on Public Improvements, to consider it more fully. I move its reference to that committee.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Ald. BRICK, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Board of Index Commissioners (referred Sept. 15), for an appropriation for continuing the work of making indices for the Suffolk Registry of Deeds—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Board of Index Commissioners for the County of Suffolk is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars in the preparation of new consolidated and classified descriptive indices to Suffolk Deeds,

said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of Charles P. Johnson (referred last year), for payment for services as court officer in West Roxbury, from Feb. 14 to June 1, 1881—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Charles P. Johnson the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-three Cents, being a payment for services as court officer, pro tem., at the Municipal Court of the City of Boston for the District of West Roxbury, from February 14 to June 1, 1881; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### AWNING AT CASTLE SQ. THEATRE.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That permission be granted to Reuben Nye, Executor, to project a permanent awning over the entrance of the Castle Square Theatre, for the protection of patrons entering and leaving the theatre; said awning to be made of iron and glass, to be ten feet at least above the sidewalk, to be twenty feet in width, and to project the width of the sidewalk.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### CONVEYANCE OF LAND.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be and he hereby is authorized in the name and behalf of the City, to convey to the owner of the estate next west of and adjoining the estate known as the Fire Department Headquarters' Building, on Bristol St., a narrow strip of land and so much of the wall of said building as stands thereon, in return for a conveyance from such owner of a parcel of land four (4) feet square adjoining the land of the City, and to make such agreements in regard to the use of the wall now built, or hereafter to be built, between the said estates, as a party wall or otherwise, as seem for the best interests of the City.

Passed. Sent down.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Codman, at 4.21 o'clock, p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5.20 o'clock, p. m., by the Chairman.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on petitions referred today, viz:

Morgan Chapel Day Nursery for a permit for Ross Skinner and other children under fifteen years of age to appear at Music Halls in the afternoons of November 29 and 30 and Dec. 2.

E. R. Buffinton, for a license for hall at 67 Warren St., Roxbury, for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Dorchester Woman's Club House Association, for a license for dramatic, musical and social entertainments at its club-house on Centre St., Dorchester, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Rev. Arthur T. Conolly, for a license for literary, musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Columbia Hall, 363 Centre St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge for a license

for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Norfolk Hall, 323 Washington St., Dorchester, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Catholic Union of Dorchester and Milton, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at the hall of said Union, 24 River St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 21 newsboys and one flower vender.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

Bunker Hill Chapter, D. A. R., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon and evening of January 1, 1900.

Public School Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on Dec. 8, at noon.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports, on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, Dec. 4, at 3 P.M., when any parties who object to the petition may appear and be heard, as follows:—

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Mansfield St., Wd. 25.

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Spring Park Ave.

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Wolcott, Seaver, Erie, Summer and Quincy Sts.

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Washington St., Wds. 20-24.

Same Company, for leave to erect and to remove poles in Blue Hill and Geneva Aves.

Same Company, for leave to erect and to remove poles in South St., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove one pole on East Cottage St., Wd. 17.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect two poles on Park St., Wd. 5.

Reports accepted, said orders of notice passed.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

Samuel Ward Company, to place storm doors, swinging outward, at 49 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Harry Myers, to project an illuminated sign at 106 Court St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on the order (referred today) to petition for legislation for development of channel of Boston Harbor—recommending that the same pass.

Report accepted, said order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the appointment of William H. Powers as constable in place of Edward J. Holland, removed,—that the same be returned to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the confirmation of the appointment.

Committee, Ald. Day and Berwin. Whole

number of ballots 8; yes 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

(4) Report on the petition of Samuel Malkiel (referred today), for leave to place a sign on an unused lamp-post at 7 Post Office Sq., Wd. 6,—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(5) Report on petitions referred November 17, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owner to furnish material, as follows:—

M. Scheffren, 127-133 Moreland St. and 49 Dennis St., Wd. 17, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

M. Scheffren, 19-29 Huckins St., Wd. 17, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Charles R. Marsh, 229 Highland St., Wd. 22, brick, with granite edgestone.

Anna Rome, 14-16 Morris St., Wd. 1, brick, with granite edgestone.

J. D. Steuer, 811 Beacon St., Wd. 11, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Samuel W. Johnson, 149 West 8th St., Wd. 13, brick, with granite edgestone.

John J. Martin, 178-180 Eighth St., Wd. 15, brick, with granite edgestone.

Aug. Huckins, 17 Huckins St., Wd. 17, brick, with granite edgestone.

Henry M. Leen, 87-89 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Walter Baldwin, 10-16 Minden St., Wd. 22, brick.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

(6) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Mrs. L. J. O'Toole to lay, maintain and use an iron pipe (1¼ in.), with a screw cover attached thereto, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 874 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John C. Haynes to lay, maintain and use a 1¼ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 333-335 Warren St., Wd. 21; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Cutting, Bardwell & Co. to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with ropes attached thereto, in and over Congress St., at or near the corner of A St., Wd. 13; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to M. J. McKenna to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 5 ft. by 3½ ft., with wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 99-101 Washington St., corner Austin St., Wd. 5; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Frank G. Coburn & Co. to stretch, maintain and use guy ropes over and across Eutaw, Trenton, Brooks and Marion Sts., Wd. 1, for use in constructing the Chapman School Building; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of

Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 feet in length, by 48 feet in width, by 34 feet in height, from Orchard Pl., corner of Boston St., across Boston St. and along Clapp St., to No. 11 Clapp St., Wd. 16, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(7) Report on the petition of Wm. H. J. Stone (referred Nov. 17) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William H. J. Stone, to construct, maintain, and use an area, 25 in. square, with an opening 12 in. in diameter and iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on Corinth St., at the corner of Poplar St., Wd. 23; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the order for the appointment of a special committee to request the Mayor and the Cemetery Trustees to revoke the permit granted to the Victorian Club to erect a monument on Boston Common (referred today)—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will appoint Ald. Dixon, Adams, Day, Colby and Doyle as said committee.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't know anything about that matter, and I don't know that I care to serve on that committee.

Ald. ADAMS—Mr. Chairman, I shall decline to serve on that committee I would have voted against it if I had been here in the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will appoint Aids. Berwin and Codman to take the place of the two aldermen who have declined to serve.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I am very sorry not to be able to accept such a courtesy at the hands of the Chair, but I shall decline to serve on that committee.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, with reference to this matter I must say that, as the matter lies in my mind, I think the Board has passed an order which has some sentimental bearing without a great deal of consideration. I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board voted to appoint that committee.

The CHAIRMAN—The order was passed. The question now comes on reconsideration.

Reconsideration was declared lost.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I doubt the vote. I was going to explain my motion. I intended simply to assign this to the next meeting, so as to allow the matter to have a little more consideration.

The motion to reconsider was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Colby, Presko—5.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Brick, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will appoint Ald. Codman and Berwin to make up the Committee of Five.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I thought the Chair understood me when I said I aporeclated the honor conferred upon me by the Chair, but d'id not feel like serving. I agree with Ald. Colby that this is a sentimental question, something I never have entered into in the Board, and something that I don't know that I should enter.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will appoint Ald. Brick.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, in fine with the apology and excuses offered by the other members of the Board, I also desire to thank the Chair for having placed me on that committee, but to say that I will hardly be able to serve. If I may be permitted to take up the time of the Board,

I will say that this brings me back to the original proposition. We are practically making a ridiculous matter of a matter that has some sentimental seriousness. We have, in the first place, passed an order in the Board which practically places the Board on record. That, it seems to me, is all we should do in the matter. It is entirely in the hands of the Mayor and the trustees of the cemetery, and if they do not want to do anything the Board can stand on its head and it will make no difference. That is the whole situation. It is really too serious and important a matter to be trifled with as the Board is trifling with it this afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN—Does the Chair understand the alderman to wish to remain on the committee?

Ald. BERWIN—If it is any favor to the Chair, I will withdraw my objection.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, the Chair has seen fit to honor me by appointing me on the committee. I am not heartily in favor of the resolution, and have not given it a great deal of thought. I don't think it carries with it the weight it should carry. I don't think the sentiment expressed is a wholesome one, and I think the resolution has in it elements dangerous and not fair. I will, however, serve on the committee. But I want to say that I do not serve very whole-heartedly.

The committee, as finally made up, stood

as follows: Ald. Dixon, Day, Doyle, Berwin and Brick.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be and he hereby is requested to remove two trees standing in the sidewalk in front of 549 East Fifth St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### SKATING ON PLAYGROUND.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to flood for skating purposes during the coming winter season the land in the rear of the Boston Base-ball grounds recently acquired for playground purposes.

Passed. Sent down.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. DIXON moved to reconsider the action on all reports and orders submitted today which had not already been reconsidered; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 5.36 p. m., to meet on Monday, Dec. 4, 1899, at 3 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 4, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## SALE OF SCHOOL LOT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 28, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the School Committee surrendering the Paul Gore street lot, Jamaica Plain, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, in School Committee.

June 13, 1899.

Ordered, That the Paul Gore street lot, in Jamaica Plain, be surrendered to the City Council for immediate sale, the said lot being no longer required for school purposes, and that the proceeds of such sale be appropriated for the purpose of adding six additional rooms upon the Wyman school in the Lowell District.

Passed.

A true copy.

Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be authorized to sell the Paul Gore street lot, in Jamaica Plain, surrendered by the School Committee on June 13, 1899, as being no longer required for school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## ILLUMINATED SIGN—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Dec. 4, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my signature a vote passed by your Board at its last meeting granting permission to George M. Potter to project an illuminated sign three feet from the building at 2143 Washington Street.

As stated by me in former communications, I am of the opinion that two feet is the utmost limit to which illuminated signs should be allowed to project from buildings, and this limit has been adhered to in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

The vote whereby the permit was granted was reconsidered, and the question came on granting permission, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding. The Board refused to grant permission over the Mayor's veto, the vote being yeas 0, nays 8.

## PROCEEDINGS AGAINST GARBAGE

## PLANT—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 29, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board assuming to direct the Board of Health and the City Solicitor to take legal proceedings against the New England Sanitary Product Company in relation to the business carried on by it, under its contract with the city, at

Cow Pasture. An order of this character should clearly be passed by both branches of the City Council before it can have any effect, and such an order passed by a single branch can have no effect except as an expression of its opinion.

But, aside from this objection to the order in the form in which it comes to me, I may as well state that I should not be prepared to approve it at the present time, even if it had been passed by both branches. The report of the Board of Health, to which the order refers, was made several months ago, and, without admitting that conditions even at that time were such as to constitute a legal nuisance, I am satisfied that they have now very greatly improved, if, indeed, all grounds for reasonable complaint has not been substantially removed. At the present time the residue or tankage which remains after the grease has been extracted is being burned within the building, instead of loaded upon scows and towed away, and I believe this has done away with one source of trouble under certain atmospheric conditions. From the best information which I can obtain I do not believe that this plant is being conducted at the present time "in a manner objectionable to public health and comfort," and I therefore do not believe there is sufficient ground for the legal action proposed.

My general position in regard to the operation of this plant was fully expressed in my message to your Board under date of October 30th, and I need not go over the ground again in acting upon this order. I may add that it seems to me that the time immediately preceding a municipal election is the worst that could be selected for pressing a matter of this character, which should be dealt with by entire impartiality, and with due deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Adams.

## POLES ON COTTAGE ST.—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Nov. 29, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board rescinding its former order granting permission to the Postal Telegraph Cable Company to locate 13 poles on West Cottage St. The location of these telegraph poles on this street was recommended by the Wire Commissioner, in substitution for the poles on Columbia Road, which had to be removed, and it hardly seems to me proper to compel the company to take down new poles, erected under authority granted by your Board only last July. I believe, furthermore, that if this location is to be rescinded, some other alternative location should be provided at the same time, in order that there may be no interruption in the through business of this company, for which these poles are used. I have been unable to inspect these poles as located, so as to give due weight to the objections which are urged against them, but it seems to me that no serious harm can result from allowing this matter to be taken up again by the next Board of Aldermen. Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

## NORTH END RELIEF STATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Dec. 4, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, requesting that the boundaries of the portion of the lot of land transferred to the city by the

Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, which was placed under the charge of the Hospital Department, be fixed by you, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, accomplishing this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Boston City Hospital,

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—In compliance with your request, and in accordance with the vote of the Honorable City Council, approved by yourself Nov. 29, 1899, I have the honor to state that the portion of land desired by the Trustees of the Hospital for the purpose of constructing a Relief and Ambulance Station, is as follows: The parcel of land transferred to the City of Boston by the Boston Transit Commission under the provisions of Chap. 347 of the Acts of 1897, bounded as follows: On the west by Canal St.; on the south by Haymarket Sq.; on the east by the land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and on the north by a line parallel to the line on Haymarket Sq., and 120 feet therefrom.

I transmit herewith a blue print of the land that reverted from the Boston Transit Commission to the City of Boston, and the portion desired by the Trustees is that included in the bright red tracing.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

A. Shuman,

President of the Trustees.

Ordered, That the boundaries of the lot of land placed by an order approved Nov. 29, 1899, under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief ambulance station, be fixed and approved as follows: On the west by Canal St., one hundred twenty (120) feet, on the south by Haymarket Sq., fifty-nine (59) feet, on the east by the westerly wall of the subway, and on the north by a line parallel to, and distant one hundred twenty (120) feet from Haymarket Sq.

Passed. Sent down.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor, submitting the following appointments subject to approval and confirmation on the part of the Board, viz:—To the Board of Aldermen:—

I hereby appoint: (1) Edmund Billings, an Overseer of the Poor in the city of Boston, for the term ending April 30th, 1902.

(2) Joseph Rourke, a measurer of grain and inspector of pressed and bundled hay and straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over under the law.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect two poles on Park St., Wd. 5.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

2. For leave to erect and to remove one pole on East Cottage St., Wd. 17.

3. For leave to erect and to remove poles in Blue Hill and Geneva Aves., Wds. 20 and 21.

4. For leave to erect poles on Wolcott, Seaver, Erie, Summer and Quincy Sts., Dorchester.

5. For leave to erect and to remove poles in Washington St., Wds. 20 and 21.

6. For leave to erect poles in Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22.

7. For leave to erect and to remove poles in South St., Wd. 23.

8. For leave to erect and to remove poles in Mansfield St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Severally recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Henry Gediman, a campaign transparency, at 50 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Pierce J. Grace, an illuminated sign, at the Columbia Theatre, over Motte St., Wd. 9.

Dominio La Grotto, two barber poles and a sign, at 46 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Charles A. Heintz, a sign, at 10 E. Springfield St., Wd. 12.

Rupert W. Parker, an illuminated sign, at 1641 Washington St., Wd. 12.

G. W. Watts, jr., two barber poles, at 87½ Joy St., Wd. 11.

Pitts, Kimball Co., two Christmas trees, at 609-615 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Wm. S. Milligan, an illuminated sign, at 699 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Henry Parker, an illuminated sign, at 26 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

T. F. McCarthy, an illuminated sign, at 603 Washington St., Wd. 7.

B. Sommer & Co., an illuminated sign, at 44 Winter St., Wd. 7.

G. H. Worcester & Co., an illuminated sign, at 27 Exchange St., Wd. 6.

Simon Davidson, an illuminated sign, at 18 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Daniel J. Byrne, a campaign transparency, at junction of Lamartine and Boylston Sts., Wd. 22.

#### Claims.

Maurice Reardon, to be paid for panes of glass at 46-48 Sudbury St., broken by a fire engine.

Owners of the Schooner Jerusha Baker, for compensation for damages to said schooner caused by the ferryboats Hugh O'Brien and Revere.

Elizabeth O. Hanlon, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Salem St., Charlestown.

Michael Friel, to be paid for awning at 25 Sudbury St., destroyed by a fire engine.

Mary T. Morrison, for compensation for damages to carriage caused by being run into by a fire department wagon.

O. Carlsson, for compensation for personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Tremont St., Roxbury.

#### County Accounts.

Board of Index Commissioners, for an appropriation of \$6000 for the annual indices in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

John T. Hassan et als., that the twelfth volume of Suffolk Deeds be printed.

#### Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect and to remove poles on E. Concord St., Wd. 12.

For leave to erect poles on Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles on McLellan St. and Newport St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles on Parker St., Wd. 4, Catawba, Sherman and Dale Sts., Wd. 21.

#### Faneuil Hall Etc.

Republican City Committee, for the use of Faneuil Hall on December 11, at noon.

#### Supt. of Public Grounds.

John C. Gerwe, for the trimming of a tree at 10 Mercer St., S. B.

Robert B. Williams et al., trustees, for removal of two trees on Eastman St., in rear of 664 Columbia road.

Thos. J. Lundy, for the trimming of a tree at 312 East Eighth St., Wd. 15.

#### Licenses.

Charles W. Pierce, for a license for literary, musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Red Men's Hall, 7

Chestnut Hill Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, during the week commencing December 4, 1899.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Gussie Hunt, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Theatre, during the week commencing December 11, 1899.

Matthew A. Divver, for a license to give dramatic, dancing, musical and literary entertainments in Knights of St. Rose Hall, 17 Worcester St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

#### Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for a location for tracks on Commonwealth Ave., from Brighton Ave. to Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

#### Public Improvements.

Cornelius Keefe, Jr., for leave to place an iron cover over the present grating at 8 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

H. P. Nawn, for leave to erect two guy posts in Battery St. and one in Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Conners Bros., for leave to erect a guy post in E St., Wd. 13.

John S. Jacobs & Son, for leave to excavate under sidewalk, at 12 Clinton St.

A. C. Burrage, for a sidewalk at 325 & 327 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Joseph Schaff and others, that the Board do not grant a permit for coasting on Thornton St., between Ellis and Valentine Sts.

H. W. Cunningham, for a sidewalk, at 47-49 Sargent St., Wd. 16.

Jones & Meehan, for location for tracks and leave to run cars and locomotives, on Gladstone and Leyden Sts., Chelsea Ave. and Bennington St., from Wordsworth St. to the Revere line.

#### BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

Rose Andrews Hall, one, 327 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Meyer B. Gruzenskie, two, corner Howard Ave. and Woodward Park St., over Woodward Park, Wd. 16.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Dec. 18, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Notices were received from Matthew and Mary Desmond and Daniel Mahoney of appeals from awards made by the Board of Aldermen on account of the taking of land by the Boston Elevated Railway Co. Placed on file.

#### DAMAGE TO WAGON.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition (referred June 26) of Luke F. Killian for compensation for damage to his wagon on Amory St.—That the petitioner have leave to withdraw at his own request.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw. Sent down.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1). Reports recommending that licenses be granted, on the usual conditions, on petitions referred today, as follows:—

A. L. Griffin, for Gussie Hunt, under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, during the week commencing Dec. 4, 1899.

Same petitioner, for Gussie Hunt to appear at the Grand Theatre during the week commencing Dec. 11, 1899.

Matthew A. Divver, for dramatic, dancing, musical and literary entertainments in

Knights of St. Rose Hall, 17 Worcester St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

Charles W. Pierce, for Red Men's Hall, No. 7 Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 23, for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2). Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 8 newsboys.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### PAYMENT OF LOSS OF FOWLS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted a report on the petition of G. W. Berry, Jr., (referred Nov. 27) for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to G. W. Berry, Jr., the sum of Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$3.75) in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs October 31, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### FAST DRIVING ON CHESLEA ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted during the present winter on Chelsea St., East Boston, between Maverick Sq. and Prescott St.

Passed. Sent down.

#### LAMP ON FRANKFORT ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a public gas lamp on Frankfort St., East Boston.

Passed.

#### LAMP AT 116 HAVRE ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a public gas lamp on passageway in rear of 116 Havre St., East Boston.

Passed.

#### LAMPS ON KERWIN ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of lamps on Kerwin St., Wd. 20; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. ADAMS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove a partially dead tree standing in front of estate 11 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20, said tree being in a dangerous condition.

Passed.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree at the corner of Bowdoin and Hamilton Sts., in front of the estate of James O. Jordan, Dorchester.

Passed.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.29 o'clock p. m., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.39 o'clock p. m.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Joseph Schaff and others (referred today), that the board do not grant a permit for coasting on Thornton St., between Ellis and Valentine Sts.—Recommendation that the same be placed on file.

Accepted.

(2) Report on the petition of Jones & Meehan (referred today), for locations for tracks and leave to run cars and locomotives on Gladstone and Leyden Sts., Chelsea Ave. and Bennington St., from Wordsworth St. to the Revere line—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1899, at 3 P. M.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Catherine Curran and others (recommitted Nov. 27), recommending the passage of the following:—

On petition of Catherine Curran, Annie M. Curran, Catherine J. Curran and Michael M. Curran that this board estimate and determine the damages to them, caused by the taking on Aug. 28, 1899, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, of their land on Beacham St., Charlestown, as in said petition is more fully set forth, on which land there is a mortgage owned by Helen I. Eldridge, it now appearing that due notice has been given to the said railway company and to said mortgagee of the pendency of said petition, it is, after due consideration, hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by the owners of said estate and by said mortgagee, as aforesaid, be estimated and determined at the sum of one dollar each.

Report accepted; order passed by the board, acting as County Commissioners.

(4) Reports (on petitions referred Nov. 27) recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following names estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, with granite edgestone, the owners to furnish said materials, viz.:

Mary Doherty, 28-30 Rand St., Wd. 16; brick.

Geo. Wheatland, 813-815 Beacon St., Wd. 11; artificial stone.

Mrs. A. V. Moore, 3 Schuyler St., Wd. 21; brick.

Roger Regan, 27 Bellflower St., Wd. 16; brick.

Chas. J. Bower, 1, 2, 3, 4 Covington St., Wd. 15; brick.

Felix Smith, 11-17 Wabeno St., Wd. 21; brick.

Geo. H. Gibby, 52, 52A, 54, 54A W. Eagle St., Wd. 1; brick.

Patrick Neylon, 23 Bellflower St., Wd. 16; brick.

Atherton Brown, cor. Atlantic Ave. and Summer St., Wd. 7; artificial stone.

A. C. Burrage (referred today), 325-327 Newbury St., Wd. 11; brick.

H. W. Cunningham (referred today), 47-49 Sargent St., Wd. 16; brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Nawn to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows: One in Battery St., at or near the corner of Commercial St.; one on Battery St., at or near the North Ferry; and one on Commercial St., at or near the Union Wharf, Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John S. Jacobs & Son to construct, maintain, and use an area, with sidewalk light and granite covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 12 Charter St.,

Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Cornelius Keefe, Jr., to place, maintain, and use an iron cover over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 8 Cambridge St., Wd. 6; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Conners Bros., to erect, maintain, and use a guy post, with ropes attached, on the easterly side of E St., between Broadway and Fourth Sts., Wd. 13; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Report on the communication from Nathaniel Niles Thayer (referred Nov. 27), in relation to bequest of Caroline C. Thayer for Protestant widows and single women—That it is inexpedient to decline said bequest, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

(7) Report on the Mayor's message (referred today) vetoing the order directing the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. to remove 13 poles now located on West Cottage St., recommending that the said veto be not sustained.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I feel that I have stated my position upon these matters in the past—that in passing an order of this kind we are not doing exactly the square thing by the corporation and are laying ourselves open to criticism. This order was passed as stated in the Mayor's veto, and the company has got to work. The company is an interstate company, carrying its messages on this trunk line from New York to Boston. This is a matter of public necessity, and there seems to be no alternative. We will simply be obliged to grant some location. The company originally had its poles and wires on Columbia Road and was ordered to remove them from there. After due deliberation with the Mayor, the Street Commissioners and the Wire Commissioners, this route was taken. The passage of this order, it seems to me, will be a hardship on the company, and I think we will be putting ourselves into a strange attitude. It is done for the purpose of pleasing individuals—individuals whom I personally might like to please. But in doing so we are putting ourselves in a position where we are not doing business on a business basis. The company is acting under the United States law, and we are obliged to give a location. If we refuse this location and do not immediately provide another location, we will be confronted with an order from the United States court, directing us, compelling us, to grant a location. I think that in this instance we are not acting wisely, and that in such a case that we will meet the same opposition from others that we are now meeting from the people who protest against this location. That will be the result if we try to put the line through North Ave., Howard Ave. or any of those avenues. While it may be somewhat of a nuisance to have poles upon the street, it is not for us to take it upon ourselves to compel this company to put its wires underground. There is no law that compels that at the present time, and it will be a hardship. Pole locations are now being granted, and I can conceive of nothing that we can do

except to grant pole locations in this section. Personally I would like to please these people along the line, but I see no reason for passing this over the Mayor's veto except to please those living along the route. On that question, I shall therefore vote "no."

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to the alderman from Wd. 8, after visiting this section several times I have come to the conclusion that it was not right to erect such large poles—some of them, I understand, over twenty inches in diameter—in such streets. We have an ordinance today which prevents business men from blocking the streets. If the members of the Board would visit the location and see how that street is blocked up, they would certainly come into the Board of Aldermen and vote to have the poles taken down. They are not an ornament; they are a nuisance to the neighborhood. The people on West Cottage St. who are paying their taxes into the City of Boston cheerfully have some rights, and I believe if this company is to erect such poles it should do so on a wider street—Dudley St., for instance. But, sir, this pole order never would have passed the Board if the citizens who reside on West Cottage St. had due notice. It seems to me the whole result of this will be that the pole business will have to be taken out of the hands of the Board of Aldermen, having a Superintendent to look after poles. The people residing on a street ought to have some notice sent to them, instead of having it placed in papers that do not reach them, in many cases. I think it is only a question of time when this whole pole question will have to be looked into seriously and put into the hands of a superintendent, who will look after it carefully, and see that the people have an opportunity to be heard. In this case the order was passed and the poles were being put up before a single citizen on West Cottage St. knew anything about it. They are an injury to the property on the street, and I shall vote to pass the order, the Mayor's veto notwithstanding.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, it seems hardly necessary for me to say anything about this pole question, as it has been fully discussed. But it seems to me there is an alternative in this case and that this Board could, if the company was not so selfish and unreasonable, easily get around this question of pole locations. There is not a man here today who is prepared to vote to rescind the locations who would not vote in favor of allowing the company to put in an underground conduit system for that one thousand feet. It is just about a thousand feet, as I understand it. Understanding, as I do, that we are not able to grant an underground location until it is asked for, I certainly hope that this company will come in and will relieve the pressure brought to bear here, by asking for underground locations for that distance. Although voting to pass this rescinding order, against the Mayor's veto, I would be glad to vote for underground conduit locations for this same company, in this same street, if they would come in and ask for them.

The order was passed, the Mayor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding; yeas 11, nay 1. Ald. Brick voting nay.

(8) Report on the Mayor's message (referred today) vetoing the order directing the Board of Health and the City Solicitor to apply to the courts to restrain the New England Sanitary Co. from carrying on its business at Cow Pasture—Recommending that the said message be returned to the Board of Aldermen for action.

On motion of Ald. Adams, the matter was laid on the table.

Later in the session the matter was taken from the table, on motion of Ald. Adams.

The previous vote passing the order was reconsidered, and the question came on

the passage of the order notwithstanding the Mayor's veto.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I very much dislike, even at this time, to be perhaps alone on this matter. I shall, on a roll call, vote "No," however. I think it is like other orders that are sometimes passed here. Perhaps if pressure were not brought at this time and if the elections were not so closely at hand, the Board might see fit to use its judgment in such a manner as to take different action. But, as the matter has been already discussed very minutely previously, I shall not take the time of the Board, but shall vote "No."

The order was passed, the veto of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, yeas 9, nays 3:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Day—3.

(9) Report on the message from the Chairman of the Managers of the Franklin Fund (referred Oct. 30), transmitting a resolution making disposition of said fund—Recommending the passage of the following resolution and order:—

Whereas, The Managers of the Franklin Fund—the donation to the town of Boston under the will of Benjamin Franklin—propose to lay out one-half of that part of said fund now in the hands of the City Treasurer and all accumulations thereof, to be used by the city for erecting a building, to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Building, upon the lot of land owned by the city on Washington St., near the corner of Dover St., now partially occupied by the old Franklin School building, and upon other lands of the city adjoining said lot, so far as the same may be considered desirable therefor; said building to contain a branch of the Public Library, with reading-rooms, also a ward-room, public hall, lecture-rooms, and rooms for the use of the Grand Army Posts now quartered in said old building; also a public convenience station in the basement; and to lay out the remainder of said part of said fund and its accumulations (with the exception of \$5000, which shall be set aside as a fund, the interest of the same to be devoted to the purchase of Franklin medals), to be used by the city for erecting buildings to contain baths for all-the-year round use, combined with public gymnasia when deemed desirable; for building public convenience stations and for the purchase of suitable lots for such buildings.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That if said managers lay out said fund as above specified, the City Engineer forthwith thereafter shall acquire for the city any land desired for said Benjamin Franklin Building, and suitable lots for said other buildings, when such lots are not already owned by the city, one at least in each of the following districts:—East Boston, Wds. 1 and 2; Charlestown, Wds. 3, 4 and 5; North and West Ends, Wds. 6, 7 and 8; South Boston, Wds. 13, 14 and 15; Roxbury, Wds. 17, 18, 19 and 21; Dorchester, Wds. 16, 20 and 24; shall build at least two public convenience stations, one to be located in Post Office Sq. and one in Park Sq., and shall employ architects and erect said buildings; said land, lots and the plans of said buildings to be approved by the managers of said fund and the Mayor; and the expense attending the carrying out of this order to be paid from the proceeds of said funds as laid out for said purposes.

The report was accepted and Ald. Colby moved a suspension of all rules, that the order might be put upon its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, before that motion is put, I would like to move, now that this proposition for the disposal of the Franklin Fund money is before the board, that it lie over for a week. It has been brought to my attention by a number of citizens of my own section that what they would wish in the way of a public bath might not be in accord with what

would be contemplated under this order. It seems to some of the residents out there that a bath house, such as it has been the custom to erect, or such as has been started in the South End, is perhaps not the most available one for our section. In order to place the matter in a crude form before the members of the board, I will say that a suggestion of this kind has been broached, that there be a bath combining, perhaps, some of the features of the Brookline bath, in a convenient location for two of the outlying districts, there being a large swimming tank combined with other features, which would accommodate a larger number of people in our section than such a scheme as has already been carried out in this city. The common shower bath and tub is possibly not so much needed in our sections, in Roxbury and Dorchester and other outlying sections, as in some other parts of the city, and would perhaps not be used as much as a bath, such as the Brookline bath, with a swimming tank as well as a bath tub and spray, and an instructor to instruct old as well as young in the art of swimming, diving, etc., although I have sent to Brookline and have gotten a report as to their bath, and a description of it. I have not been able to visit it. I would like to be able to look into the matter a little further, and can possibly place it so before the board that they would be willing to consider it. I feel a little diffident about asking for delay of a week in this board than I would have in the Committee on Public Improvements, because now the order is fairly on its way towards passage, and it seems to me better to delay it here than there. I trust that the members of this board will grant me at least a week's delay, in order that I may then either bring in or abandon such a proposition as I have suggested, whichever seems fitting.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the time has certainly arrived when this Franklin Fund question should be settled. It has been before the Board of Aldermen for the whole year, and the proposition that the sub-committee has submitted to the whole Board is, it seems to me the fairest of any that have been presented to us. I believe out in Dorchester we could locate a splendid bath; even if it is not as large or constructed on the same principles as the Dover St. bath, between Field's Corner and Glover's Corner. We have no bath there today, and if this bill is carried the people of Dorchester will be benefited considerably by it. For that reason, sir, I hope that the Franklin Fund will not be laid over any longer. If it is, the chances are that it will not pass this year, but will go over to next year's Board. After the many years that the Ben Franklin Fund has been before the City Government it seems to me high time some action should be taken upon it one way or the other. This is the fairest proposition that has been presented, and it seems to me about time that the memory of Benjamin Franklin should be perpetuated in such a memorial building as has been suggested and in other directions, such as he set forth precisely in his will as favoring. For that reason, sir, I hope now, at this late day, that we will pass the bill as reported.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I hope this will not be assigned, because it does not seem at this time that Dorchester is united. One member thinks Dorchester is not getting quite what it wants; another thinks it is. So, as the Dorchester fight is a little perplexing, I think we ought to pass the bill at this time.

Ald. PRESHO—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman opposite would like to make such an amendment as he suggests, I will be glad to vote for it. But I don't see how I can vote for delay at this time.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, the alderman from Dorchester who asks for this delay may be acting entirely in good faith; but, at the same time, it seems to me that delay is entirely unnecessary, for the rea-

son that the order as drafted provides that the money shall be used for baths, gymnasia or something of the sort, and that the exact plan is not determined upon. That is left for the approval of the Board of Trustees. So, when they get down to business and decide what form of bath or gymnasia is necessary, they can consider the whole matter, and if they decide that a swimming pool is what is required out there it can be easily supplied by the Board of Trustees. I think one thing to be said in favor of this order is that it is elastic, that it leaves the scheme to be decided upon as things develop, by the Board of Trustees.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to ask the ruling of the Chair upon the point whether the amendment, if adopted, would not require the whole proposition to be referred back to the Trustees of the Franklin Fund.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would so rule, as the Board of Trustees contains three members who are not members of this Board.

Ald. BERWIN—That being the case, Mr. Chairman, I move that the whole proposition be referred back to the Committee, for the very reason that there is an amendment here—if the Clerk will kindly read it—providing \$5000 for medals.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, in relation to that matter I wish to explain that it was the unanimous opinion of the Board of Trustees that it should be adopted. It is not an amendment. I would state, also, that the Trustees, including the reverend gentlemen who are members of that Board, have agreed to that proposition.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that that is the case.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I hope that this motion to refer will not prevail. I have taken some interest in this matter, and I hope it is an unselfish interest; and my interest has from time to time been stimulated by various attempts that have been made to defeat action in regard to this fund. I have never seen any measure that seemed to have some merit in it that has had such hard luck as this one. It has been attacked at every possible point, every possible obstacle has been thrown in the way of it, although the whole desire, as I understand it, is simply to provide something that shall be of benefit to the working people of Boston. We all profess here, particularly about election time, to be interested in anything that will benefit the laboring men. Here is something that certainly nobody can claim is in the interest of any particular class of people except such as would take advantage of the Franklin Institute and kindred institutions. And yet every sort of attempt has been made to defeat it. It has been hung up and made a football of in connection with schemes that would come entirely outside of the proper scope of the Franklin Fund; and now that this order has been reported here I hope that it will be put on its passage. As to the ruling of the Chair that, if passed in its present form, it needs to be referred back to the Trustees, I don't see how that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that that ruling has no reference to the so-called amendment here, because the Board has agreed to that. The bill, if passed as it stands here, will require no further action. But if a new amendment were introduced, it would have to go back to the Board of Trustees.

Ald. COLBY—But the Chair rules, as far as the proposition now before the Board is concerned, that there is no need of referring it to the Trustees?

The CHAIRMAN—There is none.

Ald. COLBY—Then I hope this motion to refer will be defeated. It is simply one more effort to delay the matter.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, in order that the remarks of my colleague from Dorchester may not be misconstrued, and

that he may not be allowed to mislead anybody as to my position, I want to say just a word. I do not oppose having such baths as have been proposed. I never have opposed them. I think I stood up here for them when the gentleman himself had some other scheme. But my proposition was simply that there might possibly be something in the line of a bath better adapted to our wants than the baths which have already been constructed. I am entirely in favor of a bath for Dorchester. I think we do need it, and I don't wish to be considered as diverting the money away from bath purposes.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I understand now that the first ruling of the Chair has been changed, and that my motion may be out of order.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say for the information of the alderman that in the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund the members representing this Board and the other gentlemen who are not members of this Board agreed to what the gentleman has referred to as an amendment.

It was written on the bill at that time and was part and parcel of the bill. Any other amendment offered this afternoon would require that the bill go back for the consent of the Board of Trustees, because there are three other gentlemen, not members of this Board, who would have to be consulted in regard to it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, without intending any reflection on the Chair, I will simply say that I am not aware that at any time the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund, as a body, has considered that proposition. If that is the case, then the original ruling of the Chair, in line with the motion I made, should prevail. But I appreciate this fact, that no argument of mine can change any votes in this Board. The action of the members here and elsewhere has convinced me that there is a determination on the part of the Board to jam this proposition through this afternoon. I want to say that I am against the baths. The great misfortune in this City Government throughout the year has been the fact that the members have been afraid to antagonize what they have thought to be a public clamor on the part of the people for something that they are getting for nothing—in other words, a bath for which they will not have to pay. But the truth of the proposition is that they are spending more than they dream of. I am a friend of the baths and have supported them; and when, through the extravagance of the Bath Department, some of the baths were closed, I was one of the very first people who offered to keep them open, as far as I could do so. I contributed a sum of money for the purpose.

If some of the members do not know that fact, they can easily find out that it is so by consulting the Bath Department. That being the case, you needn't be afraid of antagonizing the bath scheme. It is simply an attempt on the part of the Democratic organization, assisted by some Republicans who seem to be asleep—I don't want to mention names—to help the Democratic machine to find places for stowing away lazy Democrats. (Laughter.) That is all. That is the long and short of it. I argue here in public as I have in private before the Board of Trustees. This trust fund is too sacred to be squandered in that manner. I have some very excellent friends who are on the Board of Trustees of this Fund, and they will probably feel a little offended at what I say this afternoon. They are good people and think this is a very good thing. But I do not believe in squandering money left to us as this has been. There is no warrant on the part of the Board for acting in any other manner than in line with what they believe to be a popular demand on the part of the people for pub-

lic baths. Now, I don't care what the newspapers or anybody else say about the bath scheme. I am as much of a friend to the bath idea, in reason, as is anybody else. We have heard a good deal of talk about our acting as the poor man's friend and giving him a chance to obtain a free bath in this way. When that argument has been advanced to me, I have told those who favored bathing what to do. I have told them to have a regulation passed providing that no house can be erected without ample bath room accommodations. That would remedy the whole trouble. But the fact is today—and I believe a number of members besides myself know it—that in many sections of the city the bath tubs are used for the storage of coal and wood. That sort of thing has come under my own observation, and I know it is a fact that bath tubs are used in some sections more for the storage of coal and wood than for bathing purposes. I say, then, what is the good of wasting public money in building public bath houses? Now, you have got the votes here, and all I ask is a little delay. Let this matter go over to the next meeting of the Board, and I will then advance a proposition that will appeal more to the people at large than the scheme you have offered. I am sincere in that, because I offered a proposition in the first place to establish emergency stations in various parts of the city, and I seriously and sincerely believe that, if that proposition had been adopted, it would have met with public indorsement. But a great many members of this Board—some being candidates for public office at the present time, some retiring to private life, but expecting to return at some future day—are afraid to antagonize what they believe to be the labor interests of the city. Let me say this. I met a number of these labor representatives, who appeared before the Board and asked to express their views on the disposition of this Franklin Fund.

They raised a hue and cry outside, in regard to certain matters and when they came in here didn't have a word to say upon them. That is about the situation. I tell you they do not represent the entire laboring population of the city of Boston. There are a great many laboring people whom we never hear from, who never come into this board and annoy us day in and day out for one thing and another, whose wishes ought to be considered as against a lot of men who constitute themselves the representatives of labor and never do an hour's real work. Those are the men for whom I have little regard and whose opinions I will not respect, because they are not entitled to consideration. I beg of the members of this board—you have the votes here—to give to me an opportunity to draw up and submit a proposition to you. I will give time to this matter, and if I do not bring a proposition before the board which is better than the one that has been submitted this afternoon I will not say another word. I make this request in line with what was said by His Honor the Mayor in refusing to sign the order in regard to the garbage plant. I don't remember his exact words, but in substance he said that it was on the eve of an election and that it was not good judgment to go ahead and take decisive action at this time on the garbage question. I was inclined to agree with him. I did not care to make political capital out of it. If I wanted to I probably could, but I am not here for that purpose. I am here to do my duty as a citizen, and I can say sincerely, that I am not influenced by any political motives in this matter, because I retire to private life at the close of the session of this board. But that is not what I am driving at. I maintain that our action should have in view the greatest good to the greatest number, and the greatest care in the distribution of funds entrusted to us, with that end in view. I say, under the propo-

sition mapped out today, that this money will be practically squandered. If you want to do a good thing and to perpetuate Franklin's memory, do not erect such a building as is proposed on land belonging to the city of Boston. Take the land on Washington St. and sell it and provide in another part of the city, where land can be bought more cheaply, a building that will supply the wants of the people. That is one of the things that I want to bring to the attention of the board. But, no, you will not give me a chance. I know the temper of the board. They will railroad this thing through. It is not fair.

I beg of you to give me an opportunity, until the next meeting of the Board, to draft a proposition, and I promise you that I will then submit to you a better proposition than this. I can say nothing more. I am pleading with you. Let all politics die out of this. Look at it as though it was a trust committed to you, as though it were given to you in trust for some widow or orphan, not for any scheme that might be concocted by anybody, no matter whether it was the best thing for the citizens or not. I have no doubt that some very estimable people have identified themselves with this proposition for the distribution of the money, because it is not the idea of this body or of any of the members of the trustees of the Franklin Fund. No member of the Board of Trustees will dare to get up and tell me, as a member of the Board, that this proposition was gotten up by him, or by any other man in the entire Board. No one member of the Trustees of the Franklin Fund ever got up this plan for the distribution of the money. You all know it and you cannot deny it. That is the long and the short of it. Now, why not get up a scheme of our own? Why not reconsider this matter? Why do you not give me a chance? I tell you that I have a proposition which I will reduce to shape and submit to the next meeting of this Board, and if it is not a better one than this I will never appear here in argument again. I don't know exactly what the position of the Chair is, but I have contended, in the first place that this \$5000 amendment was never considered by the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund. If that is the case, I say that the Chair was right in his original ruling, that the matter should go back to the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund. If the Chair, on the other hand, now takes another tack I don't know what to do except to ask the Board to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting. I will then give you a better and fairer scheme than the one under consideration this afternoon.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I congratulate the alderman on having made a very good speech.

Ald. BERWIN—I told the truth, and you can't deny it.

Ald. COLBY—It is quite in line with other speeches he has made at other times, except that he omitted the usual quotations from the poets. It is very easy to get up and say that something is a scheme. If my good friend, the alderman on my left (Ald. Berwin) should come in here next week with a proposition, it would be just as easy and simple for me to get on my feet and say, "Gentlemen, that is a scheme." It is very easy to say that. Now, he does not point out any particular in which this is a scheme. He wants to offer us a bargain. He says, "Wait until the next meeting, and I will give you a better bargain." We have had this before up for some time, and nothing except what we have here has been advanced as very tangible.

Of course, he makes his usual argument, that owing to pressure of duty and one thing and another he did not have just the time he needed, but that at the next meeting he will present a scheme that

will clear the whole matter up. Well, he has had things assigned earlier in the year, with the promise that he would submit something later for the information of the Board, and nothing has come of it. I have no doubt that if the schemes had been presented they would have been good ones. But we have had to wait a long time for them. I should hate to see this proposition defeated for the reason that no one member of the board can claim to be entitled to the claim of originating it. Without intending any disrespect to fellow members or myself, I claim that if the city of Boston was dependent on simply such things as we had to originate in our own minds, the city might suffer. I am not so egotistical but what I think others know as much as I do, and some a good deal more. If a man has a good idea, I am ready to adopt it as far as I think it is right. In these days, when a man is dependent on somebody else for everything he has, I don't think he belittles himself in the slightest if he adopts an idea that another puts forward, if it is all right. As to squandering the money, as a matter of fact we will be getting more for our money than in any other possible way. It may be the Trustees will say that public baths are not necessary. But I don't think there is any member of the Board who will say that public gymnasia, properly conducted and built, are not for the good of the public. Anything that makes it possible for young men and older men to get exercise is a move in the right direction. Talk about pauperizing anybody by giving them a bath at a nominal price is perfectly foolish. They are no more pauperized by that than we are by taking advantage of something that does not cost us a great deal of money. I think it is proper to make a wise disposition of this money, and I claim that it is still in the hands of the Board of Managers to say just how that money shall be expended. But, in general I have heard no argument advanced which leads me to believe that I am doing anything out of the way in asking that this order be put on its passage tonight.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, my friend, Ald. Colby, speaks of a scheme. I say the idea of the Franklin Fund is to perpetuate the memory of Benjamin Franklin. The alderman as a lawyer, knows about the law. If he does not he should; and if he will look into the matter he will realize that, if we turn over half the fund for the erection of a building on land owned by the city of Boston it ceases to be a Franklin memorial in anything but name. You can label it "Benjamin Franklin," and that is about all you will have to say, as Trustees of the Franklin Fund. That is a fact, and there is no getting out of it. I feel that the opinion of a man who, if he would reduce it to writing, would probably command the attention of this board. If we spend the money as now outlined in this scheme, it means the erection of a building which will have Benjamin Franklin's name put upon it, and which will then be a democratic headquarters in Wd. 9. All the harm I wish the chairman of the board is that he might be the alderman who would get up there and jolly the gang as they came along. I do not want, however, to treat this matter lightly, but seriously. I told the board of managers at a previous meeting that if they would give me the time I would submit a plan. I did so, and it met with a good deal of favor until the members of the famous or infamous board of tragedy, or board of strategy, hauled members out and talked to them. You remember that afternoon, or some of you do, when members were hauled out of this chamber and dealt with, the result being that a proposition which they seriously intended to vote for was abandoned. That is no violation of secrecy, because every member of the board, or any man who has spent time around city hall when the matter was

under consideration, knows the facts, and will remember that if this board had followed out the proposition which it seriously considered, and had not been interfered with by outside influences, it would have adopted a proposition other than the one which we have under consideration this afternoon. I defy any member of the board to deny that statement, because I know what I am talking about, and you all know what I am talking about.

Ald. COLBY—Not altogether.

Ald. BERWIN—Well, you do to a very large extent. I am simply pleading with you gentlemen to give me a week's time and will submit to you a better and a fairer proposition, one that does not smack so much of a scheme as this one before us. Don't be alarmed by the newspaper editorials which we have read in the papers day after day. I bet you that a dozen of those long-haired men who write editorials in the papers, all put together, know no more about this proposition than a hog does about Sunday. I don't believe these long-haired newspaper writers ever have read the report. If it were left to the newspaper men around the hall, they would have given some information to the public, and we would have seen something different.

I know what I am talking about. Probably some of those interested in this scheme got some of these long-haired individuals up into a back alley and sang a song to them, and when they woke up the next morning it was with the idea that this was a good thing. I want a vote of the Board on the original ruling of the Chair, as I believe that the amendment should be considered by the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund. All I ask for is fair play. You have the votes, but don't take advantage of others because of that. I suppose you believe in fair play. You can laugh. Above all others, the alderman on my right (Ald. Colby) has acted in connection with the Board of Strategy in forcing this scheme through. They did not send for him, because they knew just how he stood in advance. That is the situation. He has been the strongest advocate of this scheme from the very first moment when it was presented. And, if I am not mistaken, he is the one who presented it. I am not positive of that, but I think he brought out a typewritten proposition from his pocket, and one that was not typewritten in his office, either, and submitted it to the Board of Trustees. That was the time when the Board of Strategy got to work and hauled the poor unfortunate Democrats out of the chamber and had them change their minds and everything else. Now, in the first place, I wish to ask for a roll call on this proposition that the matter be referred back to the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund. I believe that Board should consider that amendment and that the proposition should be recommitment, in spite of the ruling of the Chair.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I view with a good deal of sympathy the contention of my friend Berwin, but I wish to deny, and in the most emphatic way, that any action I have taken here or shall take in the future is at the dictation of anybody or in pursuance of anything but public duty. He has referred in a humorous way to members changing their position here because of the action of the so-called Board of Strategy. I deny emphatically that any member of any Board of Strategy, or of any self-constituted body, owns or controls my vote or whips me into line. I have voted time and time again in the Committee on Public Improvements to hold this matter there because of different propositions that were desired to be brought forward. I even voted today to keep it in there. Now, this proposition has been advanced; it has been considered by the majority of the members week after week, and we have heard statements that propositions would be made. But no proposition in any concrete form has arrived. Even

today I voted to give the alderman a chance.

But now that this reached the Board in proper shape, in a concrete way, it strikes me that this plan is as good as any plan, that it has merits. It strikes me that, while it does provide in a certain section for a building, which may be used more by the people of that locality than by persons who are in Dorchester or Brighton or the West End, that that is not necessarily against it. The proposition has been considered, and considered deeply. Year after year this matter has come up and has been delayed in some ways. Now we have arrived at some proposition that can be put through. I say that the position of any member here should not be that of speaking humorously upon this question, merely to draw the attention of the newspapers to some political situation. We should adopt a serious attitude; we should do the same in regard to this as we would in regard to any private trust. I would not want to have people with whom I may have business connections in the future think that I would take a solemn trust and deal with it merely for politics or in a laughing way, as our friend Berwin has done. His statements as to what Ald. Colby may have had to do with the Board of Strategy are all rot. That has nothing to do with the matter. The question is whether it is meritorious. Whether Ald. Colby had anything to do with the Board of Strategy I don't know. I know I have not. I vote for this proposition because the Board has given it due consideration. The question is now whether, after we have considered it, we should tip it all back and turn it into the hands of the Board of Managers, to be all gone over again? I think this question should be considered the same as all questions arising in public life—that there should be proper consideration and then determination. Every trial should have an issue. This may not be the best plan, but it least proposes to do something, and has been fairly considered. Let us now act on it like men, reasonable men, business men, and let us define our position, yes or no. If it embodies something that is decent, honest and right, let us pass it. If it does not, let us defeat it.

Ald. DIXON—Mr. Chairman, the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund passed this order. In this body there was an amendment added to it. I consider that it is illegal to pass it as amended in this body without referring it back to the Trustees of the Franklin Fund. Consequently, as it has got to go upstairs to the other body, which will not know anything about it, let us strike out the amendment and pass the original order.

Ald. Codman's motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Codman doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion to assign was lost, yeas 3, nays 9.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman—3.

Nays—Ald. Barr, Brick, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—9.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I now trust that the ruling first made by the Chair in regard to the amendment will stand.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will rule that this amendment was on here and was agreed to by the three gentlemen who are not here today. It therefore becomes part and parcel of this bill. The bill has been in the Committee on Public Improvements ever since October 30.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, just be patient a moment, please. I merely desire to correct the Chair in this particular. I don't question for a moment that this matter has been considered by twelve members of the board, and it is quite possible that it may have been submitted to the three ministers who are included in the board of management. But, at the same time, it has never been legally considered. That is the long and short of it.

Why not be fair about it? You have the votes here today—why be hogs instead of men? It makes me lose my temper to think of a lot of men putting this through when a fellow member pleads for fair play. I am pleading for fair play. You have made a mistake, have played the hose on yourselves, and are unwilling to admit it like men. You have gone ahead, made a mistake, and I am pleading with you, for your own sakes, to send the matter through the proper channels. Assign this to the next meeting, and adjourn tomorrow if you will. I will submit a proposition to you, and if you do not believe in it you can vote it down. But you say that, right or wrong, you mean to put this through. That is not fair play. I plead with you, gentlemen, no matter what your opinions may be, no matter how you may be influenced in this matter, to treat me fairly. I appeal to you to stand here like men and act as you should act, as representatives of the people. Don't take advantage of the situation. You are bound to admit that you are wrong, if you will tell the truth. Ald. McDonald, who originated the proposition to appropriate \$5000, will tell you himself, if he tells the truth—and I believe he always has—that this matter never has gone through the board of trustees in the form prescribed by the original rules. I plead with the Board in the interests of fair play to assign this matter to the next meeting. Then adjourn until tomorrow, if you want to do so. I don't care. I will come in then and submit my proposition. But I want the thing done properly; I want to be beaten in a manly way; I don't want to have the Board, because they have the votes, act like a lot of cattle and ride roughshod over everybody.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I want to take issue with the alderman from Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) in regard to certain members on the democratic end being driven about by a certain board—the Board of Strategy, as he calls it—like so many cattle, upon this issue. All last year the gentleman from Wd. 6 used the same tactics that he is using now, and in the preliminary meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund he talked for hours, taking the floor at every chance and opportunity. For what reason? Because he knew full well that the three ministers acting on the Board of Trustees, ministers of the oldest churches in Boston, were not conversant with his political tactics, and he thought that they would get tired and he would then get the necessary votes to put through his certain scheme, as he calls it. Now, I believe in this order as it is made up today, because I think it is a step in the right direction. As I stated in my opening remarks, during all last year the same tactics were pursued by the gentleman that he is pursuing now. He is now on the eve of a departure from this board, and is still pursuing the same tactics. I think the Franklin Institute is a good thing, and a step in the right direction. It will make it possible for intelligent working men to go there nights and listen to lectures on various subjects, and will therefore be of benefit to them. Many of the lectures will probably be in a mechanical line. There will also be a public library in the same building, something needed in that part of the city, because, as you are all well aware, the only place where working men or school children who live in that section can now go to get books is to Copley Sq. He speaks of baths, and said that if he had his way he would make it compulsory upon those building in the city of Boston to place bathing conveniences in every building, changing the city ordinances so that there would have to be a bath tub in every house. But in the same speech he made a statement inconsistent with that, saying that the poor people of Boston used their bath tubs for wood and coal.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I wish to

correct the gentleman. I stated that bath tubs were used for that purpose, to my personal knowledge, but I did not mention any locality in which they were so used. I stated that to my personal knowledge bath tubs were so used in many sections of the city—and that might be the fact over on the Back Bay. If the gentleman will refer to my remarks in the records, he will find that I am right.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, does the gentleman mean to say, in accordance with the statement he has just made, that he meant that the people of the Back Bay use their porcelain bath tubs for storing wood and coal? (Laughter.) He does not mean that, and we know that he does not. Now, we have talked over this thing week in and week out. As I have said, in the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Fund the alderman talked at different meetings for hours and hours. He is now using the same tactics and I trust that they will not be successful.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would hate to have my brother Berwin establish the fact that we are hogs, because it might put him in a position where he would have to withdraw. I think his way of treating a matter of this seriousness is rather a foolish one. The question is whether or not the amendment which has been incorporated here puts the order in such a position that it should be referred back to the trustees. Now, the suggestion that it should be referred is simply made in order to gain time, because I think none of us doubt that if this were referred back to the Board of Trustees it would simply be reported again in its present shape. There is no reason why that should not be the case, because all the members of the board are agreed to it. Has anybody any doubt that the trustees would accept it? That is the only question here. I say that all we have to do is to pass this, and when that is done, all they have to do is to accept or reject it. The alderman knows perfectly well that they will accept it. But he simply wants to fight against time, and I say there is no reason in it. It simply affords another possible opportunity for delay.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, Ald. Colby's statement is simply natural, the statement that we might expect from an attorney. In other words, it brings to mind a quotation which I had occasion to refer to at the closing session of last year's board, in paying a compliment to Ald. Conry, who was then one of the retiring Chairmen of the Board:—

"What plea, so tainted and corrupt,  
But, being seasoned by a gracious voice,  
Obscures the show of evil?"

That is about the situation of his argument in regard to my position. So far as Ald. O'Toole is concerned, he has in his very original and peculiar way attempted to make it appear to this Board, and through this Board to the people of Boston, that I am an enemy of the poor people. Why, I am ashamed to think of his saying that,—that I made a remark that reflected on the cleanliness or the character of the poor people of Boston! Why, you ought to be ashamed of yourself. (Laughter.) Mr. Chairman, I yield to no man here or elsewhere in my devotion to the cause of the laboring man and the poor man. I yield to no man in this Commonwealth, Mr. Chairman, because I rose from as humble a walk in life as any man in this Board, and I have as much regard for honest labor as any man can have. But I am not a Democrat! Thank God for that! I was once, but I didn't know any more then than the distinguished gentleman on my right knows today. I was a boy then. (Laughter.) Here is about the truth of the matter, and it is in line with the tactics of Democrats throughout their lives. They stand up in public life and clamor about the poor man, and I tell

this Board and the people of Boston, that the poor man has obtained more recognition and more consideration and will get more consideration at the hands of a Republican candidate for Mayor, if he is elected, than he ever would at the hands of any Democrat who ever sat in City Hall. And the laboring people of Boston know it.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I would like to ask the gentleman if the Republican candidate for Mayor, whom he holds in such high estimation, is not an advocate of municipal buildings?

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I should think the Chair would rule that question out, because it has nothing to do with this matter. But, for the benefit of the gentleman, in order that he may tell the people at the Cabot St. bathhouse tonight, what my opinions are, I will answer him. You go and tell them that both Mr. Hart and myself are in favor of municipal public buildings in various parts of the City of Boston, not to accommodate the rich man, but the poor man, and I have seen in this hall poor people coming day after day, men, women and children, standing in line to get back a few dimes as a rebate from that miserable, contemptible scheme that was fastened on the people last year in the shape of a sewer tax. People have had to stand in line hour after hour to get back a few pennies. And that all comes about from a scheme that was foisted on the people by you Democrats. But that is drifting. What I want to get at is this. I contend, Mr. Chairman, that your first ruling was right, that this is an amendment, and before the vote is taken I would like to have Ald. McDonald, the originator of that proposition, rise and tell the Board what the fact really was, that this matter never was considered at a regular committee meeting, and the fact that you pass it around to fifteen members of the Board does not put it through in regular order. For that reason, and for no other, I want the matter to go through the channels in which it belongs.

Ald. Berwin's motion to refer the whole subject back to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund was lost, yeas 3, nays 9; Ald. Adams, Berwin and Codman voting yes.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, what do I understand to be the position of the Chair on the original ruling, regardless of the vote taken by the Board?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has already ruled that the amendment embodied in the bill was agreed to by two of the members outside of this Board. As I understand it, the third member was not present at any of our meetings. There were but two of them there at any one time. But the Board has considered this bill and this amendment, and it stands as the opinion of the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund, the Board consisting of fifteen members. That makes it legal. If there were only eight members in favor of it, they would carry it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, the statement of the Chair might be all right if that matter had been considered at a duly called meeting of the Board of Managers. But it never was, and I hope that the order will not pass. I plead with this Board to take proper action. I have perhaps interjected some little matters that have no bearing on the proposition, but I am in dead earnest when I plead with the Board to let this matter go over for one or two days longer. Then call a regular meeting. You have the votes. I am sorry to think that some members should act as they do. I am willing to vote to adjourn to Wednesday, Thursday or any other time, and in the mean time you can call a regular meeting of the Trustees of the Franklin Fund and go through this in the regular and proper way, but, as

I have said before, don't take advantage of your votes here. I have lost my voice arguing in this Board, and I will be very gentlemanly for the time being. I hope the whole matter will be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman makes no motion.

Ald. BERWIN—By the way, I take it that a suspension of the rule is required to pass this order this afternoon, and I shall object to suspension of the rule.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that there was a suspension of the rule when the bill was first presented and then referred to the committee.

Ald. BERWIN—I don't want to argue with the Chair on that point.

Ald. CODMAN—Didn't I understand the Chair to put the question today on suspending all rules, on motion of Ald. Colby, dropping the question at my suggestion that I wished to make an amendment? You started to put the question on suspension of all rules today, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that the order originally had one reading and was referred to the committee. It came back again as a bill from that committee, and suspension of the rule is not now required.

Ald. CODMAN—Then the Chair was mistaken?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair was mistaken.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, nas it had its second reading? I merely asked that it be read for information this afternoon. I did not vote to suspend the rule.

The CHAIRMAN—The clerk read the bill, Mr. Alderman.

Ald. BERWIN—Read the bill?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Ald. BERWIN—I asked that it be read for information.

The CHAIRMAN—That was the second reading of the bill. The question is on the passage of the bill now, and the clerk will call the roll.

The order was passed, yeas 9, nays 3. Ald. Adams, Berwin and Codman voting nay.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration now, and ask that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the board. You now have it passed, and in support of that proposition let me say that, having passed the whole thing this afternoon, if you assign reconsideration to the next meeting and find that I cannot offer some better proposition you will only have to vote against reconsideration. In spirit of fair play I desire to say that you have made a mistake and, without any reflection on the Chair, I think the Chair has made a mistake. This order should not have been passed, but you have gone ahead and passed it, against my advice, in spite of my promise to bring in a better proposition. I therefore hope that my motion to reconsider will prevail and that reconsideration will be assigned to the next meeting of the board.

The motion to assign reconsideration to the next meeting of the board was lost, yeas 3, nays 9. Ald. Adams, Berwin and Codman voting yea.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would now like to have the Corporation Counsel's opinion upon the legality of that matter in this Board this afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman makes the motion?

Ald. BERWIN—I do, most decidedly.

The CHAIRMAN—The alderman moves that the Board obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the order, as passed by the Board this afternoon.

Ald. BERWIN—In connection with that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to incorporate that very question that I have raised in conflict with the ruling of the Chair, with no reflection on the Chair at all.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman desires that included in the motion?

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, there are

times when my friend from the North End wants an opinion from the Law Department, and there are times when he does not want it. Usually he does not want it; this is a time when he does want it. Now, we have gone so far that, if we have done that which is not legal we will be shown the error of our ways. I am always willing to seek advice before I do a thing, but when I have done it and there is no escaping from it, I see no reason for finding out whether I am right or wrong until someone comes along and proves that I have been wrong. I have no doubt that my friend will be able to raise this point in some other way, but I submit that we should not now try to find out from the Law Department about what we have done. We have done it, and that is the end of it.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my motion, and I will say this, for the benefit of the statesman—for he is to be a statesman hereafter, next year—that I intend to take the benefit of legal advice other than that of the Law Department upon this very question; and, if I decide to do so, I shall take some action whereby the action of the Board this afternoon will not mean such smooth sailing as my brother members imagine. I want to say this, if I may be permitted to take up a little time of the Board, that I have pleaded with the members for fair play. There is a suit now pending in regard to the disposition of the money. I suppose some members of the Board know that, but perhaps they do not care. I intend to consult legal advice, and if the opinion I have been previously given is correct, you will find that this Board has made a big, big mistake, one that it will regret. That is all. Of course, we cannot send the members to jail—that is the only unfortunate part of the whole business. (Laughter.) If we could, I would have them there. I withdraw my motion.

The CHAIRMAN—Communications from His Honor the Mayor.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I hope the alderman will not withdraw his motion. I believe that perhaps he is right and that opinion should be sent down. I believe the Chair is wrong in his ruling, and I shall object to the alderman withdrawing his motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say at this time that nobody objected at the time, and that other business has intervened. I call for communications from His Honor the Mayor. Now, I desire to say to Ald. Berwin that if he desires to get the opinion of the corporation council or any other member desires it, so as to make it a matter of record, it is in the province of the Chair to ask him to reduce his motion to writing. The Chair has no desire to shut off any member from making a motion, but it is in the province of the Chair to require that a motion shall be reduced to writing.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, Ald. Berwin asked that the motion be withdrawn, and I objected. The Chair did not request at that time that it be reduced to writing.

The CHAIRMAN—If the alderman insists on the motion, the Chair will ask him to reduce it to writing.

Ald. CODMAN—I insist. Well, I don't want to make the alderman work over time.

#### LAND FOR MARKET AT PARK SQ.

Ald. ADAMS, for the committee, submitted the following:—

The Joint Committee on Markets have given three hearings on the order contemplating the erection of a market at Park Sq., on the property now owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company.

One of the hearings was given for remonstrants, and only one person appeared and objected to the erection of a city market at the above mentioned site. Two of the hearings were given for the

purpose of listening to those in favor of the proposal and a large number of people appeared in favor of the project, including representatives from all the different labor organizations.

The committee have considered the matter very carefully, and accordingly recommend the following order:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the next General Court for the right to take by eminent domain the parcel of land owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, situated between Park Sq. and Dartmouth St., the same to be used for the erection thereon of a public market and of a municipal building or buildings.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc. (generally referred today), that leave be granted, viz:—

Daniel J. Byrne, campaign transparency, Boylston St., Wd. 22.

Simon Davidson, illuminated sign, 13 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Harry Parker, illuminated sign, 26 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Charles A. Heintz, sign, 10 E. Springfield St., Wd. 12.

Pitts, Kimball Co., two Christmas trees, front of second story of store, 609-615 Washington St., Wd. 7.

T. F. McCarthy, illuminated sign, 603 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Pierce J. Grace, illuminated sign, Columbia theatre.

Wm. S. Mulligan, illuminated sign, 669 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

B. Sommer & Co., illuminated sign, 44 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Rupert W. Parker, illuminated sign, 1641 Washington St., Wd. 12.

G. W. Watts, Jr., two barber poles, 87½ Joy St., Wd. 11.

Henry Gediman, campaign transparency, 50 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Dominic La Grotto, two barber poles and a sign, 46 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of G. H. Worcester & Co. (referred Nov. 17), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 27 Exchange St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Florence E. Creed (referred Nov. 27), for leave to erect one bay window from building 197-199 Dorchester St., corner W. Seventh St. Wd. 15—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Arthur Murphy (referred Oct. 9), for leave to project four bay windows from building 365-369A Neponset ave., and 2-2A Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24—that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(5) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that no action is necessary, viz:—

Dr. Charles F. Kreppel (referred Nov. 1), sign, 10 Hyde Park ave. Wd. 23.

Meyer Frank (referred Oct. 30), brass rail to protect window at 559 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Alexander Cava (referred June 26), two signs, 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava (referred June 29), lamp, 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Accepted.

(6) Report on the petition of F. L. Ames estate (referred Nov. 8), for leave to construct a canopy over gallery entrance to theatre on Boylston St.—that leave be granted.

Ald. Brick dissents.

The report was accepted and the question came on granting leave.

Ald. BRICK—There are three petitions here and they all appear to be just the same, and I think, perhaps, if they are read together it would be just as well. I refer to the F. L. Ames estate, the Castle Square theatre and the Boston Auction Co.

It strikes me that these matters are passed and passed very often as a matter of personal interest. They are things I don't believe the city should grant or they should be only granted under the most stringent regulations. The first beginning of these permits commenced with the Tremont Theatre—for their convenience. It was built some time after the permit had been granted and forgotten, and now we have the spectacle of a building upon the street built with posts and with an illuminated sign. It strikes me that soon every large store in Boston and every theatre may desire the same kind of a structure to have their customers carriages drive up to—

If the Chair would kindly pay attention to what I am saying—

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will inform the alderman that he is thoroughly informed in the matter as it has been threshed over in committee.

Ald. BRICK—Still, I think it is common courtesy to the house to pay attention. The owner of the adjoining estate protested against the petition of the Ames estate on good grounds. Now this thing has been, as the Chairman says, threshed over and if the members of the board see fit to grant it, all right. I may be alone on this but I desire to vote "no".

The board voted to grant leave, the vote being yeas 6, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Colby, Day, Dixon, Doyle—6.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Brick, Codman, O'Toole, Presho—5.

(7) Report on the order granting leave to Reuben Nye, executor (referred Nov. 27), to project permanent awning in front of the Castle Square theatre—that leave be granted.

Ald. BRICK dissents.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the petition of the Boston Auction Co. (referred Oct. 30), for leave to project a permanent awning in front of Nos. 46-52 Clinton St. and No. 38 Commercial St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted.

Ald. BRICK dissents.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. for leave to erect and to remove one pole (a) in Congress st., Wd. 13, (b) in South St., Wd. 23, (c) in Maverick St., Wd. 2, and (d) in Western Ave., Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:—

Congress St., Wd. 13, 1 pole, 50 ft. high, 15 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 10 ft. Date of plan, Nov. 20, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Congress St. one pole shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be

completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins, dated Nov., 1899; said pole to be located as follows:—

South St., Wd. 23, 1 pole, 35 ft. high, 12 in. in diameter, width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from South St. one pole, shown by a blue dot marked "relocate," on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinance of 1898. The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser, dated Oct. 30, 1899; said pole to be located as follows:—

Maverick St., Wd. 2, 1 pole, 40 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

And permission is further granted to said company to remove from Maverick St. one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a black dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, marked vol. 1, p. 87; said pole to be located as follows:—

Western Ave., Wd. 25, 1 pole, 40 ft. high, 14 in. in diameter; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Western Ave. one pole shown by a black dot marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports recommending that orders of notice be passed for hearings on Wednesday, December 13, 1899, at 3 o'clock P.M., on petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (severally referred today), (a) for leave to erect and to remove poles on East Concord St., Wd. 12; (b) for leave to erect poles on Parker St., Wd. 4; Catawba, Sherman and Dale Sts., Wd. 21; (c) for leave to erect poles on McClellan and Newport Sts., Wd. 20, and (d) for leave to erect poles on Stoughton St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(3) Reports on the petition of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred Nov. 27), for leave to erect poles on Neponset Ave. and other streets—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to

the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. G. Hunter, dated Nov. 11, 1899; said poles to be located as follows:—

Street.	No. of Poles.	Width of Sidewalk.
Neponset Ave.....	5	8
Taylor St.....	6	8
Rice St.....	2	6
Franklin St.....	5	..
Walnut St.....	1	..
Fulton St.....	4	..
Tenean St.....	31	..
Freeport St.....	64	7
Auckland St.....	15	..
Bay St.....	8	..
Spring St.....	4	..
Sydney St.....	30	7
Crescent Ave.....	12	7
Buttonwood St.....	17	7
Locust St.....	7	..
Washington Ave.....	19	..
Wendell St.....	3	..
Preble St.....	10	..
Vinton St.....	9	7
Dorchester St.....	11	9
Middle St.....	1	..
Tuckerman St.....	1	..
West Ninth St.....	14	7
D St.....	9	8
W. Seventh St.....	8	8
C St.....	21	8
W. Second St.....	16	8
W. Third St.....	2	..
Granite St.....	18	8
W. First St.....	2	..
Mt. Washington Ave.....	8	8

All of said poles to be 45 ft. high and 16 in. in diameter.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898; the work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted, the rules suspended, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I want to object to the passage of that as a member of the committee. I was not present at the meeting where that was considered—I won't say whether it is my fault or not—but I have not had an opportunity to look into it, and I would like to have that lie over for a week, and I move its reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I shall have to object to reference to the Committee on Public Improvements, as the matter has already been considered by the Committee on Electric Wires. The alderman should consider that the Committee on Public Improvements sat here a week ago today and listened to the remonstrants, the most important of whom was the American Sugar Refining Co. I have a letter from that company upon my desk withdrawing whatever objection they had to the erection of the poles.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, there are other considerations that enter into this matter. It seems to me that this company is making a good deal of a location there; and there is another company, the Massachusetts Tel. & Tel. Co., that wishes locations, and I would like to have time enough to see if this interferes with them, and if it takes up all the locations, as the Massachusetts company should have an opportunity to get out of the city in that direction.

Ald. PRESNO—Mr. Chairman, I hope this will go through. It is the old fight between the Massachusetts and New England Telephone companies. The former company obtained a franchise from us last year and all they have put in are two short lines not worthy of consideration. The grant specified they should proceed if they meant business but they have done nothing, in my opinion. They had all this summer to circulate their petitions for subscribers and I think they have obtained a large

number conditionally, but they have done little work and I do not think they are worthy of notice in this Board, and I hope the order will go through as it stands for the company that does the business.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask Ald. Day to amend his motion by assigning the order to the next meeting.

Ald. DAY—I will do so if there is no objection, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I object. The motion to refer to Public Improvements was lost, yeas 2, nays 10.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Day—2.  
Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Brick, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—10.

Ald. O'TOOLE—I have no objection to this order going through the Board, Mr. Chairman, but it seems to me as a matter of courtesy to one of the members of the Committee on Electric Wires (Ald. Day), that the alderman offering this (Ald. Doyle) should allow him to look into it, and I make a motion now that it be assigned for a week.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope that the motion of Ald. O'Toole will not prevail this afternoon, as every member of this Board is thoroughly familiar with the manner of doing business and we can vote on this matter as intelligently this afternoon as we can a week from today.

Ald. BERWIN—I am actuated, Mr. Chairman, in my purpose in voting for an assignment simply to give to Ald. Day that opportunity which I have time and again asked from the Board for myself. I am familiar with the subject—or I think I am—but I say when a member of the Board asks for an opportunity to look into a matter, especially a member of a committee, I think there should be a written law to give it to him. There is an unwritten one now, but there should be a written one to grant a privilege of this kind.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost; yeas, 4; nays, 8.

Yeas—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Day, O'Toole—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, Presho—8.

The order was passed, yeas 11, nays 1, Ald. Berwin calling for the yeas and nays.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Codman, Colby, Dixon, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—11.

Nays—Ald. Day—1.

Ald. Doyle moved to reconsider; lost.

#### USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Republican City Committee (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on Dec. 11th, at noon—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. DAY moved reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (referred today), for location for double track on Commonwealth Ave. from Brighton Ave. to Chestnut Hill Ave.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

#### ASPHALT BICYCLE PATHS.

Ald. PRESNO offered an order—That the

Superintendent of Streets be requested to report to this Board the advisability of adopting the system of asphalt bicycle paths between and around the posts of the elevated railroad, which is now in use in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the city of New York.

Passed.

#### COASTING PERMITTED.

Ald. DIXON offered an order—That coasting be allowed, during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, in the following-named streets:—

##### City Proper.

Branch, Allen, Brighton, Spring, Poplar, North Grove, North Russell, Billerica, Cooper, Pitts, Norman, North Margin, Hull, Charter, Sheafe, Myrtle, and North Bennet Sts., Chambers St., between Poplar and Spring Sts., and Albany St., from Way St. to Dover St.

##### East Boston.

Princeton, Jeffries, Cottage, Sumner, Monmouth, and Trenton Sts.

##### South Boston.

East Third St., between I and M Sts., East Third St., between N and P Sts., East Fourth St., between G and Atlantic Sts., East Fifth St., between I and K Sts., West Fifth St., between Dorchester and E Sts., West Sixth St., between Dorchester and E Sts., East Seventh St., between G and H Sts., East Broadway, between N and O Sts., F St., between West Third and West First Sts., M St., between East Third and East First Sts., Silver St., between C and Dorchester Sts., Linden and Pacific Sts.

##### Roxbury.

Phillips, Walden, Holborn, Wait, Langdon, Clarence, Shirley, Ambrose, Magnolia, Seaver, Bainbridge, Hazelwood, Belden, Hillside, Gay Head, Haskins, Kenilworth, Laurel, Dewey, Norfolk, Fairland, Wyoming, Gaston, St. Alphonsus, and Linwood Sts., Elm Hill, Westminster and Woodward Aves., Hartford and Brockford Sts. crossing Howard Ave., Moreland St. east of Blue Hill Ave., and Highland St. between Hawthorn and Centre Sts.

##### West Roxbury.

Egleston, Oakdale, Kittredge, Newbern, Rockview, Fairfield, Walnut Hill, Birch, Walk Hill, Rockwood, Ridge, Florence and Cornwall Sts., Peter Parley road, Chestnut, Anawan and Metropolitan Aves., Paul Gore St. between Chestnut Ave. and Larmartine St., Spring Park Ave. between Enfield St. and Chestnut Ave.

##### Brighton.

Newton, Union, Foster, Everett, Hobart, Saunders, Leicester, Murdock, Pomeroy and Dustin Sts.

##### Charlestown.

High, Walker, Cordis, Pleasant, Adams, Soley, Bunker Hill, Baldwin, Eden, Lexington, Monument, Mead, Oak, Auburn and Pearl Sts.

##### Dorchester.

Westville, Pope's Hill, Richfield, Train, Park, Magnolia, Maxwell, Dix, Morton, Sumner and Wales Sts., Cushing, Lawrence and Sawyer Aves., West Cottage St. between Blue Hill Ave. and Dudley St., and Woodland Ave. and Denny St. crossing Savin Hill Ave.

Passed.

#### CALL FOR INFORMATION.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to call the attention of the Board at this time to an order passed by the Board some three weeks ago asking the Board of Park Commissioners to rescind an order which they had recently passed giving the men working in the Park Department half an hour for dinner. We have heard nothing from that order since that time and I feel that it is my duty to rise here at this time and ask why an order passed by an unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen remains unanswered. I move that the Park Commissioners, through the Clerk of Committees be requested to answer concerning the order passed at a meeting of the Board three weeks ago regarding the dinner hour of their employees.

The motion was adopted.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Wednesday, December 13, 1899, at three o'clock P.M., and that all orders of notice of hearing for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

#### LAMPS ON COFFEY ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place three lamps on Coffey St., Wd. 24.

Passed.

Adjourned, at 6:21 o'clock, on motion of Ald. Colby, to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Note—At the last meeting of the Board, Nov. 27th, the Committee on Public Improvements reported on communication and order transmitted by His Honor the Mayor from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for purchase of land adjoining Pierce Farm, West Roxbury (referred Oct. 30, 1899)—that the order be passed, and that the message be sent down.

Report accepted, order passed. Order and message sent down.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 7, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock p.m., President Kiley in the Chair, and a quorum present.

## PARKWAY CONNECTION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Dec. 7, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting the Board to prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester district with the proposed parkway in Atlantic, in the city of Quincy.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—We have received the order of the City Council requesting this Board to prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester district with the proposed parkway or boulevard in Atlantic in the city of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, and the same will receive our careful consideration.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Sent up.

## PLAYGROUND FOR GAMES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,

Boston, Dec. 7, 1899.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to your order requesting them to put the Columbus Ave. playground in order for football and other games.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Dec. 4, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.—

Dear Sir: We have received the order of the Common Council requesting us to put the property lately acquired for a playground on Columbus Ave. in order for football and other games.

As this Board had no money which we could apply to this purpose, we asked the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Aug. 14th, for the sum of \$500, and since then we have again renewed our request, but without avail.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 1 to 10, inclusive, and that the same be read by their titles, viz.:—

1. Report of Committee on Claims on petition of Charles A. Fernald, referred Nov. 17, to be paid for professional services—leave to withdraw.

2. Report of same committee, on petition of Edmund T. Lamb referred July 17, for compensation for damage to horse caused by an alleged defect in Columbia Road—leave to withdraw.

3. Report of same committee, on peti-

tion of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, referred June 12, to be refunded the amount paid as a sewer tax,—leave to withdraw, as the committee has no jurisdiction.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of John Sullivan, referred July 17, to be refunded the amount of sewer taxes paid under protest,—leave to withdraw, as the committee has no jurisdiction.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Henrietta Stowell, referred November 8, to be paid for constructing a wall at Smelt Brook, leave to withdraw, as the claim has been outlawed.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret E. McNealy, referred August 1, for compensation for personal injuries from a fall caused by snow and ice on Centre St.,—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Clifford Devens, referred March 7, 1898, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Dudley Ave., Wd. 23,—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Alice E. Gould, referred April 3, for compensation for damage to estate, 63 Beech Glen St.,—leave to withdraw.

9. Report of same committee, on four petitions of Robert Hodson, Jr., referred May 22, for compensation for damage to estates 366 Princeton St., 341 East Eagle St., 368 Princeton St., and corner of East Eagle and Princeton Sts., caused by alleged defective construction of a sewer,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Luke F. Kilian, referred June 26, for compensation for damage to his wagon caused by a projecting spike on pole on Amory St.,—leave to withdraw, at his own request.

Several accepted in concurrence.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Malachi Lennon, referred November 8, for compensation for damage to estate caused by change of grade of Blue Hill Ave., recommending reference to the Board of Street Commissioners.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Louisa Dorr, referred November 8, for compensation for land taken for sewer purposes, between Hewlett and Mozart Sts., recommending reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Report accepted; said reference ordered in concurrence.

13. Mayor's message transmitting the following order, passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 20, 1899, the same coming down passed by the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, viz.:—

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-four thousand (24,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land situated on Morton St., and in the lot of land situated on Austin St., West Roxbury, adjoining the Austin Farm, and both belonging to George W. Seaverns, and also for the purchase of the equity in the lot of land on the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard Sts., adjoining the Pierce Farm, and belonging in part to James J. Costello and in part to John E. Callahan; that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose; and that the In sane Hospital Trustees extend said appropriation for said purpose.

The question came on placing said message on file and passing the order in concurrence with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage in concurrence.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise at this time to protest against the passage of this order, as it is of more interest to my section than any other section of the city, being in my immediate vicinity. I have called a meeting of the citizens in my district and we wish to protest against the passage of this order, inasmuch as we think the Insane Hospital at the present time has more than enough land. This taking of 36 or more acres of land means the taking of some land which can otherwise be put to use for residential purposes; whereas if it is taken for Insane Hospital purposes it will forever cut off that end of the city from being a residential district. The section I come from has built in the past three or four years a million and a half dollars' worth of taxable property in the city, and we think it is an injustice that the Institutions Department wants to impose on us any more such buildings.

In the past two or three years there have been a number of insane people break out of that institution—or, perhaps you would hardly call it breaking out, but they are allowed to run about there very loosely and openly, are allowed the liberty of the grounds, and can go out at almost any time. They have come over into my section, and in one particular instance a man was out for a week. He went through the section terrorizing the women and children, and for a whole week my wife did not allow the children out of the house, she was so afraid. Not only in my particular section, but in the Forest Ave. section, they are protesting. If it is necessary, we are going to the Legislature next year if this passes this body and becomes a law, and fight it up there. Further than that, I think the lay of the land itself is sufficient cause for defeat of the order. The land is divided. If they intend to take more land, why don't they have the different parcels connected. They have taken three parcels, as I understand it, and two are together, and there is a division between them and the other. If they take this land and put buildings upon it, it means the establishing of another separate and distinct insane hospital. I certainly wish to protest and hope the order will not pass this body. I will state in regard to the land purchased that a friend of mine has had a certain parcel of that land offered to him several times in the past two years. No later than four weeks ago between three and four acres were offered to him for \$2500, the land which would be the connecting link between the parcels they have already suggested taking. He could not buy it, as he told me, because there was no outlet whatever. Now, the people who have this land and who wish to sell it to the city at this fabulous price, have gone to work, knowing that they could make the city buy it, if not at the present time later, and have paid \$6000 for this very piece of land, which has no outlet whatever. It is simply hemmed in on all sides and is of no earthly use except to these people. It is not in the present deal, but the chances are that it will be forced on the city later. I certainly hope at the present time that this order will not pass. If it does, it is our intention to go to the Legislature next year and protest.

The PRESIDENT—The chair desires to make a statement as your representative in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, in explanation of this order. The land referred to in this order is land adjacent to the insane hospitals at Pierce and Austin Farms, and was asked for by the Board of Trustees for the Insane. They stated to the Board of Apportionment that they had 1100 insane patients in the state hospitals whom they desired to build buildings for on this property. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment secured as

their experts Mr. Babson, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Minot and Mr. Dore, all of whom passed upon the proposition before it was passed by the Board of Apportionment. The chair desires to make that statement as an explanation of his vote in the Board of Apportionment, as your representative.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—This matter, Mr. President and fellow members, is one of vital importance to the citizens of Boston—particularly to the poor people of Boston. There are confined in the different insane asylums in Massachusetts, outside of Boston, over one thousand of Boston's insane. They are confined in those institutions because the City of Boston has not quarters large enough in which to shelter them, and a great number of those are confined outside the city, say for instance in Tewksbury, Worcester, Danvers and Taunton, in spite of the wishes of their friends, to be located in Boston where their friends can visit them. Today the friends of those people who are confined in the different places that I have mentioned, in order to see them, must pay a fare of all the way from one dollar to four dollars per visit, and they are compelled to take a journey and spend almost a whole day in order to see the poor unfortunates whom they dearly love. Mr. President, and fellow members, those who are supported today in the insane hospitals in Dorchester are those whose friends are able to reach the people in power. Those whose friends are not in touch with the politicians are unable to be supported where they can be reached by their friends without great expense. I am not particularly in sympathy with the unpaid boards, but when I receive a communication from Philip Coombs Knapp begging me to vote in favor of this matter I consider that of sufficient importance to warrant me in rising upon this floor and saying a word in favor of this order. The gentlemen from Dorchester speaks of the fact that there is an evil existing in Dorchester owing to the presence of the insane hospital. He speaks of the bugaboo of the insane people getting out and running around through Dorchester.

That reminds me of a story which has been told often, which is as follows: A man was wandering about the outskirts of a city when he suddenly looked behind him and saw a man, half naked, running and waving his hands in the air. The man ran, jumped fences, ran through houses and stores and finally fell exhausted. He arose on his knees, and began to pray to the man who had followed him, for mercy. The man came up to him, and, instead of killing him, he tapped him on the shoulder and said "My friend, you are it." (Laughter). That is exactly the condition of this bugaboo. There is no trouble here. I want to say that that is something ridiculous. I do not doubt a particle but that they wander about the grounds; but they have some privileges. He says it is an evil. Well, it can be continued whether we buy this land or not. The fact that we do not take this land does not mean that the insane hospital will be removed. It will be continued. It does not relieve them a particle; but by taking this land we do relieve the poor people of Boston, whose friends are now quartered in the different insane hospitals under the charge of the state, and for the keeping of whom the city of Boston pays a great many dollars—and their treatment is not the treatment they would receive if they were quartered under the care of the city's trustees. Why, today, the insane people of Worcester have to sit for hours on a hard wooden bench until the parts that they sit upon are irritated so that they become running sores. Is that the condition out in Dorchester? No, the people there are able to sit on cushions—and that is because their friends can see them when they are suffering, not being compelled to go to the expense of paying a large amount of car fare, and

probably not being able to see them at all because the expense is too large.

Now, I do not know of any land scheme which there is in this, but one thing is certain, that \$24,000 is not a great deal of money. If there is \$24,000 worth of good to come out of this thing, I say we should pass it tonight unanimously. I have heard some talk of a land scheme, but it was being done by others, and probably the opposition to this order is because of the disappointed people. Now, gentlemen, if we do not take this land at this time adjoining the insane hospitals, the owners will do, as the member from Dorchester says, erect houses. That means that the insane trustees will not be able to expand their institutions in the territory which they desire to. My fellow members and Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the matter of politics will be entirely cut out of this affair, and that this body will vote in the interest of the people's charges, in the interest of the friends of the city's unfortunates, in the interests of those who cannot look out for themselves, to pass this order tonight in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen. Now, I am satisfied that there is some opposition to this, I think, however, if those who are opposing this order had the interest of the poor insane patients at heart, they would not hesitate a moment, but would vote at once to pass this order. I trust that it will pass.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hardly see that there is any opposition to this order, with the exception of the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Harvey). It seems to me that his opposition is as a representative of some of the real estate dealers out that way. Apart from that I do not see where there can possibly be any opposition to this order whatsoever. As I understand it, this land, if bought now, can be bought for a comparatively small cost, whereas, if we wait until later, why, of course the cost will increase. However, I am satisfied, after this matter has received the consideration of the Board of Apportionment, also the City Solicitor, the Corporation Counsel and the Street Commissioner, Mr. Dore, that unless the project were wise, it would not be submitted to us, and it has also passed the Board of Aldermen unanimously. I am also aware of the fact that at the present time the friends of the insane have to go to Worcester and the other places where the state institutions are located in order to visit those confined there. I believe this is entirely unnecessary, and that this is a good way to get over the difficulty,—by the building of proper institutions within our borders. I sincerely trust that the members of the Council will vote to pass this order.

As far as the value of the land is concerned, or the surrounding neighborhood, I understand that on one side of this property is Franklin Park and that on the other side is Forest Hills Cemetery. From the map I have seen I cannot see where there is any great damage to be done to the surrounding territory. As a matter of fact, there is a great deal of territory very near the public institutions which might be bought, but it is not within the immediate borders of the present land owned by the city. I sincerely hope that the order will be passed.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN—Mr. President, it seems to me that we are wasting a lot of valuable time over this order. I rise to a question of information. Inasmuch as this order was passed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on October 30, and inasmuch as thirty days have elapsed since then, is it necessary for this body to act on the order at all?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, in answer to the gentleman, that so far as the appropriation of the money is concerned, it has already gone into effect,

in accordance with the statute law—so far as the appropriation is concerned.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I agree with my friend on my right (Mr. Chamberlain). It is useless time which we are wasting here, but as the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Harvey) arose and started to protest against the erection of these buildings, I feel it my duty to rise and say a word in favor of the purchase of this land and the erection of the said buildings. Now, it seems to me too bad that our people in Boston who are afflicted with such a disease as insanity should be cast away out in the different institutions of the State, in Taunton, Tewksbury and the other places—when this large city can afford to build places large enough to hold them—and that is what it is now proposed to do. I think it is about time that such a thing should be done.

Now, the country surrounding the present hospitals out there, as my friend in front of me has stated, is not very thickly settled with people. There is plenty of land to improve upon, and it seems to me it is the duty of the Insane Hospital Trustees to provide as large accommodations for the poor people under their charge as they can. I trust that the order will pass this evening.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, I am very much surprised that the gentleman in the first division should accuse me of playing politics on this order. That certainly is not my intention. I am certainly looking out for the benefit of my section. In regard to his speaking about bugaboos, I would state that it is a matter of fact and record in the institutions that people do escape there. That is in answer to his assertion on that point. In regard to being opposed to the extension of this institution I am frank to say, after looking into this matter—and I have looked into it pretty carefully—that I believe the insane hospital should be nearer the centre of the City of Boston. The buildings should also be together in their entirety. I am not opposed to that idea. I think the institution should have more ground, I am willing to vote for more ground—but not in my section. That is the position I am taking here. In regard to the \$24,000 that the gentleman in the third division speaks about, that money has already been appropriated; but, as I understand it, the land cannot be taken until the City Council so votes. The taking of the land is what I am opposed to. The \$202,000—the balance of the amount that has been agreed upon for this land, the whole amount being \$226,000—is to be asked from the Legislature next year in a special bill. They evidently feel very much assured that they are going to get it, but we are going there from my section and are going to make a good big fight against it. In regard to any real estate deals that the gentleman in the third division speaks about I would state that I own 5200 feet, and I know of nobody in my section who owns very much more. There are one or two tracts of land which are being developed at the present time. I don't think the owners even know that this thing is being talked about. They have not spoken to me if they do. However, I think it is a shame. They have gone in there, have invested their money, they have built sewers and streets, bringing their property in to the market, and certainly if that extension is made their land cannot be sold for what they propose to sell it at the present time. In regard to the land being bought not to advantage, I will simply say that it is assessed for a cent and a quarter a foot on the average, while the price the city is paying is fifteen or sixteen cents. Some parts of the land, lots facing on streets, are worth that, perhaps more. But I think on the whole, that \$226,000 is a big price. The land can be bought two years from now at that price.

What I say is, look somewhere else for a place for the hospital buildings. That is my only point. I am not opposed to having the grounds in the city of Boston. I think we should have them here. My position is simply a protest from the small property holders, those holding small pieces of real estate in that section, in which they perhaps hold an equity, against any more insane hospital buildings there.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I did not have much intention of speaking upon this order tonight, but when I heard the gentleman in the second division rise in his place and say one thing, and immediately, after a few speakers had spoken, turn around and contradict what he had said before, I thought I should say a word. From time immemorial it has been good policy for cities to take good care of the unfortunate insane, and after four years of a democratic administration I think it is now about time that it should take some steps to remedy the present existing conditions, which have compelled unfortunate insane people to be sent all over the state of Massachusetts. Thousands of dollars have been appropriated and expended for improvements in the City Hospital, through the efforts of politicians from that and other districts, and I think it is about time that some attention should be given to the care of the unfortunate insane. I appeal to the republican members of this council, from nothing but pure philanthropic motives, to stand together in this matter, and not to allow any opposing platform of any antagonistic party to take the ground that they are against the erection of good, sensible hospitals for the insane of Boston. I tell them now on the floor of the council that if they defeat this order we will use it as an issue from one end of the city to the other against them in this municipal election. I don't care who the man is, be he savage, Indian or a native of South Africa—every one has a warm spot in his heart for the unfortunate people who are deprived of their reason, and who are thrown into the hands of the community to be taken care of. When the gentleman in the second division rises here and states that he opposes this because it is in his district, I think he should be ashamed of himself, because Dorchester is one of the most healthy spots in Boston, largely composed of farming land, and is the proper and right place for an insane hospital to be located. If he talks about real estate deals—and he practically admits that he is interested in land in the immediate vicinity—I can find a good reason why he should stand here in the council and oppose this order tonight.

I have inquired into this matter, gentlemen of the Council. At first I thought there was a nigger in the woodpile, but I have been convinced that this is a desired necessity, that the unfortunate people have been ill-treated in the past; and I, having occasion to apply for accommodations for different insane people, and having them sent to different cities in this Commonwealth, realize the necessity of having a hospital erected in the city of Boston which can be used by the poor as well as by the wealthy. I sincerely hope this order will pass this evening.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16.—Mr. President, although I am not opposed to the enlargement of any insane hospital and am not opposed to the taking of land for that purpose, even in that vicinity, I would like to know from some of those gentlemen who have so ably argued for this order and who seem to know so much about it, why they should ask for land on three sides of what might be called a hollow square—on the fourth side, instead of taking land in that square, taking part of land across the street, leaving about fifty acres. I believe, in between, which, as I understand it, they claim will be taken some

time of other? Altogether there will be between eighty and ninety acres of land if I am not misinformed, or a tract of land large enough to accommodate nearly all the insane of the United States. Of course there may be some reasons, but I have heard of none—why in enlarging their buildings and their property they should not buy land immediately surrounding the piece of land they now own. Perhaps some gentleman can inform me on the subject.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 16 (Mr. Wells) and other members of the Council, as your representative on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, that that board only attempt to acquire that land which was most likely to be built upon at this time, the rest to be taken by the legislature.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6.—Mr. President, I heartily agree with my colleague from Wd. 13 in his attitude upon this question. But \$24,000 is a considerable amount of money, and I think we should pause and reflect, the conservative members of this body, looking at this matter in a very deliberative way. I have not looked into the matter thoroughly, and I therefore move the assignment of the order for one week.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the member from Wd. 6 will withdraw his motion to assign. We may not have another meeting. We may have a meeting and may fail to pass upon it. This is of considerable importance. Now, gentlemen, the people who bought that land sold it for fifty per cent. of what they asked for it. They were beaten down cent by cent until they got to the point that the city was willing to pay a certain sum and they were willing to take it. We have been told on this floor tonight that this land is absolutely necessary, and if the people who own that property feel that the city of Boston wants it as badly as we are sure it does want it, what is to prevent their holding out a short time and getting their own price for the land? We have shown our hand to the owners of the property and must have it, and for that reason we should not assign the order. I cannot understand the gentleman's motion. I am satisfied that there are as many poor people located in the state hospital from his ward as there are from any other ward in Boston, and in the interest of the poor people from his ward I say to him that he will not properly represent them, in my judgment, if he attempts to hinder the passage of this order tonight. I know but little about this matter, but what I do know is this, that the insane charges of the City of Boston are entitled to fair treatment. They must have it and they will get it. The people of Boston demand it. Now, one word in reference to the gentleman from Dorchester in the second division, and I will close, because I think we are wasting a lot of time on this matter, as I believe the majority of the members here are in favor of doing something for the poor insane. The gentleman says he believes that the insane should be kept in Boston, but he says we should get them nearer to the centre of the town. Does he want to bring the people into the congested part of the city, where they cannot breathe the fresh air? Does he want to bring them into the tenement house district? Does he want them to come into the heart of the city, where, if they escape, they will run up against children at every two feet if they are going to escape, why is it not better to have them escape out in Dorchester, where there is plenty of room for them to run around. He speaks of being a land owner. That shows that he has a little interest of his own in this matter. Perhaps the 5200 feet he speaks of is on the market.

I don't know. If it is, I don't blame him for desiring to have the matter defeated. Probably I might be inspired by the same feeling, under the circumstances. But I believe, right down in the bottom of his heart, the gentleman is not speaking as his heart dictates. I believe he is speaking for the pocketbook of somebody, and we should not speak for the pocketbook of somebody as against the poor insane. I beg of those with whom I have voted many times this year regardless of party or politics—and I have done it often as a favor to many members of this body—that they will at this time vote with me to do something which is for the interest of the poor insane of our city.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 in the Chair.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I am not surprised at the attitude of the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Mr. Bradley) in moving the assignment of this order. But if this gentleman had received a communication from Mr. Knapp, the Secretary of the Insane Hospital Trustees, he would find there the cause and reasons why the Trustees desire the ground that they are now seeking for. I trust that this gentleman will reconsider and will withdraw his motion. In regard to the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Harvey) I see no argument he offers why this order should not pass, except that he owns 5200 feet in that section. I trust that the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Mr. Bradley) will withdraw his motion.

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, it is with considerable reluctance that I have left the chair tonight to speak upon this order, which I consider one of the most vital importance to the people of Boston, and particularly to that class which I have the honor in part to represent—the poor people of the city. In regard to the proposition which we are asked to confirm tonight, I realize that the appropriation has already become operative; but, with considerable surprise, I learn that gentlemen representing Democratic constituencies, where there are poor people, who are obliged to contribute mostly to the inmates of these institutions, are here tonight opposing a proposition of this kind. In order that every member of this Council may be enlightened thoroughly, I take the floor tonight, to explain to the members how this matter comes up. In the first place, I will endeavor to relieve the mind of the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Harvey) from the anxiety he seems to have for the owners of property in the immediate vicinity, by stating to him that the plans of the Insane Hospital Trustees contemplate a comprehensive enlargement of the present insane institutions, so that they may accommodate the poor insane who are now distributed throughout the state institutions of this Commonwealth—in Taunton, in Danvers, in Worcester, in Tewksbury, in Medfield and in Bridgewater—for whom the City of Boston now pays annually over \$260,000. There is also the great loss occasioned by the payment of railroad fares and the waste of time in getting to and from those institutions, the poor people of Boston spending thousands and thousands of dollars a year visiting their sons, their daughters, their mothers or their fathers. Now, then, the institutions are to be located on a large tract of land, bounded by Walk Hill St., Canterbury St., Harvard St. and Merton St. There is on one side the Pierce Farm, on the other side the Austh Farm. Between these two institutions there is a large tract of land, which these people want to acquire for the comprehensive enlargement of the institutions.

This land lies directly between both institutions. Part of it today is hired for pasturage purposes by the trustees of the Insane Institutions, they paying annually to the owners of this property an amount of money which is the interest on a very much larger amount, which is in the future to go towards the eventual purchase of the land. Now, then, in these institu-

tions the city of Boston has from 400 to 500 of its insane. Distributed through the state it has between 1000 and 1100 people. It is the idea of the trustees, if this property can be acquired in the future by act of the legislature, to take all the city's insane, and to take care of them where they properly belong, within the city limits, where the poor people of Boston can visit their relatives, without going to Worcester and other places and paying out several dollars in railroad fares, besides losing perhaps a whole day. By having them here they can visit them once a week, instead of, as today, once in three months, because of their lack of means to pay railroad fares and the expenses connected with a visit to a distant town or city. Now, then, about the surrounding people whom it is stated that this is to injure, I submit to you, gentleman of the council, if you will look over the plan, on one side you will find Forest Hills cemetery, on another side Mt. Hope cemetery, on another side Franklin Park and on the fourth side Blue Hill Ave. The erection of these hospitals, or a comprehensive enlargement of them, will injure no one. That is the best spot in Boston to care for the interests of the insane, and I submit to you that it is the only spot where such an institution can be located without objection on the part of neighboring residents. Now, as this is a question affecting the poor people whom I have the honor in part to represent, living with a poor constituency, I feel that I have a right to speak here in their behalf.

I live among people some of whom have relatives and friends in these institutions, whom they would like to visit. I have personal knowledge of five or six cases where poor mothers, widowed mothers, would like to visit their children or their relatives. They now have to go to Worcester or to Taunton, being on that account unable to see them more than three times a year, whereas, if they were located within the limits of Boston, they would be able to visit them, if they desired, every week, paying out simply ten cents for car fare, instead of the large amount required to go to different parts of the state. They could visit them and return, also, within a very short time, thereby not seriously inconveniencing themselves. That is the proposition that is before the Council tonight. As far as the land is concerned, I am not an expert in property, but I am always willing to be guided by those who know more than I do about such matters. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment had Mr. Minot, Mr. Dore, Mr. Babson, the court expert of the city of Boston, and Mr. Cobb, in consultation. The city's price was offered and was accepted. If the owners did not accept it, they would not have received a higher offer. That is the whole situation. I ask the pardon of the Council for leaving the chair, but I felt that each and every one of you was entitled to a full, fair, frank explanation of the whole project.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12.—Mr. President, in my two years' experience in the City Council, this is the first time when I have seen memorial funeral services over an order. Here is an order that has been dead a week, so far as this body is concerned. One month from October 30 brings us to November 30 and to all intents and purposes this order stands tonight as law, and no action this Council can take makes any difference in regard to it. As a rule I do not oppose assignment, but inasmuch as the issue is a dead one, I move you, sir, the previous question.

Mr. Kiley in the chair.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25.—Mr. President, I am opposed to the main question being put, because that will cut off the motion to assign. As to this order being a past issue, I think the Chairman will say that I am correct in the idea that anything involving the taking of land must be sane-

tioned by this body. I would like to ask the Chairman if that is not so?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the Council that the appropriation has already been operative, but the taking of the property must be sanctioned by the government.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, that being the case, I think the matter demands careful examination on the part of this body. This body is an independent body, and I think if there is a single member who cares to take a week to investigate an order of this kind, the body should see fit to give the member that chance. I don't see how in any way the prospects of an order, if it is a good order, will be endangered thereby. It ought to be an order that will stand a week's investigation. I am heartily in favor of the motion to assign, and I am opposed to the ordering of the previous question.

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. Roemer of Wd. 22 doubted the vote. A rising vote was taken, and the main question was ordered, 36 members voting in the affirmative, 14 in the negative.

The order was declared passed in concurrence.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall. The yeas and nays were declared not ordered. Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13 moved to reconsider; lost.

14. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital requesting that the boundaries of the portion of the lot of land transferred to the city by the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of 1897, which was placed under the charge of the Hospital Department, be fixed by the City Council. The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:—

Ordered, That the boundaries of the lot of land placed by an order approved November 29, 1899, under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief ambulance station, be fixed and approved as follows: On the west by Canal St., one hundred twenty (120) feet; on the south by Haymarket Sq., fifty-nine (59) feet; on the east by the westerly wall of the subway, and on the north by a line parallel to, and distant one hundred twenty (120) feet from Haymarket Sq.

The message was placed on file and the order was referred to the Committee on Hospital Dept.

15. Report of the Committee on Building Department, on petition of Alfred D. Perron, recommending the passage of an order authorizing the issue of a permit to said Perron to build a wooden building in rear of Gardner St., Wd. 23, in excess of range allowed, etc., to be used for an ice-house.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

16. Report of the Committee on Market Department relative to the hearings given by said committee on the order contemplating the erection of a market at Park Sq. on the property now owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company. The passage of the following order recommended in said report.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the next General Court for the right to take by eminent domain the parcel of land owned by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, situated between Park Sq. and Dartmouth St., the same to be used for the erection thereon of a public market and of a municipal building or buildings.

The question came on the acceptance of the report of the Committee.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I

move you that that report be recommitted to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I think the gentleman in the fourth division should give some reason why this should be recommitted, if he desires to make that motion. I do not see why there is any reason for this going back to the committee and being hashed over there again.

I think we might accept the report and end it this year, anyway.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman I want to tell him that a majority of that committee was not present when that report was made up. There were not over three members present. I think the whole committee should be present when any report is made up. For that reason, I ask for the recommitment of that report back to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I desire to agree with the member from Wd. 8 who has just taken his seat, when he states that the entire committee was not present. I was near at hand, and I heard a conversation which led me to believe that this matter was rushed through for some purpose. I sincerely trust that it will be referred back to the Committee on Markets, and that it will be given the attention that it deserves. I sincerely trust that the motion to refer back will prevail.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, after the statement made by the gentlemen in the first and fourth divisions, I am satisfied that this matter should be recommitment. I supposed that the Committee had presented a unanimous report. I have not heard anything to the contrary. I am satisfied that it should be recommitment.

The motion to recommit the matter to the Committee on Market Department was carried.

17. Ordered, That driving at a greater rate of speed than allowed by ordinance be permitted during the present winter on Chelsea St., East Boston, between Maverick Sq. and Prescott St.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of His Honor, the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city, to convey to the owner of the estate next west of and adjoining the estate known as the Fire Department Headquarters Building, on Bristol St., a narrow strip of land and so much of the wall of said building as stands thereon, in return for a conveyance from such owner of a parcel of land four (4) feet square adjoining the land of the city, and to make such agreements in regard to the use of the wall now built, or hereafter to be built, between the said estates, as a party wall or otherwise, as seem for the best interests of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Dept.

19. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the next General Court for such legislation as will cause by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the development of the channel or channels of Boston Harbor to such width and depth as will permit any ship now built, or building, entrance to the port of Boston with safety and convenience.

Passed in concurrence.

20. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to flood for skating purposes during the coming winter season the land in the rear of the Boston Baseball grounds recently acquired for playground purposes.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Communication from the Managers of the Franklin Fund submitting the following order and preamble providing for the disposition of the Franklin Fund and recommending its passage by the City Council:

Whereas, The Managers of the Franklin

Fund—the donation to the town of Boston under the will of Benjamin Franklin—propose to lay out one-half of that part of said fund now in the hands of the City Treasurer, and all accumulations thereof, to be used by the city for erecting a building, to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Building, upon the lot of land owned by the city on Washington St., near the corner of Dover St., now partially occupied by the old Franklin School building, and upon other lands of the city adjoining said lot, so far as the same may be considered desirable therefor; said building to contain a branch of the Public Library, with reading-rooms, also a ward-room, public hall, lecture room, and rooms for the use of the Grand Army Posts now quartered in said old building; also a public convenience station in the basement; and to lay out the remainder of said part of said fund and its accumulations, with the exception of \$5000, which shall be set aside as a fund, the interest of the same to be devoted to the purchase of Franklin medals, to be used by the city for erecting buildings to contain baths for all-the-year round use, combined with public gymnasia when desirable; for building public convenience stations and for the purchase of suitable lots for such buildings.

Now, therefore, it is hereby Ordered, That if said managers lay out said fund as above specified, the City Engineer forthwith thereafter shall acquire for the city any land desired for said Benjamin Franklin building, and suitable lots for said other buildings, when such lots are not already owned by the city, one at least in each of the following districts: East Boston, Wds. 1 and 2; Charlestown, Wds. 3, 4 and 5; North and West Ends, Wds. 6, 7 and 8; South Boston, Wds. 13, 14 and 15; Roxbury, Wds. 17, 18, 19 and 21; Dorchester, Wds. 16, 20 and 24; shall build at least two public convenience stations, one to be located in Post Office Sq., and one in Park Sq., and shall employ architects and erect said buildings; said land, lots and the plans of said buildings to be approved by the managers of said fund and the Mayor; and the expense attending the carrying out of this order to be paid from the proceeds of said fund as laid out for said purposes.

The question came on placing said communication on file, and ordering the preamble and order to a second reading.

Mr. HARRY of Wd. 24 moved that the reading of the communication, preamble and order be dispensed with.

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22 objected, and, by direction of the president, the Clerk read the communication, preamble and order.

The communication was placed on file, and the question came on giving the preamble and order a second reading.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. WOOD—Mr. President, I will submit it in writing to the Clerk.

Mr. Wood sent to the clerk the following:

That this order providing for the disposition of the Franklin Fund (coming in its present form from the Board of Aldermen) is illegal. As it has been amended in the Board of Aldermen as follows: "With the exception of \$5000 which shall be set aside as a fund, the interest of the same be devoted to the purchase of Franklin medals." And that it has not been submitted to the Managers or the Trustees of the Franklin Fund since the above amendment was made. Therefore the bill in its present form, as it is presented to this Council, is not the original bill as passed by the Trustees of the Franklin Fund and has never been before that Board as amended.

The PRESIDENT (after re-reading the point of order)—The Chair, realizing the point of order, will ask for further time before making a ruling on the point, and will therefore lay the matter on the table

until he has had a chance to consult with the law department.

The next business before the house is No. 22 on the calendar.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I should like to move that the Chair be requested to have the Law Department refer this matter back to them at the next meeting of the City Council in order that the matter may not be buried.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman make a motion?

Mr. LOGAN—Yes, sir; I move that the Chair be requested to ask the Law Department to refer this matter back at the next meeting of the Common Council, with its opinion.

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk will direct the gentleman to submit his motion in writing.

(Mr. Logan proceeded to write out his motion.)

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am sorry to say that I have been derelict in my duty and do not know what the matter before the house is?

The PRESIDENT—The question now is upon a motion made by Councilman Logan of Wd. 14.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, may I ask what the motion is?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that if the gentleman will wait a few moments the Chair will read the motion.

Mr. Logan submitted his motion in the following form:—

Ordered, that the Chair be requested by this body to secure the opinion of the law department upon the legality of this order and that said opinion be presented to this body at its next meeting.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, I was not a bit surprised tonight when the gentleman from Wd. 20 arose to a point of order. I had known for a few days that the President of this body intended to contest the legality of this order, and when the gentleman from Wd. 20, whom I had previously heard was against this order, arose with a carefully prepared point of order, I could see at once, or could imagine that I could see that there was something behind it other than the presentation of a point of order. It has been threatened that this matter would be buried when it reached this body, and, in order that it might not be buried, in order that the citizens of Boston who are interested in this subject—for it spreads the benefit of the Franklin Fund over the whole of Boston—might have a chance to get the benefit which Benjamin Franklin had decreed that they should get, in order that this thing which has been before the City Council for over a year might get some definite action taken upon it this year, in order that the president of this body might not bury it, I have introduced this order that he be requested to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Council and to refer it back to the Common Council at the next meeting.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 4—Mr. President, I must say at this time that I am surprised at the information which the gentleman in this division (Mr. Logan) has just given in regard to the point of order that has just been raised. It is only a few moments ago that the president of this body stated on the floor that he represented a body of poor people and was speaking in their behalf to have an institution erected within the city limits for those people. Now, there has come before this body tonight an order asking that the distribution of this fund, which is to be distributed through the entire city and among the poorer class of people, should be distributed by this body. I am surprised.

I am surprised, and I must say that I represent a part of a constituency which is composed mostly of the poorer classes

of people and one which will appreciate from this fund, and I cannot stand here tonight and vote against the passage of this order. I will say that I am sorry that the point of order has been raised in order to defeat this measure. I am thankful, and the citizens of Boston must also be thankful to that benefactor and statesman, Benjamin Franklin, who was always working in the interests of the down-trodden and whose hand held the pen that wrote the signature of Benjamin Franklin on the Declaration of Independence, which gave to the citizens of these great United States the right of suffrage and freedom of speech. He must have reflected upon his boyhood days and remembered the struggles and hardships that young boys had to undergo, and sympathizing with them with all the sympathy he possessed, he set aside a certain portion of his riches, which has accumulated to such an amount that the managers have seen fit to distribute it in an equitable and fair manner throughout the entire city. I, as a representative in part of Charlestown, would be ungrateful to the constituency of that district if I did not protest tonight, feeling as I do that Charlestown is to receive a certain portion of this money, and satisfied as I am—and I think my constituency would also be satisfied—with the sum that is to be spent within that district for a purpose that I know they will thoroughly enjoy—the erection of an all-the-year-round bath. Realizing that, I think that Charlestown, East Boston, South Boston, Roxbury and a portion of Dorchester, which were settled many years ago, and the buildings which were erected at that time not having the improvements and the buildings have that have been erected of late years, should have the benefit of baths such as are proposed in this order. Therefore, in view of that fact, I feel that it is my duty and I think it is the duty of every member representing a poor constituency, to tonight fight in behalf of this measure. I sincerely hope that this body will authorize the law department to give an opinion in regard to the point which has been raised, at the next meeting.

(Mr. Lydon of Wd. 13 in the chair.)

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, I am not going to enter into any controversy with reference to the merits of this order which appears on the calendar tonight at all, but, in consequence of the statements by my friend from Wd. 14 and my other friend from Wd. 4, in justice to myself, and in justice to the members of this Council who entertain the same ideas upon this question that I do, I want to ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 and the gentleman from Wd. 4 to listen to this letter which I will read for the information of the members of this Council, in which my motives have been impugned, in which I have been slandered and falsified by one member of this commission. When this matter comes up for its consideration, I will have something to say; but, for tonight, I simply desire to read to the members of this Council a letter signed by Robert A. Woods and addressed to Councilman Fred A. Emery of Wd. 21. With your permission, I will read the letter here tonight (reading):—

“December 6th, 1899.

“Fred A. Emery, Esq.,

“2 Thornton street, Roxbury.

“Dear Mr. Emery:—As the Franklin Fund matter is to come up in the Common Council tomorrow night, I thought I would like to explain the situation to you up to date. An amendment calling for a fund of \$5000, the interest of which is to be used for Franklin medals for public school graduates, was informally approved of by the Trustees of the Fund and was passed with the rest of the order by the Board of Aldermen. In order to make sure of the whole scheme, this amendment ought also to be passed by the Common Council. Any technical difficulty about the origin of the amendment will be covered by having it officially approved of after-

wards by the Franklin Fund Trustees, because, in any case, the whole matter has to go back to them for final action.

“Mr. Kiley has invented an absurd falsehood to the effect that in some way or other the Franklin Fund money is to be used by the Bath Department and the Public Buildings Department for the running expenses of those departments. I may tell you that I have the Mayor's definite promise that the Franklin Institute building will be kept out of the hands of the Public Buildings Department entirely. The idea is to create first a voluntary committee and afterwards, by the consent of the legislature, a new department to have charge of that building.

“As to the Bath Department, if the absurdity of the statement were not sufficient in itself, I am willing to give my assurance, for all it is worth, that the business affairs of the department have been conducted not merely with honesty but with exceptional care in the direction of economy.

“The delay of several weeks in the Board of Aldermen has been caused by an effort on the part of Mr. Berwin and Mr. Barry to get through an appropriation of \$50,000 for a rifle range as a sort of rider to the Franklin Fund scheme. They had some land which they wished to purchase at a very high valuation. It is needless to say that these two gentlemen have for years made their living by such deals, Mr. Berwin by selling land to the city, and Mr. Barry by buying land for the city.

“As to the situation in the Council, we are certain of fifteen republican members and six or eight more Republicans will in all probability also vote for the proposed plan, and a considerable majority of the Democrats will certainly favor it.

“Sincerely yours,

“Robt. A. Woods,

“South End House, Boston.”

This letter, members of the Council, explains itself. With Mr. Woods, with the Bath Department, with the manner in which this has been put through, and with its merits, I will deal later. This explains the point of order in itself. This member of the commission has written this falsifying letter, slandering the reputation of the President of this body as well as that of two members of the Board of Aldermen, and has sent here tonight emissaries to lobby this matter through, and to force it through this body. The letter explains itself. I will deal with Mr. Woods, with his character, with his interest in this matter, and with some more of them, before this matter goes through; but in justice to myself I have read tonight this letter in answer to the attack made unwittingly and unintentionally. I know, by the gentleman from Wd. 14 and the gentleman from Wd. 4, who I am sure did not intend to cast any reflections upon the honor, the reputation or the well meaning of the presiding officer of this body. I accept this opportunity to answer those charges and to justify the reading of this letter, which has no doubt been sent to other members of this body, and which by the kindness and voluntary assistance of the gentleman from Wd. 21, I am able to read to you members of the Council tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, and fellow members, I desire to say here and now that my position on the Franklin Fund matter has changed from the time that I walked from that door to my seat. I intend to stand here tonight and to attempt in my humble way to stand by our worthy president. I think that when any so-called reformer such as Mr. Woods, who has for weeks and weeks been lobbying on this matter at City Hall, attempts to slander him, I stand here as one who intends to stand by him, regardless of my future in politics. I don't believe it is politics in this matter. I believe there is something deeper,—and I believe that perhaps some members

of this reform outfit, composed particularly of Mr. Woods and others, are at the bottom of it. I do not know how much merit there is in this matter, but I do know this, that the improvements contemplated in this order mean some good for my district and I had intended to vote for the order; but before I vote for it I intend to have this slanderous statement against the President of this body cleared up. I do not care so much about the two members of the other branch, but I do care about our President. I want to say, without any fooling or anything else, that I had intended to vote for this order from start to finish, but I have changed my position because of this attack. I beg of the Republican members to stand by our President, who has treated them so fairly. This is not a matter of the people of Boston at present. They will have the Franklin Fund money in the shape in which they want it eventually; but tonight we should stand by our presiding officer, who has been a fair presiding officer, who has been a credit to this body, and who is admired for his courage throughout Boston. I sincerely trust that we will stand by him this evening, and not with Mr. Woods of the South End House. Perhaps eventually that gentleman may become an occupant of some other home—perhaps within the bounds of a certain district which we have talked of this evening. I trust that we will stand together, and that we will vote with him tonight; and when the Franklin Fund comes before us again, I assure them that if they have cleared themselves of the statements made in that letter, I will vote for it all along the line.

(President Kiley in the Chair.)

Mr. ROEMER of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in reference to this matter. I would like to put myself on record as a Republican. I believe that letter stated that there were 15 Republicans pledged to vote for this matter, and that five or six others would probably vote for it. I, for one, want to put myself on record as stating that whenever this order came up, I would not have voted for it.

In the first place, every district is represented in this order except my own—that is, Wds. 22 and 23, West Roxbury—and until such time as this order is changed so that we shall also have some benefit from this Franklin Fund, which I believe was left for the benefit of the whole city, and not for any section, I shall certainly put myself on record as always being against this order until it is amended. I wish to say furthermore, that I had intended to amend this order tonight by having Wd. 22 and 23 inserted, but I was told by some of the members here that it would not be in order. Now, if it is not in order to amend an order of the Managers of the Franklin Fund here, why is it that they can amend it in the Board of Aldermen without the sanction of that board? Consequently I hope that these Franklin Fund Managers will consider this matter again, and that they will bring in an order in which they include Wds. 22 and 23, known as the West Roxbury District.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14—Mr. President, in order that things may be straightened out and everything properly looked into, I move that the order be assigned for one week.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hardly think the President of this body needs any defence at my hands, but I wish to say at this time that, under the existing circumstances, I certainly believe he was justified in reading the letter which he has read, and I certainly believe that the gentleman from Wd. 20 is justified in raising the point of order which he has raised. The point of order was raised in the Board of Aldermen, and I believe that it is a good one. If there

is any merit in it, the Law Department will so decide. When the Law Department has decided that point, we will then be in a position to pass this order—and it probably will be passed—in proper shape and in proper form. We will then have accomplished something; but if we pass it as it stands and then find that we have passed it in a wrong shape, it certainly would have to come back, and we would have to do the entire matter over again. I say that the presiding officer of this body needs no defence, but I certainly believe that it was entirely out of order to even make the request that the report should be made at the next meeting. As a matter of fact, the request amounts to nothing, and is not worth the paper on which it is written. The Corporation Counsel does not necessarily have to report at the next meeting. He might say to us that he perhaps was not able to give a decision at the next meeting. It does seem to me that when that order was introduced it was casting a reflection upon the presiding officer, and I claim that he does not deserve any such reflection. I think that he is right in the matter, and I regret very much that this order has been offered at all.

Mr. TOBIN of Wd. 9—Mr. President, and gentlemen of the Council, from the remarks of the last speaker we might get the impression that there was nothing to prevent the order going through tonight, or having it reported back at the next meeting. It is a well-known fact that the gentlemen are very anxious to have this matter go to the next city Council, and that it is the particular reason why he does not want it reported back at the next meeting.

The question came on the motion to assign.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be assigned. My colleague, Mr. Logan, has asked that this matter be reported back in a week. The question of the legality of this order was raised by the gentleman behind me, Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, and there is no doubt in my opinion that it was premeditated. There is not any question that this whole matter was premeditated, and all fixed by both sides. I see no reason why my other colleague (Mr. Donahoe) should ask for an assignment of this order for another week. The matter will be delayed now until the next meeting, when this order comes back. The members of this body should stop and consider. The value of this order is very great to many districts. The money is distributed equitably. Almost all the wards get some benefit from this distribution. The only district omitted is the one which Mr. Roemer has spoken of—Wd. 22 and 23—and I am sorry that they are omitted; but, however, he should stop and consider that Wds. 20 and 24 are interested, and they are not very far away from him. I trust that the members will not vote for an assignment of this order.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I would like to get a little information on this order. I understood a few days ago that the Corporation Counsel gave an opinion in this matter when the Board of Aldermen amended it. He was asked his opinion at that time, and he told them that they could amend the order, and that if the Council concurred in the matter it then went back to the Board of Managers; and I have also been given to understand that the Board of Managers; were perfectly agreeable to the amendment.

The PRESIDENT—The chair will state that the question now before the house is the motion made by the gentleman from Wd. 14, Mr. Donahoe, to assign the order offered by the other gentleman from Wd. 14, Mr. Logan, to the next meeting.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, I am sorry that my remarks should have been brought up at this meeting in conjunction with that letter. I am sure that when I introduced the order requesting the

President of this body to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel at the next meeting, it was not with the intention of casting any reflection upon the President of this body, who has been at all times during this year my friend; but I have been informed that by a parliamentary trick he intended to prevent the passage of this order which we have now before us during the year. I had been informed that the opinion of the Corporation Counsel had been obtained, and that the opinion of the Corporation Counsel was to the effect that the matter was legal—that the order in its present form was legal. I do not know positively that I am correct in the information which I have received, and I am perfectly willing that the matter should go again before the Corporation Counsel, and that this body as a whole should have the benefit of his opinion upon this matter. I just want to say a word in reference to the gentleman from Wd. 22, who spoke about the lack of care and attention which had been given to the district which he represents. If that gentleman will only remember that the whole city of Boston has been compelled to learn the meaning of the words "Municipal Economy" because of the park system which has been established in that district, he will conclude that it is hardly fair for him to come here to the Council and complain now, when the people of East Boston and South Boston, Dorchester and Roxbury are to have some improvements in their districts. I think the gentleman should look upon this in a spirit of fairness, and if he will only do that I am satisfied that he will vote for the order.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I wish to make a statement of the reasons why I raised this point of order. In the first place, I wish to clear the President of this body from being in any way connected with the point of order raised by me, for I was not informed in any way whatsoever that it was his intention, or that it would be his desire, that such a point should be raised. I have had this in mind since listening to the discussion in the Board of Aldermen last Monday, and I drew this point of order up myself, without the assistance of anybody, and did not consult any member of this body in regard to it. We have been told in the three wards that compose the district that I represent what we could have, and our wishes have not been consulted in the least. We have opposed this from the beginning, and shall continue to— or, at least, I shall continue to—until we are given a fair hearing as to what we want in our section. I do not believe in having a matter called up before this body in regard to which there is a legal question, and having it rushed through without consideration. If this matter can be passed through as it stands tonight, with an amendment to it made in one body, and no consideration of it taken by the other, there is not the least use in the two bodies of the City Council working together. This amended order has never been considered by the trustees, and I think you will find, when the law department passes upon it, that it will have to be.

Mr. LYDON.—Mr. President, I would like to say a word in reference to what the gentleman from Wd. 9 has said. He said that it was my intention, and that of other gentlemen, to defeat this matter anyway. I want to tell him that I promised the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Logan) and also other gentlemen, that I would vote for it tonight if it came upon its passage. I have no intention of defeating the order. I did at first intend to favor having it assigned or referred to the next city government, as it seemed to me that we were not properly provided for in South Boston. Wd. 9 gets the bulk of the money, and we get very little of it; but I was willing to set aside my personal feelings and to vote for the order, as I had prom-

ised my friend from Wd. 14 and another gentleman to do.

Mr. KELLY.—Mr. President, I was not aware of the attack made upon the presiding officer of this body until he had taken the floor and read that letter, but taking it from the speaker before me that the President was opposed to the measure, and after listening to the able argument made by him in favor of the poor unfortunates, I did not think that it was in keeping with that argument for him to oppose this measure, and that was the reason why I criticised his action. But I cannot see what harm it would be to let this order of Mr. Logan's of Wd. 14 go to the Law Department, and have them submit to us their opinion on this matter. I cannot see what good an assignment would do. I feel as though the Law Department was capable of giving an opinion, and it is a right that we have to ask them for their opinion. Therefore I certainly hope that this order will not be assigned.

Mr. ROEMER.—Mr. President, after listening to the various speakers I certainly am in favor of assignment. I believe that if this order was assigned tonight, it would be a good thing; and, as there is a great deal of objection to it, if it should go to the next Council I think it would be a very good thing. This has been sprung on us very suddenly. I think that if we were given time, we would have something in our district, the same as the others have. My friend in the second division (Mr. Logan) states that we ought to be thankful for the Park system. Now, I come from a district that is mostly composed of working people. They work in the city of Boston, and they sleep out there. As we all know, working people have large families, and I think that our young men ought to have the same privileges that are granted to young men in South Boston, East Boston, or anywhere else. My district is not a rich district, and I do not believe that the Park system was made for us.

It was made for the benefit of the people who have carriages, because the park system is too large for any man to go through it on foot. He says that my ward has been favored with the Park system. I believe that Wds. 19, 21, 20 and 24 have as much park, if not more, than we have—and, in fact, Wds. 20 and 24 are situated adjacent to Franklin Park. I hope that this matter will go over to the next meeting of the Council, and I think it will probably be changed then so that Wds. 22 and 23—what is called the West Roxbury District—will get some benefit from this distribution.

The motion to assign the order, offered by Mr. Logan, to the next meeting was carried. Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### DORCHESTER AVE. EXTENDED.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out Dorchester Ave. extended, in accordance with chap. 512, Acts of 1897, and that the City Engineer be requested to provide plans for the same at the earliest possible date.

Passed. Sent up.

#### COVE ST. EXTENSION.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered the following:—

Whereas, the long controversy over the extension of Cove St. over Fort Point channel is exciting great interest among all people who use thoroughfares in that vicinity, because of the veto upon the act by the national war department, and

Whereas, the question in issue is the lack of open space for the construction of said bridge because of the close proximity of other bridges, and

Whereas, an act of the legislature (acts and resolves of 1897, chapter 512) provided for the removing of Federal St. bridge easterly of its present position to a distance which will make said bridge come within a straight line from Summer St. extension to 1st St., South Boston, be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the city of Boston believes that upon the removal and reconstruction of said Federal St. bridge, there will be room sufficient for the construction of Cove St. extension without any interference with commerce.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Giblin of Wd. 15.

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NO QUORUM.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will declare the Council adjourned to next Thursday night, at 7:45.

Adjourned, at 9:45 P.M., to meet on Thursday, December 14, at 7:45 P.M.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 6, 1899

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that I have this day appointed Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill a member of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees, to take the place of Professor William T. Sedgwick, who has resigned, and whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect today.

You are also notified that I have this day appointed William T. Sedgwick Institutions Registrar for the term ending April 30, 1900, to serve, in accordance with his own desire, without pay.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## STORM DOORS—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 8, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Board, granting permission to the Samuel Ward Company to place storm doors, swinging outward, at 49 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

I very much doubt whether the city can legally grant permission to use a portion of a public street in the manner proposed, but entirely apart from this question, the danger to the public because of the liability of these doors to be suddenly and unexpectedly swung open over a sidewalk seems to me a sufficient reason for withholding my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## SNOW DUMP—WARREN BRIDGE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to providing a snow dump at Warren bridge. As this is a matter of pressing importance, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order providing the sum of \$2200, which is all of the remaining borrowing capacity, for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, Dec. 8, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Sir:—I would respectfully request that action be taken by the City Council to provide a sufficient appropriation for the building of a snow dump at Warren bridge. Plans have been drawn, and I am prepared to call for bids for a structure which will permit the dumping of snow outside the roadway and sidewalk lines.

The saving in time will be very considerable, and the scarcity of suitable dumps

makes this a very important item in the handling of large masses of snow.

I think an appropriation of, say, \$3500 would be sufficient.

The War Department and the Harbor and Land Commissioners have already given their consent to the building of this addition to the present bridge structure.

Yours very respectfully,

Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to expend the sum of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200) in building a snow dump at Warren bridge, and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presko.

## PAYMENT FOR CARE OF SICK SOLDIERS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees requesting that the sum of \$2225, which the city expects to receive from the War Department for the care of sick soldiers at Long Island, be credited to the appropriation for their department. Inasmuch as this amount represents actual expenditures by the Trustees for a purpose entirely outside of those for which their department appropriation was made, and inasmuch as there is no margin in their appropriation to provide for such extra expenditures, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order. A similar order reimbursing the Hospital Department for the amounts expended by it in caring for soldiers at the City Hospital has already been passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Office of the Pauper Institutions Trustees,  
of the City of Boston.  
28 Court Sq., Room 3, Boston, Mass.

December 11, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—I would respectfully call your attention to the bill for the care of United States soldiers, who were sent to the Long Island Hospital for treatment during the period from September 13 to December 30, 1898. The total amount of the bill is \$2225. This amount has been approved by the Surgeon General of the United States Army and forwarded by him to the Auditor for the War Department, Washington, D. C., and it will doubtless shortly be paid to the city of Boston. Under the circumstances, as this amount was actually expended by the Pauper Institutions Trustees, it would seem that this sum should be passed to the credit of the Long Island Institutions, and I would request that such action be taken by the City Council.

I subjoin an extract from the Annual Report of the Pauper Institutions Trustees for the year 1898:—

"Sixty-one United States soldiers, almost all of them members of the Regular Army, were sent to Long Island for care and treatment, notice having previously been given that they might be expected, and it is gratifying to know that, though many of the soldiers were seriously ill at the time they were sent to Long Island (thirteen of them having typhoid fever and many others suffering from malarial fever) not a single death occurred."

The care and treatment of the soldiers entailed unusual expenses, for which this charge of \$2225 was made. The Pauper Institutions Department would be glad to have this matter acted upon as soon as

possible, in order that the account may be closed.

Very truly yours,

Alice N. Lincoln, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum received by the city from the Government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to the appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island. Passed. Sent down.

#### APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Richard H. Eustis a constable of the city of Boston, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of John J. Sullivan, whose resignation from the position of constable was accepted on Nov. 23, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

#### INCREASE OF SALARY OF INSPECTOR DYER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith, and I recommend to your favorable consideration, a communication received from the Board of Police, recommending the passage of an order increasing the salary of William H. Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston, Police Department,  
Office of the Board of Police.

December 13, 1899.

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boston:—

Sirs:—The Board of Police on this date has passed the enclosed vote increasing the salary of William H. Dyer, who has been detailed for twenty-two years to examine evidence relative to claims against the city. The board feel that his industry, intelligence and experience are deserving of the increase, and ask your concurrence in the said action.

Yours very truly,

Robert F. Clark, Chairman.

December 13, 1899.

Ordered:—That the salary of William H. Dyer, captain, detailed to examine the evidence in claim cases against the city of Boston, be increased from two thousand (2000) dollars per year to twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars per year, to commence on Friday, December 15, 1899.

Passed. Sent down.

#### WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 4, 1899.

To the City Council:—

In reply to the order adopted by your body relative to the widening of Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5, I have to state that I have approved the plans for the widening of this avenue, and that the order of the Street Commissioners for such widening is now before me; the only reason why I is now before us; the only reason why I have been unable to approve this order has been because the land damages alone, as estimated by the Street Commissioners, amount to more than the total amount appropriated, and the signing of the order by me would therefore result in incurring a liability without sufficient appropriation to meet it, which is forbidden by law. The appropriation for widening this avenue is only \$200,000, while the estimated land damages alone amount to \$265,000, and the estimated cost of construction amounts to \$35,000 additional. As this expenditure must be met by loan appropriation within the debt limit, there is no way

of adding to the appropriation until the beginning of the next calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Presho.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Park Commissioners in reply to an order requesting said Board to prepare a plan of a boulevard or parkway connecting the Dorchester District with the proposed parkway in Atlantic, in the City of Quincy, to be laid out by the Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners. The Park Commissioners acknowledge the receipt of said order, and state that it will receive their careful consideration.

Placed on file.

8. Ordered, That the Street Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out Dorchester Ave. extended, in accordance with chapter 512, Acts of 1897, and that the City Engineer be requested to provide plans for the same at the earliest possible date.

Passed in concurrence.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the West End Street Railway Co. of its acceptance of its 188th location and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

#### CONSTABLE'S BONDS.

After having duly approved of the same the City Treasurer submitted the constable's bonds of Wm. H. Powers and Victor Weimar.

Approved by the Board.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of B. J. Connolly for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

1. One on the southerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

2. One on the northerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

No objections. Severally referred to the

Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

On petitions of the New England Tele-

phone and Telegraph Company of Massa-

chusetts, viz:—

3. For leave to erect and to remove poles

on East Concord St., Wd. 12.

4. For leave to erect poles on Stoughton

St., between Everett Ave. and Columbia

Road, Wd. 20.

5. For leave to erect poles on McLellan

and Newport Sts., Wd. 20.

6. For leave to erect poles on Parker

St., Wd. 4, and Catawba, Sherman and

Dale Sts., Wd. 21.

No objections. Severally recommitted to

the Committee on Electric Wires.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the committees named below, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc.,

viz:—

Joe Irato, a sign, at 27 Staniford St.,

Wd. 8.

George M. Brennan, a transparency, at

154 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Joseph Costa, a sign, at 159 W. Canton

St., Wd. 12.

B. Barnett, a sign, at 3 Custom House

St., Wd. 7.

James M. Henderson, two signs, at 11

Elm St., Wd. 6.

Henry Joski, sign, 1510 Dorchester Ave.

Thomas J. McLean, illuminated sign, 12

Avery St., Wd. 18.

Daniel J. Hogan, sign, 8 Ruggles St.,

Wd. 18.

James T. Magulre, illuminated sign, 333 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

#### Claims.

Agnes L. McCarty, for payment to William O. Blake of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Paris and Wesley Sts.

Jeremiah C. Spillane, for payment to Patrick Moran of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Devon St., Lexington Club, to be repaid \$300 paid by it for a liquor license which was not issued by the Board of Police.

Augustus F. Arnold (two petitions), for payment to Thomas F. Phillips of balances remaining from tax sales of estates on northerly side of Cambridge St., Nos. 147-9.

#### County Accounts.

Francis A. Harris, Medical Examiner, North District of Suffolk County, to be furnished with an office, etc.

John Noble, clerk of Supreme Judicial Court, for an additional appropriation for arranging and indexing the early court files of Suffolk County.

#### Electric Wires.

Boston Electric Light Co., for leave to erect poles on Washington, West Newton, Stoughton, Dudley, River and West Sixth Sts.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect and to remove poles on Main St., Charlestown.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect poles in Harvard, Waterlow and Elmout Sts., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles in Kenwood St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles in Soley, Water, Ocean and Mellen Sts., and to remove one pole from Water St.

For leave to attach wires to five trees on London St., E. B.

For leave to attach wires to three trees on Rockville Park, Roxbury.

For leave to attach wires to four trees in Lawrence Ave., Roxbury.

#### Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Peter Faneuil Chapter, D. R., for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of February 22, 1900.

St. Mary's Association of the North End, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of December 28, waiving the fee.

Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, for the use of Faneuil Hall, Feb. 21 and 22, 1900.

#### Board of Health.

Frank L. Burt, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital, at 153 W. Springfield St., Wd. 12.

#### Lamps.

Isaac Y. Chubbuck, that the gas lamp be replaced on lamp post in front of 74 Georgia St., Roxbury.

#### Licenses.

John J. O'Hara, for a license for Hollis Hall, corner of Washington and Hollis Sts., for literary, musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

William Lee et als., for a license to exhibit the paintings of Tissot, at the Park Sq. station, for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Phillip Arone, for a license for a marionette show in basement at 305 North St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1900.

#### Railroads.

Communication from B. F. Keith relative to tracks on Boylston and Tremont Sts.

#### Public Improvements.

Edward Waters, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at the corner of Summer St. and Atlantic Ave., between the hours of 7 P. M. and 6 A. M.

W. B. Philbrick, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 333 Warren St., Wd. 21.

D. D. Pickard, for leave to lay a 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at the corner of Harrison Ave. and Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Miss Hagerty, for the removal of a tree at 497 W. Fourth St.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:-

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:-

Jennie M. Good (referred May 15), for compensation for injuries caused by being run over by a city hospital ambulance.

Edith A. Noyes (referred June 12), for compensation for damage to clothing caused by water from fire department hose.

Mary Maley (referred June 29), for compensation for personal injuries caused by a fall at 26 High St., Charlestown.

Marguerite A. Burchard (referred July 11), for compensation for injuries received from a fall in vacant lot near Cove St.

Bay State Instalment Co. (referred May 5), for compensation for damage to wagon caused by fire apparatus.

David B. Flint (referred from last year), to be paid for damage caused by defects in sewers at Commonwealth and Massachusetts Aves.

Julia E. Hurd (referred Oct. 30), for a rebate of a portion of a sewer assessment against estate 10 Percival St. (as the City Council has no authority to repay).

Charles W. Glidden (referred from last year for repayment of assessment on account of the construction of a sewer in Breed and Saratoga Sts. (as the City Council has no authority to repay).

Cornelius Breslin (referred Aug. 1), for compensation for damage to estate by backing up of sewage in Haskins St. (at his own request).

Thomas P. Wells (referred Feb. 20), for compensation for damage to estate 2 Hammond Ave.: caused by an excavation, (as the city is not liable).

Caroline A. Cotton (referred from last year), to be paid for damage to house 68 Hudson St. caused by the falling of a tree (as the city is not liable).

Fuller & Howard (referred July 17), for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in alleyway rear of Commonwealth Ave. (as the city is not liable).

Dennis A. Cadigan (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries received while wheeling coal at pumping station (as suit has been entered against the city).

John M. O'Hara (referred March 27), for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Alford St. (as suit has been entered against the city).

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) On the following petitions for compensation for damages to estates caused by the overflow and stoppage of sewers in East Boston, the Committee on Claims respectfully recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city, viz.:-

William J. Burke (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 79 Prescott St. and 362 Chelsea St.

John J. Fitzpatrick (referred Nov. 11, 1898), 266 Bennington St.

Richard F. Fraser (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 351 Chelsea St.

Peter Healy (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 355-357 Chelsea St.

Mary L. Kane (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 353 Chelsea St.

E. T. Marlave (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 345 Chelsea St.

John A. McDonald (referred Nov. 23, 1898), 412 Bremen St.

Jacob P. Richards (referred Nov. 14, 1898), 254-256 Bennington St.

Ellen O'Rourke (referred Dec. 12, 1898),  
265 Bennington St.

For the Committee,  
John H. Colby, Chairman.

Accepted. Sent down.

(3) Reports on petitions for payment of balance remaining in the City Treasury from sale of estates for unpaid taxes, recommending the passage of orders that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay amounts held by the City under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, as follows:—

Selwyn Z. Bowman (petition referred Oct. 9) \$69.71, estate on Harrison Ave., unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 91.

Thomas Howard and Henry Howard (referred Aug. 21) \$118.45, 49 Middle St., unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 561.

Bridget Flynn (referred Oct. 9) \$55.66, estate on Harvard St., for unpaid taxes of 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 217.

Eugenie White (petition referred Nov. 8) \$31.10, estate on east side of Marlowe St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 106.

Augustus F. Arnold (petition referred today) \$14.09, estate on 147 Cambridge St., for unpaid taxes of 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 68.

Mary M. Dierkes (petition referred Nov. 17) \$58.50, estate on Dalmatia St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 235.

Elliott G. White (petition referred September 1), \$254.10, estate on 13 Dalton St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 386.

Matthew M. Morris (petition referred November 8), \$187.20, estate on Maywood St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2634, fol. 134.

Thomas and Henry Howard (petition referred August 21), \$118.20, estate 53 Middle St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 113.

Thomas and Henry Howard (petition referred August 21), \$87.65, estate 45 Middle St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 35.

J. Walter Newhall (petition referred November 17), \$288.30, estate on Columbia Road, for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 164.

Augustus F. Arnold (petition referred today), \$37.76, estate 149 Cambridge St., for unpaid taxes of 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 69.

John F. Kelly, Administrator, (referred Oct. 23), \$68.90, estate on Messenger St., lot 143, for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 48.

John F. Kelley, Administrator, (petition referred Oct. 30), \$70.50, estate on Bismarck St., for unpaid taxes of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 52.

Reports accepted; orders passed under suspension of the rule. Sent down.

#### POWER TO MAKE TRANSFERS.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the City Auditor, in closing the accounts of the financial year ending January 31, 1900, may with the approval of the Committee on Finance, by vote at a duly called meeting and with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation and with like approvals apply any income and taxes not disposed of.

Passed. Sent down.

#### EAST BOSTON CAR SERVICE.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be hereby requested to give the people of

East Boston better car service by running one or more lines through the Subway, by way of Commercial and Causeway Sts.

Passed.

#### GAS LAMP, ROSLINDALE.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a gas lamp at the corner of Norfolk and Wyman Sts., Roslindale; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

#### CLAYTON ST.—LAYING OUT.

Ald. CODMAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Clayton St., from Dickens St. to Mill St., according to the proposed lines of the Board of Survey.

Passed. Sent down.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:36 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Dixon, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 4:05 o'clock P.M., by the Chairman.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., referred today, viz.:—

(a) For leave to attach wires to four trees on Lawrence Ave., Roxbury.

(b) For leave to attach wires to three trees on Rockville Park, Roxbury.

(c) For leave to attach wires to five trees on London St., East Boston.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders of notice that this board will, on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at three P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the following petitions, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard:—

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on Soley and Water Sts., Wd. 5, and on Ocean and Mellen Sts., Wd. 24; also to remove one pole on Water St.

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Harvard, Waterlow and Belmont Sts., Wd. 20.

Same company, for leave to erect poles in Kenwood St., Wd. 20.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect and to remove poles on Main St., Charlestown.

Boston Electric Light Co., for poles in Washington, West Newton, Stoughton, Dudley, River and West Sixth Sts.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to lay, maintain and use one and one-quarter inch pipes, the work to be completed on or before December 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the Ordinances of the City relating thereto, as follows:—

W. B. Philbrick, under and across the sidewalk in front of 333 Warren St., Wd. 21.

D. D. Pickard, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate corner Harrison Ave. and Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

(2) Report on petition of the Boston Transit Company (referred Feb. 6), for certain routes for its omnibuses and other vehicles for conveying persons, merchandise, mail, etc., in this city—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of St. Mary's Association of the North End (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of December 23,—that leave be granted, waiving the fee.

Report accepted, leave granted on said condition.

(2) Report on the petition of the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will call the attention of the gentleman who has introduced this to the fact that there is a record of a petition prior to this one, which the City Clerk has received, on file in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. CODMAN—Do I understand, Mr. Chairman, that a petition has gone in today for the same thing?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has received information from the City Clerk that there is a prior application which he has received, on file in his office.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. O'Toole.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

Joseph Costa, to project a sign at 129 W. Canton St., Wd. 12.

B. Barnett, to project a sign at 3 Custom House St., Wd. 7.

James M. Henderson, to project two signs at 11 Elm St., Wd. 6.

George M. Brennan, to project a transparency temporarily at 154 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Henry Joski, to project a sign at 1510 Dorchester ave.

Joe Irato, to project a sign at 27 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Thomas J. McLean, to project an illuminated sign at 12 Avery St., Wd. 7.

Daniel J. Hogan, to project a sign at 8 Ruggles St., Wd. 13.

James T. Magulre, to project an illuminated sign at 333 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### LAND ON CODMAN ST.

Ald. ADAMS, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the petition of R. A. Quimby and another for an interchange of rights of way pertaining to certain parcels of land owned by them and by the City of Boston, situated adjacent to Codman St., at Dorchester—Recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to release to G. F. Pierce and Ralph A. Quimby all right, title and interest of the City of Boston in a parcel of land owned in fee by them, a part of a former way from Codman St., Dorchester, to land belonging to the City, and situated easterly of the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad,—and to convey to said Pierce and Quimby a parcel of land, containing about three thousand four hundred square feet, on said Codman St., situated between said part of said way and said railroad; upon the said Pierce and Quimby paying to the City the sum of two hundred dollars, and releasing to the City all their right, title and interest to another part of said way, formerly leading from

said Codman St. to land of the City, situated westerly of said railroad.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports on petitions referred today recommending that licenses be granted, as follows:—

Philip Arnone, for a marionette show in basement at 305 North St., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

John J. O'Hara, for Hollis Hall, corner Washington and Hollis Sts., for literary, musical and dramatic entertainments and dancing for the season ending August 1, 1900.

William Lee and others, to exhibit Tissot paintings at main corridor, Park Sq. Station, for season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

#### STATE AID.

Ald. DIXON, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston, for the month of December, 1899, under the provisions of the various acts of the Legislature providing for said payment; said sums to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### ACTION ON APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

9. Edmund Billings, to be an Overseer of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1902.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Dixon.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 10 unfinished business, viz.:—

10. Joseph Rourke, to be a Measurer of Grain and an Inspector of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Dixon and Colby. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the appointment was confirmed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. DOYLE moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at this meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### SALE OF UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Ald. BRICK, for the Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, submitted a report on the petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad Co. (referred Oct. 9) for authority to sell articles of unclaimed baggage—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Boston & Maine Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell at public auction on or before January 1, 1900, and after publication of the time and place of the sale according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed at the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

#### PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

Ald. BERWIN offered an order—That the Board of Election Commissioners through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange for the payment of the Election Officers on or before December 23, 1899.

Passed. Sent down.

## COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Ald. BRICK, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Francis A. Harris, Medical Examiner (referred today), to be furnished with an office, etc.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid annually, until otherwise ordered by the Board of Aldermen, the sum of seven hundred dollars for the maintenance of an office and expenses thereof for the Medical Examiner of the North District of Suffolk County; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, for an additional appropriation for arranging the early court files—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the amounts heretofore appropriated for arranging and indexing the early court files of Suffolk County, there be allowed the further sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500); said sum to be expended under the direction of the clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, and to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

## A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I desire at this time to ask the courtesy of the board to rise to a question of personal privilege. I merely desire to give notice at this time that at the next meeting of the board I shall pay my respects to Mr. Robert A. Woods, a member of the Bath Commission. In advance I wish to say to this board and to His Honor the Mayor, through you, Mr. Chairman, that after the reply I shall make concerning Mr. Woods and his reflections upon myself, I shall demand of His Honor the Mayor the removal of that man from the office to which this board has confirmed him. I want to say also in advance that if His Honor the Mayor refuses to recognize the request I shall make of him, after my statement in this board, I shall then endeavor, through the members of the incoming board, next year, to demand the removal of that man at the hands of a magistrate with whom I have at least some little friendly personal relation.

## ELECTION RETURNS EXPENSES.

Ald. PRESNO offered an order—That the expenses incurred by the City Messenger in receiving and announcing Election Returns, in accordance with the order approved November 21, 1899, be charged to the appropriation for "City Council, Incidental Expenses."

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, that order was read a little quickly. It seems as though some of these expenses should be charged directly to departments. I want to be friendly and fair to departments in this matter, but it does seem that some of these expenses should be paid in the direction in which the appropriations are made at the first of the year.

If I know anything about it, the incidental fund of the City Council is in a very low state, and there are certain expenses of committees which will undoubtedly have to be taken care of from that fund. I shall therefore ask that the vote be reconsidered and that the order be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will suggest that there has been an order passed this afternoon by which, if it is concurred in, the Committee on Finance will have a right to make transfers; and it seems to the Chair that, if this is sent to the Committee on Finance, that Committee can make a transfer to meet the payment of the necessary amount from any available fund.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, if there is a provision of that kind, I have no objection to that reference. But I want it made sure that there is such a provision.

The CHAIRMAN—An order was passed early in the session authorizing the Committee on Finance to make transfers, and this is undoubtedly an item that that Committee will take care of, being a small item and one that should be paid.

Ald. BRICK—All right.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Brick, at 4.22 P. M., to meet on Monday, December 18, at 3 P. M.

**CITY OF BOSTON.**

**Proceedings of the Common Council.**

Thursday, December 14, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council.

in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P.M., President Kiley in the Chair.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I raise the point of order that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—Members will be seated. The President will declare the point of order well taken, and the Council stands adjourned to next Thursday night at 7:45 o'clock.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 18, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent, Ald. Codman.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Day, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz.:

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, first session, January sitting:—

John H. McLaughlin, Wd. 22; John Herbert, Wd. 14; Henry W. Kennedy, Wd. 23; Wm. M. McHugh, Wd. 13; Joseph E. Keyes, Wd. 15; Thomas J. Bagdon, Wd. 3; John W. Schafer, Wd. 19; Hugh W. Bresnahan, Wd. 13; W. Wallace Waugh, Wd. 21; Lawrence E. Ryan, Wd. 1; John J. Caddigan, Wd. 2; Robert H. Shea, Wd. 9; Fletcher K. Tirrell, Wd. 21; James D. Gordon, Wd. 20; Henry M. Nourse, Wd. 11; Daniel Madden, Wd. 17; Edw. G. Stanley, Wd. 5; Martin M. Simmon, Wd. 17; Josiah S. Pishon, Wd. 23; Wm. J. Cummings, Wd. 5; Charles E. Young, Wd. 8; Axel E. Stromblad, Wd. 18; John O'Connor, Wd. 10; Frederick B. Uildes, Wd. 11; Wm. A. Mixer, Wd. 9; Herbert S. Carruth, Wd. 24; Frank B. Bemis, Wd. 25; Marshall E. Rand, Wd. 23; Jasper E. Hamblin, Wd. 14; Frank T. Hastings, Wd. 23.

Thirty traverse, Superior Civil Court, second session, January sitting:—

Walter B. Chase, Wd. 5; Albert F. Ruby, Wd. 4; John F. Mahan, Wd. 18; Chas. A. Janssens, Wd. 13; James B. Jackson, Wd. 10; Geo. C. Hill, Wd. 5; Chas. A. Harvey, Wd. 16; Geo. Lunt, Wd. 10; Walter H. Edgett, Wd. 7; Henry D. Murray, Wd. 3; Louis Kolb, Wd. 22; Peter J. Hernan, Wd. 11; John J. A'Hern, Wd. 15; Samuel H. L'Heureux, Wd. 21; Albert H. Spencer, Wd. 22; Norton Q. Pope, Wd. 9; Chas. H. Boyce, Wd. 1; Elisha Moseley, Wd. 24; John J. McCarthy, Wd. 8; Cornelius Sullivan, Wd. 2; Alex. J. McCarthy, Wd. 13; Geo. W. Sanborn, Wd. 3; Wm. S. Alden, Wd. 10; Jas. F. Mullen, Wd. 14; Lewis S. Adams, Wd. 20; Nicholas F. McCarthy, Wd. 14; Geo. W. Hastings, Wd. 22; James W. O'Brien, Wd. 5; Patrick Coyle, Wd. 4; Geo. A. Gordon, Wd. 7.

Thirty traverse, Superior Civil Court, third session, January sitting:—

Garrett H. Keefe, Wd. 17; Isaac Simon, Wd. 21; Joseph P. Highland, Wd. 9; Henry Mais, Wd. 22; Frederic H. Nazro, Wd. 21; Christian Single, Wd. 22; Geo. A. Jones, Wd. 20; Michael H. Good, Wd. 18; Geo. C. Whittemore, Wd. 11; Edward J. Thomas, Wd. 2; John J. Levins, Wd. 1; Hosea Harden, Wd. 18; Harry W. Stark, Wd. 15; John E. Fallon, Wd. 23; Francis C. Creber, Wd. 20; Geo. J. Cann, Wd. 3; Frank P. Cummings, Wd. 12; John J. Leary, Wd. 14; John T. B. Carter, Wd. 15; Jere. F. Scully, Wd. 17; Warren B. P. Weeks, Wd. 11; Frank L. Cousins, Wd. 1; Michael J. Donovan, Wd. 6; Fred B. Summers, Wd. 7; Arthur F. Lucas, Wd. 20; Richard P. Nute, Wd. 5; Chas. H. Simonds, Wd. 3; Wm. R. Cleary, Wd. 23; Jos. A. Stratton, Wd. 14; Edward Kirby, Wd. 24.

Thirty travers, Superior Civil Court, Fourth session, January sitting:—

Phillippe E. Dugal, Wd. 23; Geo. S. Smith, Jr., Wd. 1; J. Henry Stevenson, Wd. 1; John J. Hartnett, Wd. 14; Adolph Himmel, Wd. 22; Samuel J. Burns, Wd. 6; Fred L. Davis, Wd. 6; John A. Silver, Wd. 21; Daniel F. Gibbons, Wd. 9; John T. Bradley, Wd. 6; Frederick W. Faller, Wd. 17; John Cameron, Wd. 7; James G. Langdon, Wd. 22; Chas. W. Brewer, Wd. 10;

Frederick A. Pike, Wd. 12; Nicholas J. Hayden, Wd. 19; John T. Taylor, Wd. 13; Thomas W. Barker, Wd. 12; Edward L. Dunning, Wd. 22; Geo. A. Kelso, Wd. 3; Chas. E. Wallis, Wd. 23; Arba C. Fisher, Wd. 8; Chas. L. Sanborn, Wd. 10; D. T. Vose Huntton, Wd. 23; James McInerney, Wd. 19; John B. Power, Wd. 14; John J. Harrigan, Wd. 3; Arthur H. Wilson, Wd. 14; Myron Davis, Wd. 1; Wm. H. Britton, Wd. 24.

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, January sitting, viz.:

Thos. W. Gleason, Wd. 24; John P. Dicksey, Wd. 15; Chas. E. B. Tyler, Wd. 9; Frank H. Shinney, Wd. 21; Daniel W. Brownell, Wd. 9; Edw. H. Flood, Wd. 4; Wm. L. Ward, Wd. 6; John J. Nolan, Wd. 15; Chas. Culter, Wd. 15; John R. Whittington, Wd. 1; James P. Morris, Wd. 17; Wm. J. Weleh, Wd. 16; Nathaniel Wade, Wd. 22; Walton S. Mayo, Wd. 21; Frank R. Fritz, Wd. 3; James Evans, Wd. 14; John E. Perkins, Wd. 14; John C. McCarthy, Wd. 1; Frank O. Clark, Wd. 9; Chas. A. Stacy, Wd. 9; Herbert E. Wheat, Wd. 3; Edgar W. Long, Wd. 7.

Thirty-four traverse, Superior Criminal Court, January sitting:—

Daniel L. Weymouth, Wd. 20; Harvey W. Rogers, Wd. 22; John H. Hayes, Wd. 18; George O. Whipple, Wd. 21; Thomas J. Kennedy, Wd. 16; Edwin L. Sprague, Wd. 11; Samuel H. Robinson, Wd. 14; William G. Mason, Wd. 1; Samuel T. Jeffors, Jr., Wd. 23; Willard Burr, Wd. 21; John F. Wilson, Wd. 16; Ernest R. Wendemuth, Wd. 24; Charles E. Redmond, Wd. 14; Edward H. Bayfield, Wd. 17; Benjamin B. Perkins, Wd. 13; Frank E. Ames, Wd. 22; Andrew J. Sullivan, Wd. 19; George W. Manson, Wd. 16; Henry A. Mitchell, Wd. 23; James McCafferty, Wd. 6; Edward G. McLenev, Wd. 6; John H. Adams, Wd. 22; James F. Hatch, Wd. 20; John F. J. Countie, Wd. 22; Alfred M. Bullard, Wd. 17; Frank C. Haley, Wd. 6; Frederick S. Lord, Wd. 19; John Corliss, Wd. 18; Charles H. Hubbard, Wd. 25; John E. S. Adams, Wd. 18; William H. Hancock, Wd. 9; Thomas F. Reilly, Wd. 14; Samuel M. Dunn, Wd. 9; Nathan J. Brockway, Wd. 19.

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December, 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—  
Subject to your approval and confirmation, I hereby appoint Francis Gargan a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30th, 1900.

Josiah Quiney, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

## DINNER HOUR FOR PARK EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December, 13, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting them to allow the men in their employ a full hour for dinner.

Yours, respectfully,

Josiah Quiney, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Dept. of Parks.

Dec. 11, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quiney, Mayor.

Dear Sir: We have the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting you to instruct this Board to allow the men in our employ a full hour for dinner. As we wrote you a year ago, the practice is almost universal, at this time of the year, in park work, of working half of the dinner hour and stopping work half an hour earlier when full time cannot be made otherwise on account of darkness setting in before the regular hour for stopping work. We have heard no complaint from the men.

Buildings with cook stoves are provided near the work of the gangs, and boys are furnished to look after the warming of the dinner pails of the men, so that no time is lost after the noon hour arrives. We think the men are satisfied with the present arrangement, and that they would certainly prefer it to working and being paid for half an hour less each day.

Yours, respectfully,  
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the eight-hour working day has gone into effect, I don't believe there is need of any further action, and I move that the communication be placed on file. The communication was placed on file.

#### SALE OF FERRY BOAT "BEN FRANKLIN."

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 14, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting that authority be given to sell the ferryboat "Ben Franklin," which is now so old that it is no longer used by the Department, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Street Department, City Hall,  
Boston, December 12, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Sir:—

I respectfully request that authority be given to sell the ferryboat Ben Franklin. This boat has been in continuous service for about 27 years, having been built in 1871. As it now stands, the boat is practically of little service, the new boat taking her place, and the item for dockage is considerable. The sooner the department can dispose of her, therefore, the greater the saving. Respectfully submitted,  
Benj. W. Wells, Supt. of Streets.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell the ferryboat "Ben Franklin," at public auction the said ferryboat being now so old that it is unable to perform the work required in the ferry service of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin.

#### PLAYGROUND FOR SKATING.

The following was received:—  
Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 13, 1899.

To the City Council:—  
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reply to your order requesting them to flood for skating purposes the playground at Columbus Ave. Respectfully,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,  
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,  
Dec. 11, 1899.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Dear Sir:—The Board has received the order of the City Council, that we be requested to flood for skating purposes the playground at Columbus Ave.

The Board would be glad to accede to the request but has no money which it can apply to this purpose.

Yours respectfully,  
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Sent down.

#### HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:—

1. Rose Andrews Hale, one at 327 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Henry O. Nute appeared in behalf of the estates, 333-335 Columbus Ave., and objected to the projection of the proposed bay

window, on the ground that it would project over the sidewalk, and would interfere with the light and air of surrounding property.

No further objection. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department. (Ald.)

2. Meyer B. Gruzenski, two over Woodward Park St., from building corner of Howard Ave. and Woodward Park St., Wd. 16.

Not having advertised in accordance with law the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

George M. Potter, an electric lamp sign, at 2143 Washington St., Wd. 18.

G. W. Sammet Co., three signs, at 55 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

James C. Pineo, a pole with a flag, at 643 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Gilchrist & Co., two illuminated signs, at 5-11 Winter St., Wd. 7.

M. Sullivan & Co., a sign, at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Atlantic Social Club, a transparency, at 43 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Thomas F. Madden, for payment to Charles I. Quirk, attorney, of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Ingle-side St.

David W. Simpson, for compensation for damages to schooner "Otis Miller" by being run into by one of the ferryboats.

Alfred J. Harold, for a hearing on his claim for damages.

William W. Philbrook, that his wife be compensated for injuries caused by an alleged defect in the highway in front of 153 Harrison Ave.

Annie Schlager et al., for compensation for personal injuries received on railroad bridge on Harrison Ave.

Hugh McGovern, for compensation for injuries received while in the employ of the city.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to attach wires to trees in Butaw St., E. B.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole in Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles in Waumbek, Crawford, Ruthven and Bower St. and Humboldt Ave., and to remove poles in Humboldt Ave.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on La Grange St., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Federation of Jewish Charities, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on Dec. 27, morning.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

T. C. Barelay, for the removal of a tree at 100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Licenses.

S. B. Rich, manager, for a permit for Annie Stoving and four others, children under 15 years of age, to appear at Hollis Street Theatre for week ending Dec. 23, 1899.

Markets

Day & Stevenson et als., lessees of stalls and cellars in new Faneuil Hall market, for leave to construct an awning in front of the premises occupied by them similar to that recently placed around Faneuil Hall market.

Public Improvements.

Thomas B. Black, for leave to stretch two guy ropes across Bristol St., Wd. 9.

Thomas B. Black, for leave to erect two guy posts and to stretch guy ropes in

Richmond St. and Fulton Pl., Wd. 6.  
 Charles E. Stratton et als., for leave to construct an area on the Ohio St. side of estate 923-927 Washington St., Wd. 7.  
 John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from 127 F St., to 20 Vale St., Wd. 15.

#### USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 3, special assignment, viz.:-

3. Action on the report of the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., in favor of granting the use of said hall on February 21 and 22 to the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 4, special assignment, viz.:-

4. Message of the Mayor giving a statement relative to the widening of Rutherford ave., Wd. 5.

Further assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Aid. Prescho.

#### CLERK HIRE.

Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, submitted a communication, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office to the amount of \$1275.25.

Approved by the Board.

#### BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Brooke House Corporation for leave to project one bay window from building 79 Chandler St., over Cazenove St., Wd. 10—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:-

Daniel Ryan & Co. (referred June 15), to be refunded amount paid for a liquor license.

F. W. Hunnewell, Trustees (referred Oct. 23), for compensation for damage to house caused by accident in removing tree.

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Henry Sheldon et als. (referred July 17), for payment of tax title balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of \$39.10, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage Terrace, lot 30, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 87.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Henry Sheldon et als. (referred July 17), for payment of tax title balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of \$29.10, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage Terrace, lot 31, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 76.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Robert L. Wetherbee (referred Oct. 9), to be paid amount of judgment and costs of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Myron L. Wetherbee, administrator, the sum of \$62.93, being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against Burt L. Wetherbee, late a police officer of the City of Boston, on account of his official acts in that capacity.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Ald. DAY submitted the following:—

City of Boston,

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 18, 1899.

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to visit and inspect the prisons in the County of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the statutes of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit their second semi-annual report:—

Suffolk County Jail.

The jail was visited by the committee on Tuesday, December 5th. A thorough inspection of the main building containing the cells, kitchen and laundry, was made. The inmates were questioned as to the food, cleanliness of cells, bedding, etc., and the report from each one questioned was that the best of care and good wholesome food, and cleanliness prevailed. The committee renew the recommendation made in their last report, and also made by former committees for an appropriation sufficient to erect a new building for women exclusively, a part of this building to contain a modern laundry. There should be provided for the jail a place to treat the sick. At the present time they have to be cared for in cells, which is in the minds of the committee inhuman. If a new building was erected for women, the part now occupied by them could be made over into a hospital. A brick wall should be built at once, in place of the wooden fence separating the jail from the property facing on Cambridge St.

House of Correction, South Boston.

This institution was paid a visit by the committee on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. So many times have the committee recommended the erection of a new institution that they fear a further reiteration would be of no avail. It is without question inhuman to place human beings in a prison building such as exists here. The commissioner and master do all that is possible under the circumstances, but cannot provide a new and modern constructed "cell building" unless the government provides an appropriation, which, in the opinion of the committee, should be granted. The condition of the prisoners showed good care on the part of the management, the calisthenic drill and hourly exercise marching around the yard, having a good effect on the physical condition of the men. The school, under its competent instructors, has proved a valuable adjunct to the institution.

House of Correction, Deer Island.

The committee visited this institution, Wednesday, Dec. 6th.

This place the committee feel free to say is the model one controlled by our city. Cleanliness, good order and discipline prevail in every department. Many of the unfortunates broken down in health are sentenced here, so a greater proportion need medical care than those sentenced to other institutions. The good care and attention given to the sick is manifest by the reply made by each one, when asked as to their treatment by the officials in charge. The committee recommend an appropriation sufficient to build a new wharf, the present one is in an unsafe condition. A new boiler and dynamo should be installed at once, and all of the buildings could then be lighted by electricity. A new prison or cell building for women has been favored by past committees, and we renew it at this time.

House of Reformation, Rainsford Island.

The committee visited this institution the same day we visited Deer Island.

This was the first introduction of the committee to the new superintendent, Mr. Seavey, who immediately impressed the committee that he was the "right man" in the "right place," and that the Trustees of the Children's Institutions had secured a head for this place that would make the institution what it should be, a place for reformation of boys. The committee appreciate the fact that the place itself is unfitted for the work the trustees are trying to accomplish, and believe that a place on the mainland, with buildings built on the "cottage" plan, to be far more preferable. The work of farming could be carried on together with other outdoor work, which cannot be done at the present place. The work of repairing the building burnt is progressing so that in about three weeks time the boys at present cared for at Deer Island will return to this place. The committee hesitate in making any recommendation for the expenditure of money at this institution, believing it should be abandoned and a new place secured.

Parental School, West Roxbury.

Thursday, Dec. 7th, the committee called at this institution for their semi-annual inspection, and found, as they did at their last visit, an overcrowded and unsatisfactory condition of things. In the first place, the buildings used as dormitories contain more beds than should be allowed under the law, or rules of the Board of Health.

The committee do not blame the management for this condition of things, for if the court sentences these boys—from the size and ages of some of them, it would be better to sentence the parent for not keeping them at school) the city must provide for their keeping. Since our first visit, there have been two one story buildings erected for school classrooms, a valuable addition for a short while. What the Truant School needs and should have to make it satisfactory, and the committee recommend the incoming administration to give it their attention, is a new building for dormitory purposes, a new administration building, a new building for manual training studies, a new barn, the grading of the grounds, and the most important of all, a proper protection against fire, to consist of a new main pipe service and fire hose.

Remarks.

The committee have not changed their opinion as expressed in their last report relative to the efficiency of the one-head salaried official, as compared to the board of seven trustees.

The work assigned to this committee under chapter 220 of the Public Statutes is very important, and its recommendations should receive more consideration in the future than they have in the past. The city of Boston is praised all over the world, for its institutions; let us not forget that although these we speak of contain the unfortunate classes, they should be accorded some consideration when disposing of our appropriations.

The heads of the different institutions visited received the committee with courtesy, and every opportunity was freely given for proper inspection.

The committee wish to express their thanks to Commissioner of Penal Institutions Marshall, Deputy Sheriff Bradley, Messrs. O'Hare and Bruen, Dr. Putnam and Miss Bailey of the Children's Trustees, Colonel Whiton, Master of the House of Correction, So. Boston; James R. Gerish, Esq., Master of the House of Correction, Deer Island; Sumner D. Seavey, Esq., Superintendent, Rainsford Island; and B. C. Day, Esq., Supt. Parental School, for their assistance to the committee.

Annexed will be found the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions,

giving in detail the information called for under the statutes.

Frederick W. Day,  
Franklin L. Codman,  
James H. Doyle,  
Edward W. Presho,  
Michael W. Brick,  
Committee.

Frederick W. Day, Chairman.

The report was accepted and ordered printed as a city document, on motion of Aid. Day.

#### PROJECTIONS.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department (Aid.) submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

Atlantic Social Club, to project a transparency at 43 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

M. Sullivan & Co., to project a sign at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Gilchrist & Co., to project two illuminated signs at 5-11 Winter St., Wd. 11.

G. W. Sammet Co., to project three signs at 55 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

George M. Potter, to project an electric lamp sign at 2143 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company (recommitted Aug. 7), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Western Union Telegraph Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Thomas Roche; said poles to be located as follows:—

Gove St., seven poles, 40 ft. by 15 inches, sidewalk eight feet wide, plan dated August 1, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 4), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Mansfield St., Wd. 25, five poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 6 ft. wide, plan dated November 16, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Mansfield St. five poles shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 4), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

South St., Wd. 23, four poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches; one pole 45 ft. by 15 inches; sidewalk eight feet wide, plan dated November 14, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from South St., four poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 13), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:—

East Concord St., 2 poles, 55 ft. by 17 inches, sidewalk eight feet wide, plan dated November 20, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from East Concord St. two poles shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 4),—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Spring Park Ave., Wd. 22, 5 poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated November 13, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 4)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George

H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., Wds. 20 and 24, 22 poles, 40 ft. by 14 inches; 4 poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches; width of sidewalk 10 ft., plan dated November 7, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Washington St., 46 poles, shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted December 4), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on plans deposited in the office of Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins and G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Blue Hill ave., 1 pole, 45 ft. by 14 inches, sidewalk 10 ft. wide, plan dated March 13, 1899; same avenue, 1 pole, 45 ft. by 14 inches, sidewalk 10 ft. wide, plan dated April 13, 1896; Geneva ave., 1 pole, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 8 ft. wide, plan dated November, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Blue Hill ave. two poles shown by dots marked "remove" on plans aforesaid, and to remove from Geneva ave. one pole shown by a blue dot marked "remove" on said plan dated November, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(8) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. (recommitted December 4) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

East Cottage St., Wd. 17, 1 pole, 45 ft., by 14 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated November 7, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to the said company to remove from East Cottage St. 1 pole shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(9) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted August 1) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support

of wires at a point designated by a blue dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said pole to be located as follows:—

Park St., Wd. 23, 1 pole, 35 ft., by 11 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated March, 1896.

Ordered: That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Centre St. one pole, shown by a blue dot, and one pole from Park St., shown by a red dot, on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(10) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted November 8) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by blue dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Perkins; said poles to be located as follows:—

Wait St., Wd. 19, 3 poles, 35 ft. by 12 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. wide, plan dated December 15, 1894.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Wait St., three poles shown by black crosses marked "removed" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(11) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (recommitted November 27) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Ashmont St., Wd. 24, two poles, 35 ft. by 13 inches, sidewalk 7 ft. six inches wide, plan dated August 4, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Ashmont St., two poles shown by white dots marked "remove" on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within sixty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed, under suspension of the rule.

(12) Report on the petition of James Merzies and others (referred November 27, for the removal of a pole at the corner of Bennington and Brooks Streets,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered: That the permission granted by this Board to the Boston Electric Light Company for the erection of a pole at the corner of Bennington and Brooks streets be and the same is hereby revoked, and the said company is hereby directed to re-

move the said pole within sixty days from the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(13) Report on the petitions (referred today) of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (a) for leave to erect and to remove one pole in Bellevue street, Wd. 26; (b) for leave to erect and to remove one pole in LaGrange street, Wd. 23; (c) for leave to erect poles in Waumbek, Crawford, Ruthven and Bower streets, and to erect and to remove poles in Humboldt avenue—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 3 p. m., to take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayers of the petitions, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted, orders of notice passed.

(14) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today) for leave to attach its wires to trees in Eutaw St.—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted in the usual conditions.

(15) Report on petitions of the Mass. Tel. & Tel. Co. (recommitted Nov. 27) for leave to erect poles (a) in Mt. Washington and Dorchester aves. and other streets, and (b) Mt. Washington Ave., Granite, West Second and other streets—that no further action is necessary.

Reports accepted.

#### CLOSING FAIRBANKS ST.

Ald. COLBY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Fairbanks St., Wd. 25, to public travel during the construction of a surface sewer in said street.

Passed.

#### CLOSING PART OF DORCHESTER AVE.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Dorchester Ave., between Hyde and Howell Sts. to public travel during necessary street construction.

Passed.

#### PARK MEN—OVERTIME PAY.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to pay the men employed in their department for over-time in the same manner as is done in the other city departments.

Passed. Sent down.

#### A RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3.54 o'clock p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.55 o'clock p. m.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message from His Honor the Mayor in regard to selling the ferryboat Ben Franklin (referred today), recommending the passage of the accompanying order, and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed. Sent down. The message was also sent down.

(2) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Thomas B. Black to erect, maintain and

use two guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over No. 21 and 22 Fulton Pl., and to stretch guy ropes over and across said Fulton Pl., and over and across Richmond St., at or near No. 106-116, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 55 feet in length, by 23 feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from No. 127 F St., through F and W. Sixth Sts., across Dorchester St., thence through Mercer and Vale Sts., to No. 20 Vale St., Wd. 15, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Thomas B. Black to stretch, maintain and use two guy ropes over and across Bristol St., Wd. 9, near the Fire Department headquarters, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1899, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles E. Stratton et als. to construct, maintain and use an area 5 ft. by 2 ft., with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Otis St. side of estate 923-927 Washington St., Wd. 9; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

#### TREE AT 64 PRINCETON ST.

Ald. DAY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 64 Princeton St., said tree being in a dangerous condition; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted a report on the petition of I. B. Rich, manager, for a permit for Annie Stoving and four others, children under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Hollis Street Theatre for the week ending December 23, 1899, that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

#### FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Federation of Jewish Charities (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the morning of December 27,—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

#### THE NEXT MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Colby that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday, December 27, at 3 P. M., and that all orders of notice for hearings be postponed accordingly.

#### ALDERMANIC CONTINGENT FUND.

Ald. BRICK offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested by this Board to transfer the sum of One Thousand Dollars to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

#### TRACKS ON ST. JAMES AVE.

Ald. McDONALD, for Ald. Dixon, offered an order—That the expense incurred by the Committee on Railroads in giving hearings relative to tracks on St. James Ave. and South St. be charged to the Contingent Fund Board of Aldermen.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I will say that I have offered that order at the request of the Chairman of the Railroad Committee. I understand from him that the expense will amount to about ten dollars, and it will be necessary to have an order of this kind passed before the bill can be paid.

The order was passed.

#### A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to rise to a question of privilege—although it is hardly a question of personal privilege. At the last meeting of the Board the alderman on my left (Ald. Berwin) stated that, owing to a letter which had been read in the Common Council which apparently reflected upon him, he would take certain proceedings today looking to straightening the matter out. As both the alderman and the gentleman who wrote the letter are friends of mine, knowing them both pretty well and feeling that they were apparently working at cross purposes and were somewhat mistaken, I took it upon myself to get the two gentlemen together to talk the situation over. That was done, and in my presence Mr. Woods stated that, while he did write a private letter which contained certain statements apparently reflecting upon Mr. Berwin, he wished to state that he wrote it on the strength of information which was given to him; that he had looked the matter up, and Mr. Berwin had explained to him certain things which had come to him simply by hearsay, and that he was satisfied that he (Mr. Woods) was mistaken, that the information he had received was not reliable, and that the opinion expressed by him was expressed under a misapprehension of the facts; that he desired to withdraw anything which tended to reflect upon Mr. Berwin personally and was sorry that the remark had been made by him.

#### CALL FOR RAILROAD REPORT.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, at the next meeting I am going to ask that the Committee on Railroads report on the location that has been asked for by two different railroad companies on Morton and other streets, making a route from Forest Hills to Milton Lower Mills. I do so on this ground: I have more or less persistently spoken against the granting of locations, because I think in many instances they are put in and crowded through this board without an opportunity being given to examine them. But upon this particular location I took the trouble, and a majority of the members of this Board took the trouble, to go into an examination of it. After these matters have been considered and looked into it seems as though some action should be taken upon them. It does not seem that, simply because those matters happened to go into a committee, they should be left there. I think they should be taken out and disposed of one way or the other—that the petition should be granted or the petitioner should be given leave to withdraw; that when men do their duty and give attention to public affairs the matters they consider should be passed upon, acted upon one way or the other. I therefore request that the committee on railroads report either in favor of the withdrawal or in favor of leave being granted to one or the other of the companies, or the committee give us some report that we can act upon at the next meeting of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN—The committee will take notice.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the committee I desire to say that as far as I am concerned I am ready to vote on any matter that can properly come before the Board. I know of no means, however, so far as I am concerned, of compelling the committee to report. The Board can make a request of this sort, of course. I have no means of knowing why action has not been had on the matter one way or the other, any more than the alderman has. But, as one member of the committee, I wish to say that I have an opinion which I am perfectly willing to express at any time when an opportunity is given me to do it.

#### CROSS WALK ON HAMILTON ST.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have a cross-walk placed on Hamilton St., north side, near Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.  
Passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. Doyle moved to reconsider the action taken on all reports and orders submitted today which had not already been reconsidered, hoping that the motion would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Doyle, at 5.21 p. m., to meet on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1899, at 3 p. m.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, December 21, 1899.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

## PAYMENT OF FERRY EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 7, 1899.

To The Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to your order requesting information as to "why the employees of the ferries who are members of the G. A. R. have not been paid for the time lost while attending the encampment at Philadelphia."

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.  
Street Department, Ferry Division.  
Boston, Dec. 1, 1899.

Benj. W. Wells, Esq.  
Superintendent of Streets.

Dear Sir:—

In reference to enclosed order passed by Common Council, I will state that out of 154 men employed in this Division 39 are members of the Grand Army. Each one of the employees receive two weeks vacation and they are so arranged so as to let the Veterans have theirs at the time of the arrangement that they would not go to the encampment, but would take their vacation whenever convenient to us. I was away at Norfolk at this time together with six men of our regular force arranging to bring the "Gov. Russell" back to Boston which left the Division a little short of men. These Veterans that had had their vacations gave the Foreman very little notice of their intending to go and insisted vacation or no vacation, whether their services could be dispensed with or not, they intended to go and expected to get their pay while away. As I understood the order to read it was intended for those whose services could be dispensed with and I so notified them, which they took not the slightest notice of and went to the Encampment.

Yours truly,

William F. McClellan,  
Deputy Superintendent.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Bagley of Wd. 1

## PETITIONS RECEIVED.

Petitions were received in aid of, or asking immediate action on, the order relative to the disposal of the Franklin Fund, viz:—

Boston Society for the Advancement of Physical Education.

Baptist Ministers Conference of Boston and vicinity.

Twentieth Century Club.

Committee of the Clerical Association of the Episcopal Church.

Board of Management of the People's Institute.

Executive Committee of the Municipal League.

District 12, Associated Charities.

William Lawrence and others.

George A. Gordon and others.

The several petitions were placed on file.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners to the effect that said Board would be glad to accede to the request to flood for skating purposes the playground at Columbus Ave., but has no money

which it can apply to the purpose.

Placed on file.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, together, viz:—

2. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Jennie M. Good, for compensation for injuries caused by being run over by a city hospital ambulance,—leave to withdraw.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of Edith A. Noyes, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by water from Fire Department hose,—leave to withdraw.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary Maley, for compensation for personal injuries caused by a fall at 26 High St., Charlestown,—leave to withdraw.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Marguerite A. Burchard, referred July 11, 1898, for compensation for injuries received from a fall in vacant lot, near Cove St.,—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Bay State Instalment Co., referred May 5, 1898, for compensation for damage to wagon caused by fire apparatus,—leave to withdraw.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of David B. Flint, referred April 21, 1897, to be paid for damage caused by defects in sewers at Commonwealth and Massachusetts Aves.,—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Julia E. Hurd, for a rebate of a portion of a sewer assessment against estate 10 Percival St.,—leave to withdraw, as the City Council has no authority to repay.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Charles W. Glidden, referred June 14, 1898, for repayment of an assessment on account of the construction of a sewer in Breed and Saratoga Sts.,—leave to withdraw, as the City Council has no authority to repay.

10. Report of same committee, on petition of Cornelius Breslin, for compensation for damage to estate by backing up of sewage in Haskins St.,—leave to withdraw, at his own request.

11. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas P. Wells, for compensation for damage to estate 2 Hammond Ave., caused by an excavation,—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

12. Report of same committee, on petition of Caroline A. Cotton, referred December 5, 1898, to be paid for damage to house 68 Hudson St., caused by the falling of a tree,—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

13. Report of same committee, on petition of Fuller & Howard, for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in alleyway rear of Commonwealth Ave.,—leave to withdraw, as the city is not liable.

14. Report of same committee, on petition of Dennis A. Cadigan, referred last year, for compensation for injuries received while wheeling coal at pumping station,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

15. Report of same committee, on petition of John M. O'Hara, for compensation for injuries to horse caused by an alleged defect in Alford St.,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

16. Report of same committee, on following petitions for compensation for damages to estates caused by the overflow and stoppage of sewers in East Boston,—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city, viz:—

William J. Burke (referred November 14, 1899), 79 Prescott St. and 362 Chelsea St.

John J. Fitzpatrick (referred November 14, 1899), 266 Bennington St.

Richard F. Fraser (referred November 14, 1899), 351 Chelsea St.

Peter Healy (referred November 14, 1899), 355-357 Chelsea St.

Mary L. Kane (referred November 14, 1899), 353 Chelsea St.

E. T. Marlave (referred November 14, 1899), 345 Chelsea St.

John A. McDonald (referred November 28, 1898), 412 Bremen St.

Jacob P. Richards (referred November 14, 1898), 254-256 Bennington St.

Ellen O'Rourke (referred December 12, 1898), 268 Bennington St.

17. Report of same committee, on petition of Daniel Ryan & Co., to be refunded amount paid for a liquor license,—leave to withdraw.

18. Report of same committee, on petition of F. W. Hunnewell, Trustees, for compensation for damages to house caused by accident in removing tree,—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Watson of Wd. 18, to consider Nos. 19 to 34 inclusive together, viz.:

19. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Harlow E. Woodward et al., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Selwyn Z. Bowman the sum of sixty-nine and 71-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harrison Ave. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, fol. 91.

20. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas and Henry Howard, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas Howard and Henry Howard the sum of eighty-seven and 65-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 45 Middle St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 35.

21. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas and Henry Howard, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas Howard and Henry Howard the sum of one hundred eighteen and 20-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate 53 Middle St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 113.

22. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas and Henry Howard, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas and Henry Howard the sum of one hundred eighteen and 45-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 49 Middle St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 561.

23. Report of same committee, on petition of Bridget Flynn, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Bridget Flynn the sum of fifty-five and 66-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Harvard St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 217.

24. Report of same committee, on petition of Melissa A. Todd, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to J. Walter Newhall the sum of two hundred eighty-eight and 30-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Columbia Rd. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2583, fol. 164.

25. Report of same committee, on petition of Augustus F. Arnold, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of thirty-seven and 76-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 149 Cambridge St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 69.

26. Report of same committee, on petition of Augustus F. Arnold, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Phillips the sum of fourteen and 9-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 147 Cambridge St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2408, fol. 63.

27. Report of same committee, on petition of John F. Kelly, Administrator, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John F. Kelly, Administrator, the sum of seventy and 50-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Bismarck St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 52.

28. Report of same committee, on petition of John F. Kelly, Administrator, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John F. Kelly, Administrator, the sum of sixty-eight and 90-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Messenges St. (Lot 143) for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 43.

29. Report of same committee, on petition of Matthew M. Morris, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Matthew M. Morris, the sum of one hundred eighty-seven and 20-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Maywood St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2634, fol. 124.

30. Report of same committee, on petition of Elliott G. White, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Elliott G. White, the sum of two hundred fifty-four and 10-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 13 Dalton St., for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 386.

31. Report of same committee, on petition of Eugenie White, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Eugenie White the sum of thirty-one and 10-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on east side of Marlowe St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 103.

32. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary M. Dierkes, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary M. Dierkes the sum of fifty-eight and 50-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dalmatia St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1897,

by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 235.

33. Report of same committee, on petition of Henry Sheldon et als., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of thirty-nine dollars and ten cents (\$39.10), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage Terrace, lot 30, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2580, fol. 87.

34. Report of same committee, on petition of Henry Sheldon et als., recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Edward N. Eames the sum of twenty-nine dollars and ten cents (\$29.10), being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cottage Terrace, lot 31, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2581, fol. 76.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

35. Report of same committee, on petition of Robert L. Wetherbee, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Myron L. Wetherbee, administrator, the sum of sixty-two dollars and ninety-three cents (\$62.93), being the amount of judgment and costs in a suit brought against Eurt L. Wetherbee, late a police officer of the city of Boston, on account of his official acts in that capacity.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

36. Report of Committee on Public Lands, on petition of R. A. Quimby and another, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to release to G. F. Pierce and Ralph A. Quimby all right, title and interest of the city of Boston in a parcel of land owned in fee by them, a part of a former way from Codman St., Dorchester, to land belonging to the city, and situated easterly of the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad,—and to convey to said Pierce and Quimby a parcel of land, containing about three thousand four hundred square feet, on said Codman St., situated between said part of said way and said railroad; upon the said Pierce and Quimby paying to the city the sum of two hundred dollars, and releasing to the city all their right, title and interest to another part of said way, formerly leading from said Codman St. to land of the city, situated westerly of said railroad.

The question came on accepting the report.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move that the matter be assigned for a week. I want to say in regard to this, that I called at the office of the Street Commissioner, where the meeting of the Committee on Public Lands was to be held, and found none of the committee there, very shortly after the time for which the call was issued; and, while the signatures of the committee may be attached to the document, I hardly believe the members are conversant of the fact. I know, personally, that I am not, and that there are several other members of the committee who are not; and I move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I cannot say that I am anxious to have this assigned to the next meeting, but I would like, if possible, to obtain some information from somebody in this body in relation to it. This is a joint matter, evidently, and only a committee of the Board of Aldermen have passed upon it. That shows that an error must have been made in the first instance in not having it considered by a joint committee. I think

when a matter is acted upon by both branches, that this body should have representation on the committee that considers it, so that we may know what is going on. But, as that cannot be remedied at this time and as I am not anxious to have the matter assigned to the next meeting, if I can get sufficient information here tonight, I ask somebody conversant with the matter to inform me as to the facts, so that I may be able to vote upon the order.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I would state that this is a joint Committee on Public Lands. A meeting of the committee was called regularly. We were given at least three or four days' notice, and we waited at that meeting. I myself was the only member of the Council present. Alderman Presho and Alderman Brick were also at the meeting. We went over the entire matter. At it states here, there is a piece of land that the city holds on one side of the New Haven Railroad, and this piece owned by Mr. Pierce and Mr. Quimby on the other side. There has been a right of way existing there for the past eighteen or twenty years. The city has disposed of this land, and Mr. Quimby in order to get a proper release from the city that he may use his land properly, has asked for this release. He cannot dispose of his land until the city grants him this release, and the city has also held a release across his land. The three-cornered piece here, that has been spoken of, that he wishes to buy, is a three-cornered piece facing on Codman St. It is one of no value whatsoever to the city, as far as I can understand, after having looked into the matter. I will state that I looked carefully into this matter at this meeting. Mr. Quimby made this offer to the Street Commissioners. We asked for a proposition to buy the land. Mr. Quimby made us this offer, which we considered was very fair, and I tried at the meeting of the Board to see all the members of the Committee on Public Lands and explain this to them. I think there were eight, which is a majority of the committee, and at that time it was presented, so that it would go through at that meeting. I hope that what I have said is satisfactory to the members of the Council, and that the order will not be assigned.

Mr. MCINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I am one of the Committee on Public Lands, and I must say that after the explanation made by the gentleman from Dorchester I am just as much at sea as ever. I do not understand this question that we are about to vote upon, and I wish that it should be referred back to the committee, in order to give us a chance to give a hearing upon it.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I want to say that I have hardly gained a crumb of information from the gentleman from Wd. 24, who seems to be conversant with the facts. I do not know just what kind of a deal the city is getting in this matter, and it would seem to me that we are bound to finish up the calendar at the next meeting, and that a delay of this matter until the next meeting cannot be very material. It seems to me that it would be a good thing for us to go slow and act wisely in this matter, and assign it to the next meeting. I have not seen the atlas, or seen the land given to the city, or the land which the city gives in return, and, as I said before, I called at the office of the Street Commissioner on the day the committee hearing was called, and it is my belief there are very few members of that committee who are really conversant with the facts. I believe that those who were not present at the meeting, and who signed the report, did it simply as a personal favor for the gentleman from Wd. 24, who is perhaps very much interested in this matter. I can only say that I shall vote against this matter unless it is assigned

to the next meeting, because I do not know whether it is fair or unfair.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, the gentleman from Dorchester has half satisfied me. Now, he can complete it by informing me of the amount of land that Mr. Quimby and others release to the city of Boston. They give something in return in addition to the amount of money named in this order. If he will tell me approximately what it is, I will vote for the order if it is anywhere near fair.

Mr. HARVEY—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson) I would say that this is simply a release of a right of way. There is no transfer of land whatsoever. These parties held a piece of land back of the city's land, and it was jointly agreed that they both have a right of way. Now, the land back of this has been disposed of and the city has no use for this right of way, and, in order that these people can put their land in the market, if they see fit, they must have this release made by the city. At the present time Mr. Quimby has a right of way over the land that belongs to the city. In regard to the gentleman in the third division, I want to state, in reference to his saying that personal friends of mine signed this report, that it was a pretty difficult matter to get them to sign it. I had to explain it to them individually before they would sign it. We have only had two meetings this year, and at neither one of them have we had a quorum. However, if the gentlemen are not satisfied with my explanation I am sure that assigning it will not hurt it in a way.

Mr. McINERNEY—Mr. President, I understood the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Harvey) to say a little while ago that there were only three members of the committee present at that meeting. If that is so, I do not see that it is in order for us to accept this report, or to act upon it as a report of that committee. If he afterwards went and got the signatures of any other members of the committee they signed it not knowing what they were signing, and not having been present at the meeting of the committee. I do not believe we are in order at the present time in acting on this report. It is a report made by a minority. A majority of the Committee was not present. I think we are not in order in acting on it at this time.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

37. Mayor's message relative to crediting certain receipts from the U. S. Government to appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, and recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sums received by the city from the Government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to the appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island.

The message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

38. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Police relative to increasing the salary of William H. Dyer. The following order comes down in connection with said message:

Ordered, That the salary of William H. Dyer, captain, detailed to examine the evidence in claim cases against the city of Boston, be increased from two thousand (2,000) dollars per year to twenty-five hundred (2500) dollars per year, to commence on Friday, Dec. 15, 1899.

The communication was placed on file, the order was read once and the question came on ordering it to a second reading.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, is a second reading in order without a special motion?

The PRESIDENT—The question now is on ordering the order to a second reading.

The rules must be suspended before it takes its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Walker the rules were suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I would like to ask some members of the Council to give us some information upon this matter. It is a request for the increase of the salary of William H. Dyer, Captain, detailed to examine the evidence in claims against the city of Boston, and so forth. I would like to know if it is a fact that the police captains of this city get \$2000—that is, whether all captains get \$2000 a year. It would seem to me, from my knowledge of the matter, that if we raise one captain's salary, it would be an injustice to the other captains, and unless there is some good reason for increasing salaries, I am not in favor of voting for it.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25.—Mr. Chairman, I shall be most happy to give the information to the gentleman. As I understand the matter, the duties of Captain Dyer are different from those of the ordinary police captain. It is well known that he acts in the matter of investigating claims against the city of Boston, and, in addition to those duties, he has other duties, such as attending inquests and hearings, which make his work essentially different from those of the ordinary police captain. I may add, that they are of a higher nature than those of the ordinary police captain. It is for these reasons that the Police Commissioners have considered raising the rank of Captain Dyer, and making him a deputy superintendent, but, owing to the fact that there are a large number of deputies already, and owing to the fact that they do not want to increase them without special need, they have taken this method essentially increasing his rank, of making his rank superior to that of the ordinary police captain, and therefore they have made his case a particular case, and made this raise in salary which places him in a rank above that of the ordinary police captain. I may add, going into some technicality, that Captain Dyer has been working on no salary at all for a while, and it is for that reason that I think that we should pass this order tonight. It seems to me that we should suspend the rules and allow it to go on its passage tonight, in accordance with the recommendations of the Police Commissioner, the Mayor and all others who are acquainted with the matter.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, it seems to me that last year the captains were given an increase of \$500. That is, the order passed both branches of the City Government, the Mayor signed it, and as I understood it, the Commissioners agreed to it. The captains' salary today is \$2500, as I understand it, but the appropriation of the Police Department does not allow the payment of the increase. The Mayor, I believe, signed the order with the understanding that when the Police Department could see its way clear to pay the increase from its appropriation, it was at liberty to do so. Now, as I understand it, the captains, according to law, should receive \$2500. It does not seem necessary that this increase should be given to this captain at this time, as it is a law that every captain is to receive \$2500. If that is so, I sincerely hope that this order will not prevail.

The order was passed in concurrence. Mr. Leftovith of Wd. 8 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The council stood divided and the order was passed, 28 members voting in the affirmative, 11 in the negative.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were not ordered, one-fifth of the members present not voting therefor.

The order stood passed in concurrence. 39. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting that authority be given to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin," which is now so old that it is no longer used by the Street Department.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, with the approval of the Mayor, be authorized to sell the ferry-boat "Ben Franklin" at public auction; the said ferry-boat being now so old that it is unable to perform the work required in the ferry service of the city.

The communication was placed on file and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 moved reference to the next city government.

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to oppose reference to the next city government, principally because I see no reason for such reference. Every citizen of East Boston conversant with the ferry system knows full well that the old ferry-boat Ben Franklin is not fit for service any longer, and it seems to me that this order provides for a proper disposition of her. I sincerely hope that unless the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Cuddy) has some reason for his motion, that we shall pass the order tonight and allow the Superintendent of Streets to proceed with the sale immediately.

Mr. CUDDY—Mr. President, the reason why I made that motion is that I wish to have time to look into the matter to see if the boat is in such a condition that it is not fit to use, and that the department has no further use for it. For that reason I hope the order will be laid over.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I desire to ask the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Cuddy) what information he can get by having the matter referred to the next city government?

Mr. HICKEY—Mr. President, once more I would respectfully ask the Council not to refer the matter to the next city government. The ferry-boat Ben Franklin, as the order recites, has seen its best days, and has got to the stage where it can no longer be used for the service for which it was originally constructed. I should think my own word to the gentleman from Wd. 8 would be sufficient for that; and I can say that I will be borne out in my statement by the other members who represent East Boston here. I hope the matter will not be assigned, but that the order will be passed tonight.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, my idea, in the closing hours of this Council, is that we should at least agree with the member from Wd. 21. For that reason I hope the other members of the Council will vote unanimously with him tonight, if it is due to him. I think we ought to end our days here in harmony. I therefore sincerely trust that the order will not be assigned.

Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Hickey) if he knows what is to be done with the money received from the sale of this boat?

Mr. HICKEY—No, but I can state that no disposition can be made of that money without the concurrence of both branches of the city government, and I should therefore think the suggestion of the gentleman would be no valid objection.

The motion to refer to the next city government.

The order was read a second time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of Nos. 38 and 39, hoping the same will not prevail.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move to amend, that we reconsider all matters passed up to the present stage, hoping the same will not prevail.

Mr. Chamberlain accepted the amendment.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair will consider the amendment as part of the original motion.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I object. My objection is to No. 38 on the calendar.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reconsideration of Nos. 38 and 39.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I would like to ask of the chair if both can be taken up, under objection?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that they cannot be.

Mr. LYDON—Mr. President, I wish to state that I object to reconsideration of No. 38.

The PRESIDENT—Objection being made, the Chair would state that reconsideration comes on No. 39.

The motion to reconsider the action on No. 39 was declared lost.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of the action on No. 38, hoping it will not prevail.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I want to say that my main objection to No. 38 on the calendar is because it is my belief that this order is simply put in as a wedge, it being the intention ultimately to increase the captains' salaries to the detriment of the rank and file of the Police Department. It is my opinion that if the salary of one captain is raised, the salaries of the other captains will be then raised, that the salaries of the lieutenants will then be raised, and of the sergeants, perhaps, and that the patrolmen will be kept in the same old ruts. It was the intent of last year's City Government to try and pass an order that would be equitable and fair to all the members of the Police Department. I believe that was the wish of this year's City Council, also, and with that end in view, opposed the passage of this order at this time. I believe, as I say, that if we increase the salary of Captain Dyar—while I believe there is no question that he earns that amount of money as against the work performed by other captains—that it would be a wedge for the increase of the salaries of the other captains, to the detriment of the Policemen generally, the men who comprise the rank and file of the Police Department. Therefore, I hope we will reconsider our action on that order and have it at least assigned long enough to assure the members of the body that the rank and file will be taken care of. I want the members of this Council to understand that this is no political speech of mine, as I have no axes to grind further this year.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I have no particular desire to speak on this matter, but I think an explanation is due to this body, after I have voted as I did tonight. I want to say that I was one of the three members of the Government who voted against increasing the policemen's salaries, also the salaries of captains, and, in order to be consistent, I have voted against increasing this salary. I sincerely hope, so that I may register my vote in such a manner that my constituents may know how I voted, that reconsideration will prevail.

Reconsideration was refused.

40. Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange for the payment of the election officers on or before December 23, 1899.

Passed in concurrence.

41. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Clayton St., from Dickens St. to Mill St., according to the proposed lines of the Board of Survey.

Passed in concurrence.

42. Ordered, That the City Auditor, in closing the accounts of the financial year ending January 31, 1900, may, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, by vote at a duly called meeting and with the

approval of the Mayor, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and with like approvals apply any income and taxes not disposed of. Passed in concurrence.

43. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to pay the teamsters employed in their department for overtime in the same manner as is done in the other city departments.

Passed in concurrence.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees on the part of the Council, viz:—

Transfer of Squantum Land—Messrs. Mildram of Wd. 24, Sanderson of Wd. 25, Curley of Wd. 18, Sullivan of Wd. 4, Wood of Wd. 20.

Monument on Common—Messrs. Watson of Wd. 18, Stevens of Wd. 11, Klemm of Wd. 21, Doyle of Wd. 19, Sullivan of Wd. 4.

#### DISPOSITION OF FRANKLIN FUND.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair at this time desires to rule upon the point of order made by the gentleman from Wd. 20, Mr. Wood, on the order printed on the calendar at the last meeting, known as the order for the disposition of the Franklin Fund. The Chair, having consulted with the Law Department of the city, will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. EMERY of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that this whole matter be laid over to the next City Government.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, I second that motion.

The question came on reference of the matter to the next City Government.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Now, Mr. President, that the technical point which was discovered here at the last meeting is solved, the next move on the part of the republican members is to have this transferred over to next year's City Government. Now, there are some of us here who will not have an opportunity to vote upon this order next year, and I am one of them.

My district is represented, and, being represented as it is, I trust that I shall have a chance to vote upon the passage of the order. There are a good many members of the Council in favor of this order, both republicans and democrats. And I will go further and state that the republican members of this body held a caucus the other evening in reference to this order on the calendar here tonight, and while at that meeting a good many of the republican members of the body desired to vote for the passage of this order immediately, they could not come to an agreement. I trust that both the democratic members of this body and the republican members who are in favor of this order, and whose districts are being taken care of by the disposition of the Franklin Fund, will vote for the passage of this order tonight and will do away with this matter this year, instead of waiting until next year.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, we have heard a good deal about a Republican caucus from a Democratic member. Now, possibly the Republican members who were there may know as much about it as he does. In regard to this matter, I hope it will be assigned. There are a good many different schemes under consideration. Up in the architect's department of this hall I saw the plans made by the proper authorities for a building which they said could possibly be built for \$180,000. It was three stories high. Up in the South End House, drawn by the Secretary of the Bath Commission, are plans for a building five stories high, which they say can be built for \$180,000; and yet one of the aldermen says that those plans have nothing to do with it whatsoever. He says we are going to build an eight-story building. Now, if architects say you can possibly build a three-

story building for \$180,000, and another set of people say that a five-story building is going to be built for \$180,000 and a man who is not an architect, but who is interested in the passage of this order, says that we are going to build an eight-story building, I think we should look into it further and find out just what we can do. I believe that if this scheme went through, you would have a building that would cost \$400,000 before you got through. I think the scheme is a bad one for the citizens of this city. I think it is a bad one for the poor people of Boston, for whom this was intended, and I trust that for their interest this will be assigned to the next City Government.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I desire to say to the members of this body that I intend to vote to refer this entire matter to the next city government, for two reasons. One is because the gentleman who had the audacity to insult the president of this body has not in any way apologized for his remarks on paper; and the other reason is that the Republican party have got the city, and are going to run it, and I say: "Let them run the whole thing while they have got it." I say that if the city of Boston is to have a Republican administration, let them have it free. Don't tie their hands. I don't believe in the outgoing administration spending any more money for anything. They have spent all they could get their hands on, and they would spend this in quicker time if they got an opportunity. The defeat of the Democratic candidate for Mayor of the city of Boston lies at the door of the present Mayor, and nobody else. They can say "strategy board" and "tracks" and other things, but they were not the reason. The Mayor of Boston and his administration, his administration of ruin and persecution, is the reason. The Mayor of Boston, in my judgment, is not competent to hold sway over a hen-coop, let alone the city of Boston. (Laughter.)

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. MULCAHY—The gentleman is not talking germane to the question. It is on reference of this matter to the next city government, and, in my opinion, the gentleman from Wd. 18 is criticizing the Mayor of Boston and the present administration, and so forth, instead of discussing that question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken, and will ask the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Watson) to confine himself more closely to the question.

Mr. WATSON—I am glad that the Chair's opinion does not coincide with that of the gentleman from Wd. 14.

Mr. MULCAHY—I expected that.

Mr. WATSON—I am surprised that the gentleman did not give way to the good judgment of the people in his ward. I think the people of Wd. 14 showed good judgment in the past caucus.

Mr. MULCAHY—Oh, there is another one coming.

Mr. WATSON—But when he speaks of my attacking the Mayor of Boston, let me tell him here and now that there was no stauncher supporter of the democratic Mayor of Boston than I was. I stood at the polls from 6 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and made a net gain in my precinct for Mr. Collins. What did he do for the democratic party in the last campaign? But, friends and fellow members, I must say that I am in favor of letting the next Mayor of Boston control the matter. Let him be responsible. Do not let the outgoing administration spend this money in a hurry, while they are vacating. I want to say that I have attacked the Mayor of Boston. I attacked him the day I came here, and I will the day I leave. If he and his gang had had their way, I would not be here. That is no dream. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of this matter to the next city government.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, for those reasons I sincerely trust that this matter will be referred to the next city government. There is still another reason. The bill does not say one word about where all the rest of the money shall go. It says it "may" do things in certain wards, they say "may." They can do it now, but they do not want to. If they draw up a bill of this kind they should draw it specifically, saying where the money shall be spent. If they can satisfy me that my ward will be benefited by my voting for this order, I might be inclined to vote for it, but I am satisfied that we would not be the gainers. I trust that this matter will be referred to the next city government, where I have no voice.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I do not believe that some of the members understand the purposes for which Franklin left this money. He stated in his will that he would like to have this money spent for baths, streets, bridges, and anything that the people of Boston, or the managers of this fund, saw fit to spend it for, and that he would like to have it spent in a manner which would be of real benefit to the poor people of Boston. I think the managers of this fund have used very good judgment in dividing it up as they have. They have given as much as they can to the different districts. In fact, my district is left out—my ward, which I, in part, represent. But Wd. 2, which needs it a great deal more than our ward does, will be benefited by the passage of this order. I think that this Council should consider the petitions which have been presented by the people of Boston—by people whom we might think perhaps would be the last ones to present such petitions. They do not represent the poor people, and it is really the poor people who will be benefited. If Dorchester and Brighton and some of the outlying districts had the tenement houses which Wd. 2, 6, 8 and some of the other wards which I might mention have, in place of boulevards and parks, perhaps they would be in favor of this order; but there are some members of this body who object to almost anything which other wards really want and ask for. Then, when they find members against them they think it is very queer. We have a gymnasium in East Boston which cost the city of Boston not one cent. It was given to us by a lady living in the Back Bay—the building, furnishings and everything. We have tried and endeavored to find a way of improving it. It is an old skating rink, and it is in very poor condition. This is the only way which we can find to have it placed in proper condition. That is one of the main reasons why I am anxious to see this order brought up now and passed. No matter how long this matter may be before the body, it is going to be a very hard thing to convince the members of this Council that the Board of Managers have used good judgment in dividing the money as they have divided it. The whole amount of the story is, in my opinion, that one is jealous of the other. One gentleman wants something that perhaps another ward is going to have. If the sum of money was large enough, perhaps every ward could be taken care of in the manner in which the representatives would like to have it. I hope that the order will be passed tonight.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just taken his seat has referred to what East Boston is going to get under this order. Now, I want to say that it is a question in my mind whether East Boston will get it. It is a question whether any of these sections are going to get what they expect to get, and what they may possibly get. A member of the Bath Commission informs me that the different sections were put into the order especially, and for no other purpose

than, to get votes in the City Council, in order to get it through. Attention has already been called to the very indefinite manner in which these sections have been put in. They may be represented in the final disposition of the money, and they may not. They may be represented in a generous way, or in a very stringent fashion. The order reads: "If said managers lay out said fund as above specified, the City Engineer forthwith thereafter shall acquire," and so forth. It is left entirely conditional. It seems to me this is a matter which we should very carefully consider. If we vote as a canvass of the members indicate we are going to, I am quite sure we will vote to lay this over to the next City Government, for this reason, if for no other. I may add that the people of this city have recently passed a verdict upon the so-called Board of Strategy. We have before us here tonight a pet child of that Board of Strategy, something which they have been directly engaged in furthering, either through their own efforts, or through agents. That is something which we know, whether anyone denies it or not. I want to say that it is that very thing which has congealed sentiment against this order—the fact that the Board of Strategy approves of it and has been working for it. That makes every one of us think there is a darkey in the woodpile. Now, if we send this over to the next administration, this thing will be very carefully gone over, and we will have come before us a definite proposition. I want to call your attention, also, to the fact that a vote in favor of referring this to the next City Government is not a vote against the general idea contained in this order. It is a vote against the indefinite nature of this present order, and when the order comes before us next year for consideration, the objectionable features will be stripped from it. We will have an order of a character such we will know what we are voting for. We will be sure that we are not being made fools of by a Board of Strategy, or by anybody else. Why should we vote to delegate to somebody else the power of picking out sites for these various buildings. We have that power in our hands, and why should we not keep it there? Since I have been in this Council, I have observed a very general disposition to retain all the prerogatives of this body. We have here a chance to do it. Here an order comes before us which leaves to somebody else the selection of sites, gives somebody else the power we should retain.

We all have an interest in this matter, and we are asked here to vote for something which we know not what it is. It may be a dollar's worth of improvement, or it may be a great deal more; but when this order comes before us next year, it will come before us in a definite form. The sections which are represented in a very indefinite way here, will know what they are getting, and not be made fools of.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise at this time to indorse the motion to lay this order over, to refer it to the next city government. In reply to the gentleman who stands in this division (Mr. Bagley) I would say that I know nothing of the will of Ben Franklin. I know nothing, also, of the will of the Board of Strategy. I will say that perhaps the will did say that the money could be used for schools, for bridges, for parks and for roadways, but I fail to see anywhere where it says "public convenience stations." Now, sir, as this is a very mysterious order, which has been dragging along year after year, and which has now put on a rush to be put through this city government in the last days of its existence, I think it is good policy for the members of this government to refer it to the in-coming government. I sincerely hope that the order will go over.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19.—Mr. President, the city next year will be, as it has not been for six years past, properly represented. Each district will have an alderman, and, as we know, the aldermen are the agents of the Franklin Fund. This order merely comes to us for concurrence in order to empower the Treasurer to pay out the money; so it behooves every member of this body, no matter which ward he comes from, knowing that his district will be properly represented in the board of aldermen next year, to refer the matter to the next government. I know my district has not been represented, and there is no appropriation for it—wards 17, 18 and 19, Wds. 22 and 23 are not represented, and there is no appropriation for them. There is no reason why they should not be taken care of as well as Wds. 1 and 2, or as well as South Boston. Therefore I hope every member will vote to refer this to the next city government.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15.—Mr. President, I am constrained at this time to explain how I shall vote upon this matter. This, I believe, gives Wd. 15 something that we have been looking for for the past 12 months. Twelve months ago they started in our district to construct what they will call a bath house when it is finished. The foundation has been laid, and if a stranger comes to Wd. 15, he might ask us if that was the ruins of some temple. But, no, that is where we are to have our bath house eventually, and the Franklin Fund provides for it, and we are informed specifically that our bath house shall be finished out of the Franklin Fund. And, Mr. President, no matter if it were on the eve of inauguration of the next City Government I could not feel that I was doing the proper thing in going back on my constituents and saying that I had impeded the progress of the construction of our bath house, be it 24 hours or 24 days. That is the reason, Mr. President, why I shall vote against reference to the next City Government tonight. Perhaps there may be a little sentiment about this thing. The members of the Council who are not coming back here next year certainly will not have the opportunity to vote upon the disposition of the fund left by that great statesman in his will. And I say to them that now is their opportunity, now is their chance to be able to say in the future, to tell to the next generation, that they had a voice, and that they had a vote in the disposition of the Franklin Fund.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11.—Mr. President and members of the Council, I will detain you but a minute. As to the Franklin Fund, it is not on my part—nor, I feel on the part of the men who are going to vote for reference to the next City Government—a question of jealousy, of one ward against another. I wish to congratulate East Boston, South Boston, and all other sections, which have bath houses. I think they are built from the proper fund, and I think they have done a good work. But we have bath houses. They are new, comparatively, and I understand that the bath houses we have today will cost us \$100,000 a year to maintain. Now, I don't feel that this is the proper disposition of this money. But I would not have the members feel that it is a question of jealousy, one ward against another. I wish to express my deep appreciation of the generosity of the lady who contributed so much to East Boston.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 in the Chair. The question came on the assignment of the order to the next meeting.

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, the preceding speaker, the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Stevens), if the members will note, does not have his ward inserted in the disposition of this fund. That is also the case with the gentleman in the first division, Mr. Walker of Wd. 25. And that accounts, in my judgment, for their attitude on this matter tonight. It accounts for their desire to have it referred,

so that in the future they may get an opportunity to get a little of this money for their respective districts. Now, the gentleman from Wd. 25, Mr. Walker, has termed me the petted child of the Board of Strategy. Let me say it is not a question of the Board of Strategy with me. It is a question of the common people, and the people I represent—

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, I rise to correct the gentleman. My reference was to the order, and not to the gentleman.

Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, I have the floor, and I don't wish to be stopped by the gentleman from Wd. 25.

The CHAIR—Mr. Mulcahy has the floor. Mr. MULCAHY—Mr. President, as I have stated, I stand not here for the Board of Strategy, but because my district is represented in this order. My district and the people I represent will be considered when this fund is disposed of in the various districts of Boston, and when the people I represent are considered in connection with any order, I will stand on the floor of this body or any other body and advocate their cause at all times. The gentlemen also stated that these districts were inserted in this order so that votes might be obtained in this order. This order, as I understand it, was passed by the Board of Aldermen—the Board of Trustees, we may term them, of the Benjamin Franklin fund. It is a question in my mind whether or not this body has a right to discuss even the disposition of this fund. If I have it correctly, this fund was left by Benjamin Franklin when there was no City Council of Boston, when there was only one branch of the Government, the Board of Aldermen. At that time it was left in charge of the Board of Aldermen, a committee of which sends out this order to dispose of. I trust that the members will vote for it and will pass it tonight, not referring it to the next City Government.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5.—Mr. President, I favor the reference of this order to the next City Council, for these reasons: I am not conversant with the will of Benjamin Franklin—not through my own fault, but because I have been unable to obtain a copy of it at the City Messenger's office. I wish to assure the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) that when Benjamin Franklin made his will there was not one branch of the City Government, because there was no such thing as a city government. It was then the Town of Boston, and the Board of Selectmen were the governing body of the Town of Boston. It was left to the City of Boston, and the City of Boston had the controlling influence in what should be done with the money. The City Council of the City of Boston is now the tribunal which shall say how and when it shall be disposed of. I understand from the gentleman from Wd. 2 that he is willing that bridges, parks, schoolhouses, etc., shall be paid for out of the fund. If that is the fact, and if there were an appropriation for a new drawbridge between Charlestown and the city, I would gladly vote for it, because the drawbridge we now have is a rank failure, despite the statement of City Engineer Jackson to me this afternoon that it is a grand success. I am further opposed to this order, because I understand the money is to be left in the Bath Department, and if the gentleman who represents the Bath Department in my district is any criterion, I will simply say that he uses the Bath Department for politics for himself and his family. I want to go on record as opposed to this order and I hope it will be referred to the next city government.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 6.—Mr. President and members of the Common Council, I think it is my duty to rise here tonight, because I feel that the people of the district I represent in part are directly interested in the matter before us tonight. My colleague in this division says that the city government has within its power the selec-

tion of sites for bath houses and gymnasiums. This preamble and order reads explicitly:

"And all accumulations thereof, to be used by the city for erecting a building to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Building, upon the lot of land owned by the city on Washington St."

The city has full control of that land, in full control of a lot of land at the North End and at East Boston, and it is situated in such a way that it may be able to secure that land and build buildings upon it that will be a credit to the city of Boston. Last Thursday evening in this Council certain members stood upon this floor and advocated the rights of the poorer people of this city. They made feeling and pathetic speeches to the members of the city government; they felt, no doubt, that they were advocating the interests of the poorer people. But tonight it seems that they are arrayed against the bathing system inaugurated by the greatest Mayor that Boston has ever had. The bathing system in this city is derived from the older Continental cities. In Berlin, in Paris, Vienna and other European capitals, the bathing question is an old one. The Dover St. bath house is one that we can look upon with pride. It bathes on an average 2000 people a day, and if that is not a direct benefit to the poorer people of this city I would like to know what is. In the summer time the L St. bath house bathes as many as 3500 or 4000 people every day, and the whole bathing system has been an undeniable source of benefit to the poorer people of this city. I don't see where we can find any "nigger in the wood-pile" in any such a matter as this. It is a direct benefit to the people of the city, and this preamble and order does not emanate from any Board. The only place from which the disposition of this money emanated is in the will of the late Benjamin Franklin. I feel that I am directly interested in this matter because I voice the sentiments of the people of the district which I represent in part, and I sincerely hope and trust that this Council will pass the order tonight, not referring it to a possibly antagonistic body next year.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I want to say this evening that I am going to vote in favor of this order. But I want to call attention to the statements made about the "Nigger in the woodpile" and about including the different wards in the framing of the order, to secure votes in the common council. Inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 25 (Mr. Walker) made a statement to that effect, and the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Mulcahy) took exceptions to the statement, I want to state that there is a certain amount of truth in that—when I asked what we were going to get in Wd. 13, we were told that we weren't going to get anything, that we had the Commonwealth Park Gymnasium. Well, we have had that for the last 15 years. It would seem from conversations I have had with members of the bath commission that that is about the fact—that they considered the effect that it would have on certain districts of the city of Boston to have the idea that a certain portion of the money was to be spent in those districts. I understood from my interpretation of the order that we were to have a building in Wds. 13, 14 and 15 to commemorate the will of the late Benjamin Franklin, or that the money was to be spent in providing convenience stations throughout the city, or something of that kind, but I find that that is not so. The gentleman from Wd. 2 says they are going to rebuild that gymnasium over there and that the money is to be spent in that way. Now, you cannot but agree that the order does not provide for the spending of money in Wd. 2 for a gymnasium. It says, "for providing suitable buildings," etc. I simply make this statement in view of the statement of the gentleman from Wd. 25. In

relation to the bath house idea, which the gentleman from Wd. 6 (Mr. Bradley) has referred to. I want to say that we are all in sympathy with the poor people. There is no question about that. But perhaps it is not well to be telling the poor people about it all the time. We are at all times solicitous for their welfare, but I believe a man, from the standpoint of the poor people, is justified in voting against this, as it is presented. Personally I am going to vote for it, but it seems to me a plan could be submitted that would be of more benefit than the present one. I for one really believe there is a nigger in the woodpile, in this order, up to date.

Mr. WALKER—Mr. President, the gentleman who has just taken his seat, has, it seems to me, well stated that the money, for the disposal of which this order provides, may be used up before some of the buildings mentioned in the order are reached. To confirm that statement, I want to say that the same Bath Commissioner I have referred to before told me, if I remember correctly,—and I state this for the benefit of the gentleman in the third division, Mr. Mulcahy, by the way—that it might be some time before the buildings in South Boston were put up. Now, it stands to reason, as the gentleman in the third division who has just spoken has said, that this order provides for a great deal. It seems to me that they are attempting, as the old saying is, to bite off more than they can take care of. The result will be that certain buildings will be provided for, and that probably the buildings in South Boston will never be reached, for the simple reason that the fund will be gone before getting to them. It seems to me, for this reason if for no other—the reason I have already emphasized, the indefiniteness of the order,—that we should vote to refer it to the next city government and have something brought before us of the character of which we are assured.

Mr. SIMPSON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I only wish that there were some more Ben Franklins, so that we could divide this money up to suit everybody. Coming from Wd. 1, where we get very little of the city's money to spend, I want to say here that I am in favor of this order going through tonight. This money will be distributed in another ward that is a part of my own district, and I must say that we are in favor of having the order passed tonight.

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I am in favor of this order going through tonight. For the last 18 months in the ward which I represent here in part we have had a living monument in the way of a foundation built for a bath house. The money has been appropriated, and where it has gone to no one knows. But, nevertheless, in view of the fact that it will be spent, and spent right away, if this order is passed, and as long as we are going to have our bath house and the other sections of the city which have not bath houses will be provided for, I believe it is our duty here tonight to pass this order and have the money distributed before we go out of office.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I feel constrained tonight to vote for the reference of this order to the incoming city government for this reason. I feel warranted in the assumption that if we pass this order tonight, giving permission to have this money distributed, it will be pretty well distributed before the first of the new year. In South Boston we have no representative in the upper branch to help us to look out for our interests this year. Next year we will have two aldermen from South Boston, and I think our interests will be better taken care of by the next city government. For that reason I will vote for reference to the incoming city government.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, since my entrance into this body I have

endeavored in so far as I could to avoid the discussions that have taken place here, leaving to those men whose longer experience in the body and whose wider and deeper knowledge of city affairs justly entitled them to a priority in debate, the widest possible opportunity for the expression of their views. Yet I feel that I should be unjust to the constituency that sent me here were I to remain silent tonight during the discussion of this question. The constituency that I have the honor in part to represent is doubly interested in this order. We are interested in the advancement of the interest of the laboring classes of the city of Boston, and in the second place we are interested in baths. We have situated within our limits one of the finest municipal bath houses in the world.

We know the advantage of our bathing system and are anxious to see its benefits spread throughout the whole of our city. Before going into details in the discussion of this question, I want to sketch to you the plan that has been presented to us by the trustees of the Franklin Fund. The Franklin Fund, the accumulation upon the sum of 1000 pounds which was left by Benjamin Franklin in the codicil to his will, has now, after a period of 100 years, reached the sum of over \$365,000. After five years of discussion, after the consideration of more than twenty-five projects, the trustees of that fund present this plan to us for our consideration—a plan which is in accordance with the terms of the will of Benjamin Franklin and in accordance with the wishes of that benevolent donor. And what is the plan? First, the establishment of a large municipal gymnasium in almost the centre of the city—a building which shall contain a public library, a convenience station, headquarters for the Grand Army, and large lecture rooms. It is not, what may be termed to be a mere collection of large and spacious rooms, it is intended to be more than that. It is intended that it shall be an educational institution, an institution upon the lines of Cooper Union of New York, a place where the laboring men of the city of Boston may go for their educational and intellectual advancement. For this building, about one-half the sum of money is to be expended. It is to be called the Franklin Building, and is, to my mind, a fitting and worthy memorial, both in name and in fact, of the donor of this great fund. And just now let me answer the objection which the gentleman from Wd. 11 has raised, namely: that some member of the Bath Department has a plan which calls for the expenditure of sums of money on buildings five, eight, or I don't know how many stories high. The Bath Department is to have absolutely nothing to do with the building except in connection with the public convenience station which is to be located in its basement. The other half of the money, or about one-half of it is to be expended in all-the-year-round bath houses, public gymnasiums and convenience stations in different parts of the city. These public convenience stations, gymnasias and all-the-year-round baths are to be situated in various sections of the city—in East Boston, in Charlestown, in South Boston, in Roxbury, in Dorchester. There is, to my mind, it is true, one section of the city which has been omitted. But when we consider the sum of money which the State Legislature of Massachusetts compelled the city to expend out there last year, I think it is with poor grace that the gentlemen from that section of the city come in here and demand that they shall get their share of this fund. Objection has been made that the proposed expenditure is not in accordance with the will of Benjamin Franklin, and, for those of you who have not read the will, or who have been led to criticise it by statements that have appeared in the papers and elsewhere, let me read to you, in as short a time as I possibly can, some extracts from the will:—

"I was born in Boston, New England, and owe my first instruction in literature to the free grammar schools established there. I have, therefore, already considered these schools in my will."

"For them he gave an appropriation of 100 pounds which has now accumulated to 1000 dollars, the interest on it being about \$50 a year, for Franklin medals. But, that not being sufficient for the Franklin medals, the city of Boston has been compelled to add more money to that sum. He then goes on to state in relation to the particular subject we are considering, the following:—

"The said sum of one thousand pounds sterling, if accepted by the inhabitants of the town of Boston, shall be managed under the direction of the selectmen, united with the ministers of the oldest Episcopalian, Congregational and Presbyterian churches in the town, who are to let out the sum upon interest, at 5 per cent per annum, to such young married artificers, under the age of 25 years, as have served an apprenticeship in the said town, and faithfully fulfilled the duties required in their indentures, so as to obtain a good moral character from at least two respectable citizens, who are willing to become their sureties, in a bond with the applicants, for the repayment of the moneys so lent, with interest, according to the terms hereinafter prescribed."

The result of that was that Benjamin Franklin gave 1000 pounds sterling to the town of Boston, and another 1000 pounds to the inhabitants of the town of Philadelphia. The money for a period of years was let out to the young tradesmen of the city of Boston, who were married and under the age of 25 years. It was let out in sums not greater than 15 pounds. But that practice became out of date, as the interest got too high and the obtaining of sureties too difficult. So, at the present time, we have practically no applicants for this money. The money in Boston has already accumulated to a great sum. The money in Philadelphia was not so wisely managed, and has reached the sum of only \$100,000. It is concerning the disposition of this sum in the hands of the trustees here in Boston that we are arguing. The gentlemen from Wds. 18 and 25 have stated that they believe that, the republicans having carried the city of Boston, it should be left to republican administration to manage this fund. I agree that the republicans should have the management of this fund, and they will have it. Behind this there is no particular motive. The motive that has actuated it is one of philanthropy. I want to read you a letter from the Mayor of Boston who, perhaps for the first time in his life, agrees with the gentleman from Wd. 18.

"Mayor's Office, City Hall,

"Boston, Dec. 21, 1898.

"Councilman Edward L. Logan,

"City Hall, Boston, Mass.

"Dear Sir:—In accordance with my verbal statement to you, I now desire to state to you in writing, with authority to use this letter in any way at your discretion, that in case the order now pending before the Common Council for the disposition of the Franklin Fund is passed, I shall take no action whatever under such order before going out of office, and shall merely affix my signature to the same.

"Yours very truly,

"Josiah Quincy, Mayor."

Gentlemen, you will see that the disposition of this fund is not a question of Democratic politics. It is not, as has been argued by some members on this floor, a scheme of the Board of Strategy. It is backed by the philanthropic purposes of high minded citizens of this city, who are anxious, now that the fund has come within our grasp, after five years have already been spent in the discussion of this project, that the people of Boston shall receive the benefits of it. Mr. President, and

gentlemen, members of this Council, I hope the members of this body will give this order their sanction, that it will not be defeated or referred to the next City Government.

And now, Mr. President, one word and I am through. I ask the members of this body to look upon this order in a broad-minded, generous spirit. Let us not confine our thoughts to the narrow precincts of our own wards, but let us as public-spirited citizens consider the plan as a whole.

After a discussion of 5 years the trustees have at length been able to present to the Common Council of this city a plan for its adoption.

This plan has been sanctioned by the leading citizens and organizations of this city, among whom may be mentioned the Municipal League, the 20th Century Club, the Wells Memorial Association, the People's Institute, the Boston Athletic Association, and also by such leading labor organizations as the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union.

The eyes of these people, the eyes of the laboring people of the whole city are upon us tonight.

I trust, gentlemen, that you will not disappoint them, but that you will vote tonight for the passage of this order, that the laboring people, whom Franklin intended to befriend, may no longer be deprived of that which he willed them to have.

Mr. KILEY of Wd. 8—Mr. President and members of the Council, in opening the few remarks that I have to make upon this very important question I want to congratulate my friend in the second division upon the magnificent and well-prepared speech he has delivered here upon this important matter, involving the disposition of \$380,000, more or less. In opening, I want to read to you, members of the Council, the names of the members of the Bath Commission. That may in itself convey to you the reason why some members of the Council are prejudiced parties in this matter before the Council tonight. I speak here as a disinterested member of the City Government, anxious to subserve the interests of the whole people—the laboring people, if you please, the poor people—wishing to protect this fund, desiring that it may be used in the manner in which Benjamin Franklin intended to have it used. The members of the Bath Commission are Mr. Thomas J. Lane, Mr. Leonard D. Ahl, Mr. Roberts A. Woods, Mrs. Lawrence J. Logan, John Duff, M.D., Mrs. Jacob Hecht and Mr. Patrick A. Tracy. Now we shall start with the origin of this whole scheme which we are asked to approve here tonight. I ask the members of this Council, I ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Logan), if he witnessed the disgraceful proceedings which were enacted in the Aldermanic Chamber when certain gentlemen connected with one political party in this city, influenced by His Honor the Mayor, from whose brain this whole scheme has emanated—lobbied with those members, brought them outside, threatened them, told them that they must do this and that they must do that, in order to get a majority of the votes of the Board of Aldermen to approve of this scheme, formulated by our present Mayor? No wonder he reads here tonight the letter from Josiah Quincy. Did Benjamin Franklin intend to have this money used to build convenience stations, or did he intend to have built an industrial trades school, where poor orphan boys—such as he was once—might be taught mechanical occupations and be provided with a home? In 1833 the Boston Board of Aldermen passed an order in regard to the Franklin Fund. I have consulted with the Law Department and with the financial departments of this city, and there is some question as to the legal right of the City Council at this time to pass this vote disposing of the money which was disposed of by the

Board of Aldermen, in conformity to law and to the provisions of this will, in 1833. Now, then, what is there in this order, Mr. President, that guarantees to my friend from Wd. 15 a bath house? What is there in this order that guarantees to the gentleman from Wds. 6, 7 or 8, anything for their sections of the city? Let me read the order. Read between the lines if you please:—

First, we have the preamble and resolve. Next we have the order—"Ordered: That if said managers lay out said fund as above specified,"—"if," mind you!—"the City Engineer forthwith hereafter shall acquire for the city any land desired for said Benjamin Franklin Building, and suitable lots for said other buildings," and so forth, and so on. Is there anything mandatory in that order? Is there anything compelling them to give to you in Wd. 14 a convenience station, a bath house or a public building? I say no. This is a carefully drawn order, drawn through the instrumentality and with the advice of the Chief Magistrate of this city, to deceive and to cater to the wishes of certain gentlemen of this council, saying to different members, "We will give your section something, we will give your section something, hoping hereby to catch the voters of the members of the council. To put through what? Something that will be a monument to the memory of Josiah Quincy, and not of Benjamin Franklin. That is the proposition here tonight. I maintain that when Benjamin Franklin made his will he intended that the accumulated money from his fortune, from this particular part of it, should be used for the poor boys of the City of Boston. You all know, these of you who have read the life of Franklin, that he struggled himself to obtain knowledge of a mechanical occupation. He intended, and it is set forth in the strongest terms in some of the lines of that will that Mr. Franklin intended to help boys who had to struggle in this city as he did himself. Then, why not build a trades or industrial school, where poor orphan boys, upon the recommendation of a certain designated body, can go and learn a trade, where they can be provided with a temporary home until such time as they are able to provide a home for themselves? There are many propositions that may be submitted, but none, none, which would not be of more benefit to the poor people of this city than this. They speak of bath houses. Is there any member of this Council or any member of a family of a member of this council, who does not know where to get a salt water bath within easy distance, if he desires to do so? Haven't we plenty of convenience stations in the city? Why, this is all a fad. Gentlemen, the expenses of the Bath Department since it has been inaugurated—and particularly during the last ten months—have been 350 to 400 per cent. in excess of the expense of management of that same department under the Board of Health. You know that during the same time the appropriation for the Street Department, which employed labor—a department where, when you reduce the appropriation, you strike the laboring man—has been reduced a like amount. That is to say, instead of \$1,100,000 in loans for the repairing and building of the streets of Boston, the Street Department has had this year less than \$300,000. Some of these gentlemen who speak for the Bath Commission are interested, prejudiced in this case. I hope the members of this council will act in accordance with the will of Benjamin Franklin, that they will see to it that this money is used as a monument to his memory to protect and benefit the poor boys of Boston—not to help out some political schemes, or to make a monument to the memory of any one man or gang of politicians.

I want now to pay my respects to the man who has vilified me and falsified about me in a letter to a member of this Council—Mr. Robert A. Woods, a member

of that Commission, who was obliged to publicly apologize through the Board of Aldermen for having made a slanderous attack upon a member of that body. I have not yet heard an apology from him to any other parties who have been slandered or vilified by him. I want to ask the gentleman from Wd. 14 through you, Mr. President, what information Mr. Woods can give to the City Council about the bonding of the Plimpton St. Church, which was dumped on the city for \$15,000 for a gymnasium for that ward.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President—  
Mr. KILEY—When I am through the gentleman can answer me. I want to ask Mr. Woods through you, Mr. President, who are the gentlemen who now have the property bonded surrounding the Franklin schoolhouse, at the junction of Washington and Dover Sts? I ask you, gentlemen of the Council, to hesitate a moment. There are people who want this to go through, supposedly in the interest of the poor people, supposedly in the interest of those who would use baths and gymnasia. But I want to ask them to go out and inquire of the property owners around the Franklin schoolhouse, and they will then find the incentive that inspires this crowd of lobbyists that has surrounded City Hall, that has appealed to members of the Council, that has sent delegates to me, that has sent good-natured and good-hearted women, who did not believe they were being used as tools. Their intentions were good, but they were misled and were doing the bidding of others without being acquainted with the facts. These are the facts, gentlemen. I know it; I have inquired about it. I know that the Board of Apportionment this year provided \$15,000 to build and equip a gymnasium in Wd. 9. I know that Mr. Wood could tell us members of the Council who it was that bonded that property and dumped it on the city within a short while after the money was appropriated, without the knowledge of the alderman who represented that district, and who was a member of the Board of Apportionment. They say this is in the interest of the poor people. I say that I want the money of Franklin used in the interest of the poor boys, the poor young men who are struggling for a chance to learn a trade or an occupation in this city. Those are the conditions under which Franklin himself struggled. That is the purpose for which he left this money. Don't allow any extracts read by the gentleman from Wd. 14 to lead you from your path of duty. He may find one or two lines referring to baths or things of that kind, but if he reads the will in its entirety, he will find that Franklin never intended that it should be used for these purposes. They say we are going to have a large, magnificent institute in Wd. 9, at the junction of Dover and Washington sts. Suppose, after they have taken the surrounding land—because, gentlemen, the land upon which the Franklin schoolhouse stands is not large enough for a good-sized institute—and when they have finished paying the damages for the taking of property and for the construction of a building on that site, they have not money enough to provide anything else for the rest of the city? What is there then in this order compelling them to do it? Will they come into the City Government and ask for money from the City Treasury to carry out this order? I say to you that this order in itself is not properly drawn. It is simply a blind, to cater to the selfishness of gentlemen in certain districts. The Chairman of the Bath Commission came to me and said: "Mr. Kiley, if you vote for this or help us to put it through, we will give you a convenience station right down in the square, in front of your place down there. We will put another one in Haymarket Sq. We will take care of you." I said to him: "Mr. Chairman, you cannot appeal to my selfish instincts on this question. This is money left by a man who was inspired by a de-

sire to lift up and help struggling young men, left without parents. This money should not be used in the direction in which you want it used." I said to him: "Mr. Lane, this is to be used to perpetuate the Bath Commission. Knowing that next year that Board may be abolished and returned to where it properly belongs, they come in here and ask us to so distribute the Franklin Fund that the Bath Commission may be perpetuated in the future and may continue its extravagant use of the public money, instead of placing it where it will be better used, for the benefit of the working people of the city. I might talk on this question all night, but I say to you, members of the Council, that I speak to you as a disinterested party. No member of my family is connected with the Bath Commission, and I speak as I do without attempting to cast a reflection on the gentleman from Wd. 14 (Mr. Logan) because I know that the ladies on that Board are animated by the highest intentions and motives, and desire to promote the public good and the public welfare. I know from personal experience that they are not familiar with what is going on in certain directions. You know that people serving on an unpaid board cannot give the time and attention that they would like to give, perhaps, to matters of this kind. I know that there are certain developments which will take place if this order passes, which will create suspicion in the minds of a great many people of this city. I sincerely hope this matter will be referred to the next City Government, for then we will have a Board of Aldermen which is a little more representative than the Board of this year. As the gentleman from Roxbury has stated, for the first time in a number of years his district will be represented, South Boston will be represented, the North and West Ends will be represented, West Roxbury will be represented. All sections of the city will be represented in next year's Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund. I believe if you vote to refer this to next year's Government we will have something emanate from that body which will further the purpose for which Franklin intended that his money should be used—as a monument to his memory, and not to the memory of the present Chief Magistrate of this city.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the gentleman who preceded me, the President of this body, has done me the kindness to thank me for the prepared speech which I delivered here, and, not to be outdone in courtesy, I want to return to him my thanks. As to the lobby to which the speaker referred, telling how the lobby in the Board of Aldermen pushed this thing through, I want to say to the gentleman from Wd. 8 that at the last meeting but one of the common council he advocated a measure which was backed here by the lobby. To be specific, I will say that I refer to the land which was purchased for the Insane Hospital. And now, about the property in Wd. 9. He asked a question of information upon that, and I will endeavor to give him the information as well as I can. The property which was purchased on Plympton St.—which I think was the property he referred to—was purchased for \$15,000. That property was assessed for \$17,500, I am told, and the city must have been roasted terribly when it purchased that! I think for about the first time in the history of the city, they then bought property for less than its assessed value. Compare that, gentlemen, with the assessed value of the land cut there, which I think was \$33,000, and for which the city paid \$226,000. I am willing to state, and I believe, that the action of the bath department was not so terribly bad when it purchased that property for less than its assessed value. With reference to the disposal of the money, the attack which the President seemed to make was on account of the fact that it might in some respects be a memorial to Josiah

Quincy. If the building had Quincy's name upon it in any respect, I might agree with the gentleman; but it is to be called a Franklin Building, and the baths are to be built out of Franklin's money. The only way in which Mayor Quincy can be related to the subject in question is on account of the fact that he has advocated from the beginning a larger and wider use of baths. I think, Mr. President, that it was the most ungentlemanly thing that I have heard in the city council this year for the President of this body to refer as he did to a member of the bath commission—not a male member. I have nothing to say upon that point. I would not reply to the speaker if he had done so in any other way. I think that the insinuation was most unfair, when he intimated that I was actuated by family friendship; but, even so, it would give me much pleasure to be actuated in this thing by family friendship than to be actuated by political hostility.

Mr. KILEY—Mr. President, if the gentleman believes that I have said anything improper about any of the members of the bath commission, except the Chairman, who made a personal and selfish appeal to me upon selfish grounds, I heartily apologize. I do not think I did. On the contrary, I said that I believed the female members of that Board were high-minded ladies, who were anxious at all times to promote and advance the welfare of the poor people of this city. Those were substantially my words. I did infer that the gentleman from Wd. 14 is prejudiced in his views upon this question. I reiterate that statement, and I leave it to the members of the Council if he is not so upon this question. Now, then, I have no more to say, except that if he believes I said anything improper about any member of the bath commission, I apologize to him for having said it.

The CHAIR—The question is on reference of the matter to the next City Council.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, when the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Kiley) arose to speak, I thought that perhaps I might be able to learn something about the order that I had not learned before; but, so far as I can understand, the gentleman from Wd. 8 spoke of nothing but his opposition to Mr. Quincy, and spoke very little about the order. I would like to ask a question as to whether or not the gentleman from Wd. 8 would be against this order if a certain gentleman from Wd. 8 were concerned in the distribution of this money? I think that might make matters a little different. He spoke of a prepared speech having been delivered by the gentleman from Wd. 14. I think perhaps he had prepared his a little bit, judging from the bunch of papers he had in his hand. Now, I want to call your attention to the fact that according to this will this money was to be distributed as the board of managers might see fit. You will notice that it is not to be spent by the Common Council. The board of managers have seen fit to spend it in a certain way; but it really looks as though they would never be able to spend it. For the last five years, they have been trying to do so. There has been some mention of sites here. I have been given to understand, and I do not know any reason why it should not be so, that these buildings were to be built on sites now owned by the City of Boston. I would like to say, Mr. President, that for once I am on the same side as the Municipal League. Everything since I have been a member of this government that has been of benefit to East Boston the Municipal League has been very much against. Consequently, I am not at all surprised to see the gentleman from Wd. 11 stand up and oppose this matter now. I sincerely hope that the matter will be passed tonight, and not be laid over any longer.

(President KILEY in the Chair.)

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16—Mr. President, believing that this question has been argued back and forth sufficiently, and that it is now getting tiresome, I move you, sir, the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that the motion for the previous question cuts off the motion to refer.

Mr. WELLS—I withdraw the motion.

The PRESIDENT—No objections, the Chair will consider the motion withdrawn.

Several Members—Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDENT—Members of the Council will be seated and preserve order. Objection having been made to the withdrawing of the motion for the previous question, the question now comes on ordering the main question.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the previous question will not be passed upon favorably. I think that this matter should be referred to the next city government. I believe that there are just about two members of this body, or possibly a very few more, who know anything about what Franklin intended to do. I want to say frankly that I know very little about Benjamin Franklin's will, and when two such able members as the gentleman from Wd. 14 and the presiding officer of this body disagree as to what Ben Franklin intended to do with his money, I think it is only proper that we people who do not understand it should let it go over to the next city council, and should allow the members of that council to look into the matter properly, as about 99 per cent of the members of this body have not done. Now, this matter should be referred, and I sincerely trust that the motion for the previous question will not prevail. The members from Wd. 1 seem to be united in this matter. I judge from the united action that they have been "hot-aled" by the gentleman from Wd. 1 who approached me to get me to vote in favor of this order. I believe there is politics in this matter, from both sides. I sincerely trust, for the reason that I know nothing about what Franklin wanted to do, and for the reason that a great many others are in the same predicament, that that motion will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The time allowed the gentleman under the rules has expired.

Mr. WELLS—Mr. President, in moving the previous question I did so thinking that the previous question would be the question of referring this matter to the next city government, and I—

Mr. LOGAN—I rise to a point of order. If the time for debate has expired, how is it that the gentleman is allowed to speak?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. Ten minutes' debate is allowed under the rules, and no one speaker is to speak more than three minutes. The gentleman from Wd. 18 having spoken for that length of time, the Chair ruled that his time had expired, and that therefore he was not entitled to the floor any longer.

Mr. WELLS—Having made the motion for the previous question under a misapprehension, I sincerely hope that the motion for the previous question will not prevail.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, I hope the main question will be ordered. For the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Watson), I would like to read him just one section of Franklin's will, for this plan is executed and—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the gentleman out of order at this time, the question being on ordering the previous question.

The motion was put on ordering the main question, and it was declared not ordered. Mr. Logan doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the main question was not ordered—yeas 24, nays 39.—

Yeas—Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Donahoe, Fenton, Giblin, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Moore, Mulcahy, Rice, Simpson, Tobin—24.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bennett, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Doherty, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Milldram, Miller, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Sanderson, Stevens, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—39.

Absent or not voting—Bordman, Broderick, Curley, Donovan, Doyle, Flynn, Herrigan, Leonard, Nangle, Rolland, Stockton, Sweeney—12.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the matter to the next city government.

Mr. LOGAN—Mr. President, I move that when the vote is taken, it be taken by the calling of the roll.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to refer the matter to the next city government was carried—yeas 40, nays 23.

Yeas—Armistead, Atwood, Bennett, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Doherty, Eddy, Emery, Gibbons, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Linehan, Lorey, MacDonald, Mansfield, McInerney, Milldram, Miller, Moore, Newhall, O'Brien, Peck, Roemer, Sanderson, Stevens, Stone, Sullivan, Turnbull, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—40.

Nays—Badaracco, Bagley, Battis, Bradley, Brennan, Carroll, Casey, Connolly, Donahoe, Fenton, Giblin, Hickey, Johnson, Kasanof, Kelley, Logan, Lydon, Madden, Martin, Mulcahy, Rice, Simpson, Tobin—23.

Absent or not voting—Bordman, Broderick, Curley, Donovan, Doyle, Flynn, Herrigan, Leonard, Nangle, Rolland, Stockton, Sweeney—12.

Mr. Winslow of Wd. 21 moved to reconsider, hoping the same would not prevail.

Mr. Logan moved that the matter of reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting of the Common Council; lost. Mr. Logan doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The question was put on ordering the yeas and nays, and they were not ordered, less than one-fifth of the members of the Common Council voting therefor.

The motion to reconsider was also lost.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25.—Mr. President, I move that we do now adjourn.

The President put the question and declared it lost.

#### CLAIMS REPORT.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

Report on the petition of George Gannon (recommitted June 15) to be paid for damage to sleigh caused by one of city ash carts—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

#### ANNUAL COUNCIL DINNER.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That a special committee of five

members be appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the Common Council; the expense attending the same to be borne by the members partaking thereof.

Passed.

The President appointed Messrs. Sanderson of Wd. 25, Stone of Wd. 7, Emery of Wd. 21, Cuddy of Wd. 8, and Lydon of Wd. 13 as the committee.

#### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. SANDERSON offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, December 28, 1899, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

#### LIST OF UNPAID BILLS.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the heads of the several city departments be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the Common Council at its next meeting list of all bills remaining unpaid in the respective departments under their charge.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SALARIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN offered an order—That the Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Common Council at its next meeting with a complete list of city employees, including salaries or wages paid in the several departments December 1, 1899.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### EIGHT HOURS FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. McINERNEY, for Mr. Carroll of Wd. 3, offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to make such arrangements as may be necessary to allow the members of the Fire Department the same privilege as is given other employees of the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899, constituting eight hours for a day's work.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PROHIBITION OF SMOKING AT THEATRE.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to prevent smoking in the Palace Theatre, as the same is apt to cause fire at any time.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I raise the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The President declared the point of order well taken, and the council stood adjourned at 10:07 o'clock P.M., to meet on Thursday, December 28, at four o'clock P.M.

## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1899.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Dixon.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## JURORS DRAWN.

Three grand jurors were drawn for the United States District Court, December term, under the provisions of Chap. 514 of the Acts of 1894, viz:—  
James J. Smith, Wd. 6; Richard S. Atkinson, Wd. 23; Charles J. Maguire, Wd. 9.

## APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 27, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

There being a vacancy in the office of City Clerk, and the Assistant City Clerk, now serving as Acting City Clerk, being absent on account of sickness, I hereby, under the authority contained in Section 32 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854, and subject to your advice and consent, appoint John M. Galvin City Clerk pro tempore.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Ordered: That the advice and consent of this Board be granted to the appointment by the Mayor of John M. Galvin as City Clerk pro tempore.

The order was passed, and the Chairman directed the City Messenger to notify Mr. Galvin of the Board's action.

Mr. J. Mitchell Galvin entered the Chamber later in the session, and the oath of office was administered to him as City Clerk pro tempore by James A. McKibben, Corresponding Secretary of His Honor the Mayor.

## APPOINTMENT OF WATER COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that I have this day appointed Mr. Augustus P. Martin Water Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1901, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. John R. Murphy, whose resignation was accepted on October 17, 1899, since which time the vacancy has been temporarily filled by Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets.

Very respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 21, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record that I have this day appointed Patrick J. Kennedy Election Commissioner for the term ending April 30, 1902, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joseph J. Corbett. Since the acceptance of Mr. Corbett's resignation on October 24th, 1899, the vacancy has been temporarily filled by Mr. John H. Donovan, a member of the Board of Assessors.

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## OFFICE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 23, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval the order passed by your Board allowing a sum of money for the maintenance of an office and expenses thereof for the medical examiner of the north district of Suffolk County, for the reason that the Corporation Counsel advises me that there is no authority for the appropriation of money for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Brick.

## HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Brooke House Corporation for leave to project one bay window over Cazneve St., from building 79 Chandler St., Wd. 10.

Mrs. Margaret A. Creney objected to the proposed bay window, on the ground that it would obstruct her view, as an adjoining property owner. She stated that there were no such bay windows on that side of the street at the present time.

Catherine A. Cronan, 613 Columbus Ave., sent a written remonstrance.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.)

2. On petition of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to erect poles in Washington and West Newton Sts., city proper; in Stoughton, Dudley and River Sts., Dorchester; and in West Sixth St., South Boston.

3. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect and remove poles on Main St., Charlestown.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

4. For leave to erect poles in Soley and Water Sts., Wd. 5, and in Ocean and Mellan Sts., Wd. 24; also to remove one pole in Water St.

Charles V. Dasey, 17 Ocean St., appeared for himself and others on Ocean St. and objected to the erection of poles in that street.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. For leave to erect poles in Harvard, Waterlow and Elmott Sts., Wd. 20.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

6. For leave to erect poles in Kenwood St., Wd. 20.

Charles D. Dukelow, representing Margaret Dukelow, 71 Kenwood St. and eighteen or twenty other property owners and residents upon said street, who were present in the Aldermanic Chamber, objected to the erection of the poles in said street, on the ground that it is a purely residential street and that the poles would disfigure it.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

7. For leave to erect and to remove one pole in Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

8. For leave to erect poles in Waumbuck, Crawford, Ruthven and Bower Sts., and to remove poles in Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

9. For leave to erect and to remove one pole in LaGrange St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

10. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for a double track on Commonwealth Ave., from Brighton Ave. to Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25, and for leave to establish the overhead single trolley electric system thereon.

Alfred D. Chandler appeared and objected, unless it was understood that the Company would lay the tracks within thirty or sixty days, if possible, or, if the work has to be postponed until springtime that it will be done at the earliest possible moment then.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

II. On petition of Jones & Meehan for leave to lay tracks and to run cars and a locomotive thereon, on Gladstone and Leyden Sts., Chelsea Ave., Bennington and Saratoga Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Day.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and referred to the committees named, viz.:

##### Building Dept. (All.)

Charlotte P. Chamberlain, for leave to construct basement floor of building 553 Boylston St. at grade II.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Victor F. Silva, an illuminated sign, at 1120 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Geo. E. Welles, a pole with cloth attached, at 78 North St., Wd. 6.

Mrs. Lena Long, a sign, at 81 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Henry J. Landry, a barber pole, at 37 Court St., Wd. 6.

William H. Hickey, a sign, at 215 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

A. Yeretsky, sign, 164 Tremont St.

Arthur Bond, illuminated sign, 55 Main St.

##### Claims.

Mary S. Hawley, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on northerly side of Ballou Ave.

Josephine W. Block, for payment to Henry H. Savage of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Longfellow St.

Lucile E. Grant, for payment of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 83 St. Stephen St.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate on southerly side of Farrington St., junction of Orient Ave.

Willard Welsh, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate on northerly side of Gladstone St.

George W. Bond, for compensation for injury to horse caused by collision of ferryboat "Noddle Island" with wharf, etc.

Herbert C. Davis, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect at 92 Court St.

Jessie L. Williams, to be refunded the amount of a liquor license paid for by her.

Mary F. Morrison, for compensation for damage to her carriage caused by a hose wagon of the Fire Department.

##### Electric Wires.

The New England Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to transfer to the Boston Electric Light Company, and of the Boston Electric Light Company for leave to acquire from said Telegraph Company, poles on Harrison and Massachusetts Aves.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to lay a terra cotta pipe for conveying electric wires in Huntington Ave.

H. B. Coughlan et als., against erection of poles in Sydney St., Wd. 20.

##### Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., for the use of Faneuil Hall, on February 13 and 14, 1900, day and evening.

##### Lamps.

Rev. Benjamin W. Farris et als., for an electric light on Camden St., in front of St. Paul's Baptist Church.

M. Steinert & Sons Co., for arc light lamps on Carver St., near Boylston St.

##### Licenses.

I. B. Rich, Manager, for a permit for Lillian Gouldstein and 39 other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis Street Theatre, for the week beginning December 25, 1899.

Patrick Kellcher, for a license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Music Hall, 445 Neponset Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

##### Public Improvements.

William F. Hennessey, to lay 1½-inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 98 W. Seventh St., Wd. 3.

John F. Lynch, sidewalk, 4 Bellflower St., Wd. 16.

B. Rogovin, sidewalk, Highland St., corner Dorr St., Wd. 21.

##### REVOCAION OF POLE LOCATIONS.

Ald. McDONALD presented a petition from Virgil L. Wilson et als., for revocation of pole locations on Buttonwood St., Crescent Ave. and other streets granted the American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, on the 27th of November a petition was handed to me, which was presented to the Board and referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, with the understanding that the citizens of Sydney St. or Buttonwood St. should be heard. They complain now that no notification was sent them in regard to the matter. When it was reported here I understood that on Buttonwood St. the poles were going down on the railroad side. With that understanding I voted for the petition, and the vote for it was almost unanimous. But now almost three hundred petitioners who reside on Buttonwood and Sydney Sts., protest, and justly, against the disfigurement of the street and the ruin of their property by the erection of the poles that it is intended to place there, some of them twenty to twenty-five inches in diameter. It seems to me there should be some way to get around it. Possibly the difficulty could be obviated by the poles being put on the railroad side. The company seems to have no regard for the rights of the property owners on the streets, although in some places the sidewalk is but five feet wide. If the company would go out there and look the matter over carefully and see for themselves, or if the members of this Board would do so, they would come to the conclusion that those poles certainly should not be placed on streets like Buttonwood or Sydney Sts., or any of those narrow streets, where the sidewalks are only five, six or seven feet wide. I sincerely trust that the committee on electric wires will give the gentlemen whose petition I have presented today a hearing, and that the order will be revoked.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

##### PAPERS FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL.

12. Notice of the appointment of the part of the Common Council of joint special committees as follows:—

On revoking the permit to the Victorian Club to erect a monument on Boston Common.—Messrs. Watson, Stevens, Klemm, Doyle and Sullivan.

On transfer of city land in Squantum to the Metropolitan Park Commissioners.—Messrs. Mildram, Sanderson, Curley, Sullivan and Wood.

Placed on file.

13. The preamble and order passed by this Board, December 4, relative to the proposed use of the Franklin Fund for erecting a building to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Building, for erecting baths for all-the-year-around use, etc., and authorizing the City Engineer to acquire land for said purpose and to erect said buildings.—comes up for concurrence in its reference to the next City Council.

Adhered to former action. Notice sent down.

14. Report of the Committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on petition of George Gannon to be paid for damage to sleigh caused by one of the city ash carts.  
Accepted in concurrence.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 15 and 16, unfinished business, together, viz.:-

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:-

15. Richard H. Eustis, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900, in place of John J. Sullivan, resigned.

16. Francis Gargan, to be a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Berwin and Brick. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yes 10, and the appointments were confirmed.

#### WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVE.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 17, special assignment, viz.:-

17. Message of the Mayor relative to the widening of Rutherford Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Presho.

#### DISPOSITION OF FRANKLIN FUND

A communication was received from the Social Alliance requesting that the Franklin Fund be used for a public forum and public institution or college of the social sciences and technical arts.

Referred to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund.

A communication was received from Jacob H. Hecht, et als., approving the measure now before the City Council for the disposal of the Franklin Fund.  
Sent down.

#### INVESTIGATION OF RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Ald. BRICK submitted the following.:-

Boston, July 17, 1899.

In Board of Aldermen.:-

The undersigned, a member of the Joint Special Committee on Investigation of Rainsford Island in regard to the management of said institutions, being unable to agree with the report submitted to the Common Council on July 13th, respectfully submit the following report.:-

"The committee gave hearings at Rainsford Island on April 25th and May 9th, and at City Hall on June 15th and 27th. No written specifications of charges against either the trustees or Superintendent Anthony appeared, and the complaints are the oral testimony of boys confined at the island, former officers of the institution, and such matters as arise from inspection of the island. Thirty-nine witnesses testified before the committee, and their evidence was taken stenographically and appear with the reports of the committee printed.

The witness, Frederick J. Sanderson, testified in the main that boys were beaten and knocked about (see testimony, pages 195 and 196) by the athletic instructor, and in this he is corroborated by the witnesses Avery, Garrity, Novak, Gardelli, Moran and Leventhal, all boys at the institutions. This was denied by the athletic instructor (testimony, pages 36 and 135), who claimed that those charges arose from the animosity of the witness Sanderson (testimony, page 134), and that the evidence as given by the boys was part of a plan agreed upon between themselves and suggested by Sanderson. Superintendent Anthony testified (testimony, page 105) that he has investigated these charges, and believed upon investigation that they were without foundation. The rule of the institution is clearly stated by the Superintendent (testimony, page 17).

Q. By Alderman Adams. Do you allow the officers to choke the boys, place their

hands upon them, shake them or assault them in any way?

A. No, sir; my rules to govern my officers provide that they shall not place hands on boys unless an assault is made upon them by any of the larger boys, and if at any time it is absolutely necessary to place hands on boys to make a written report to me.

After due consideration of all the evidence, I would on the facts call attention to the report of the Inspectors of Prisons upon this same subject (document 110—1899), and again say, "That the treatment of the boys by the athletic instructor does not meet with the committee's approval, and we believe that under different methods the institution would be the gainer in kindly feeling and better discipline."

There was some testimony in relation to acts of severity or cruelty on the part of other officers; but there does not appear sufficient ground for action by the committee on these charges, and as to the charges of cruelty or severity, in the infliction of corporal punishment by Superintendent Anthony, I believe that, as regards him personally, they are unfounded, and that in the particular case of striking the Novak boy he was justified under the conditions in so defending himself, and that he is using his best efforts to minimize corporal punishment, so far as it is consistent with the maintenance of discipline. The charge of handcuffing the boys is admittedly true, and it is a matter of congratulation that this method of punishment has been abandoned. As to the confinement of the boys Sliney and Brown in solitary cells, the testimony (page 101) shows that there was an opening in the door covered by a wire screen 20 by 14 inches, and (testimony, page 102) shows that the boys were taken out and the cell aired regularly every hour; and that, as a matter of punishment, it was not cruel or unusual, yet in view of the possible danger by fire it is apparent that the guard house system, which has been adopted in place of the solitary cell, is a decided advance in the treatment of boys in reformatories, both as to safety in this case and generally in those cases where solitary cells would perhaps be the method adopted for punishment in a prison for adults.

As to the case of Robert Keller, I believe on the evidence of Dr. Taft and statement of Dr. Lancaster (testimony, pages 182 and 187), that he received immediate and proper treatment. As to the alleged failure to care for the Gardella boy, I find that the injury to his arm occurred before his committal to the island, and that during his incarceration he has received every attention, considerate with his case. The fact that some of the boys in the upper dormitory drank water from the open tank, does not tend to show neglect upon the part of the Superintendent or trustees. Drinking water was provided for them on the floor below, and when they drank from the tank it was entirely without the knowledge of either the superintendent or the trustees.

I am not inclined to put entire credence upon the testimony of the witness Sanderson. It is evident from the testimony that he was out of touch with the other officers of the institution, and was discharged by the superintendent because of lack of confidence, and from his own testimony (see pages 107 and 221) it would seem that the superintendent was justified in removing him.

When Superintendent Anthony took charge of the island in January, it is well known that the boys there were in a state of almost insurrection, and the fact that he has re-established discipline, and that it is apparent from inspection that he holds the respect and confidence of the boys is greatly to his credit. He has made considerable improvements, and it is evident that he takes active interest in his work at the institution.

I am inclined to agree with the report

of the Common Council that the trustees for some reasons, best known to themselves, have shown a tendency towards an evasion of the Civil Service laws, and have given preference to persons not citizens of this city in the matter of employment. I would recommend to them a somewhat closer adherence to law and the City Ordinances in these matters. I would also on the evidence (testimony, pages 47, 49 and 51) recommend that the employment of pauper labor be abandoned, and that some scheme for the readjustment of salaries at the island, on a more equitable basis, and considerate with the employment and retention of capable persons, be adopted; also that the positions of athletic instructor and of military drill be united in some one competent person.

The attack on His Honor the Mayor in the opening of the report of the majority of the committee I do not believe is germane to the matter which we were called upon to investigate; certainly the Mayor has endeavored to secure high-minded philanthropic, and at the same time, capable and careful men and women for Children's Institutions Trustees, and that these men and women have gone about their work with spirit and intense pride, no honest person will gainsay, and any attack directed at them personally is to be deplored.

The island when taken was entirely unsuited for the purposes of a reform school; it had been the subject of investigation in 1894, under the former Pauper Institutions Commissioners, and its condition was such as to call for condemnation, and it was abandoned as an institution. The trustees have labored diligently, as is shown by the testimony of Chief of the Repair Division Logue (testimony, pages 160 and 161), to put the buildings and grounds in proper condition for use as a reformatory; that they have accomplished much it is evident, and they themselves say that if they could be provided with the means that much more would be done.

The inspection of the school and shop work of the institution give abundant evidence that the trustees are active and progressive, and are bending every effort, not merely to make the island a place of confinement, but by the most enlightened and modern methods, to so train and elevate their wards as to accomplish the real intentions of a reformatory for boys.

The attack upon the system of unpaid boards, while it evokes discussion which is reasonable, is of doubtful value. The report assumes to destroy the system because certain delinquencies appear under the unpaid board. This conclusion is, however, not a tenable one, for far more criticism appeared, and certainly more abuses were shown to exist, under the paid board prior to the investigation of 1894. It must be borne in mind that more difficulties surround the direction and management of a reformatory than would houses of correction, or a prison, and especially where the reformatory is used for boys of a tender age. We therefore feel that a precipitate change is to be avoided, even though some change, looking to a plan involving the situations of both paid agents and unpaid boards with supervisory powers, should in the end be found to be the wiser.

Since the writing of this report Superintendent Anthony has resigned and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. S. D. Seavey. Mr. Seavey is schooled in prison discipline, and under his administration, at least so far, the outlook seems to be for the best interests of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Brick.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 27, 1899.

Accepted and ordered to be printed. Sent down.

City Clerk.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I move that the reading of that report be dispensed with and that it be printed as a city document.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would say that this report has been somewhat long delayed, and that I appear here in the plural. I had hoped to have Ald. Dixon, who is chairman, agree with me in this matter. But I have not been able to do that, or to have any extended conferences with him. I will therefore, say that this is a report which embodies simply my opinion, and that if there is any paucity of language or the rhetoric is faulty it is entirely at my expense. I will ask, as the report is written in the plural, that I may have leave to rewrite it, so that it will appear as an individual report.

The report was accepted and ordered printed.

#### CLAIMS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) The Committee on Claims submit herewith to the City Council a list of all the claims upon which they have taken action during the year 1899, and respectfully recommend that the same be printed as a city document. (Doc. 170).

For the Committee,

John H. Colby, Chairman.

Ordered printed and sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Ellen M. Harding (referred last year) to be paid tax title balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Ellen M. Harding the sum of \$95.86 being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Granite Ave., lot 24, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 61.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Ellen M. Harding (referred last year) to be paid tax title balance—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Ellen M. Harding the sum of \$95.66, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Granite Ave., lot 58, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 63.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

#### BAY WINDOWS, SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Dept., (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Rose Andrews Hale, (referred Dec. 18), for leave to project one bay window from 327 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10—recommending reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

B. J. Connolly, (referred Dec. 13), one, southerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

B. J. Connolly, (referred Dec. 13), one, northerly corner of Huntington Ave. and Kempton St., Wd. 19.

Francis G. Sager, (referred Aug. 1), one, 48 Bartlett St., and 36 Elm St., over the corner of said street, Wd. 3.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:—George E. Welles, (referred today), to project pole with cloth attached at 78 North St., Wd. 6.

James C. Pineo, (referred Dec. 18), to project a pole with flag at 643 Warren St., Wd. 21, (as same is illegal).

Reports severally accepted.

(4) Reports on petitions, (severally referred today), for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz:—

A. Yeretsky, sign, 164 Tremont St.  
 Wm. H. Hickey, sign, 215 Hampden St.,  
 Wd. 17.  
 Henry J. Landry, barber pole, 37 Court  
 St., Wd. 6.  
 Victor F. Silva, illuminated sign, 1120  
 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.  
 Mrs. Lena Long, sign, 81 Prince St., Wd.  
 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted  
 on the usual conditions.

#### POLE LOCATIONS.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Elec-  
 tric Wires, submitted the following:—

Report on petition of the Charlestown  
 Gas and Electric Co. (recommitted Dec.  
 4)—Recommending the passage of the fol-  
 lowing:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to  
 the Charlestown Gas and Electric Com-  
 pany, to place and maintain poles for the  
 support of wires at points designated by  
 red dots on a plan deposited in the office  
 of the Superintendent of Streets, made by  
 Charles A. Pearson; said poles to be lo-  
 cated as follows:—

Park St., Wd. 5, 2 poles, 35 feet x 10  
 inches, sidewalk 7 feet, plan dated Oct.  
 28, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and  
 maintaining said poles on the conditions  
 specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the  
 Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be  
 completed within ninety days from the  
 date of the passage of this order.

Report on petition of same company (re-  
 committed today)—Recommending the pas-  
 sage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to  
 the Charlestown Gas and Electric Com-  
 pany to place and maintain poles for the  
 support of wires at points designated by  
 red dots on a plan deposited in the office  
 of the Superintendent of Streets, made by  
 James C. Boyd; said poles to be located as  
 follows:—

Main St., 35 poles, 60 feet x 14 inches,  
 sidewalk 10 feet, plan dated Dec., 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted  
 to said company to remove from Main St.,  
 four poles shown by red dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and  
 maintaining said poles on the conditions  
 specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the  
 Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said  
 poles to be completed within six months  
 from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the Brookline  
 Gas Light Company (Recommitted Sept. 1)  
 —Recommending the passage of the fol-  
 lowing:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to  
 the Brookline Gas Light Company, to  
 place and maintain a pole for the support  
 of wires at a point designated by a red dot  
 on a plan deposited in the office of the  
 Superintendent of Streets, made by Rol-  
 land A. Davidson; said pole to be located  
 as follows:—

Southeast corner of Brookline Avc.,  
 Beacon St. and Commonwealth Ave., Wd.  
 11, 1 pole, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 15  
 feet, plan dated May 5, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and  
 maintaining said poles on the conditions  
 specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the  
 Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be  
 completed within ninety days from the  
 date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the Postal Tel-  
 egraph-Cable Company (recommitted Nov.  
 8)—recommending the passage of the fol-  
 lowing:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to

the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to  
 place and maintain poles for the support  
 of wires at points designated by red dots  
 on a plan deposited in the office of the  
 Superintendent of Streets; said poles to be  
 located as follows:—

Boston St., 9 poles, 60-45 feet x 16-14  
 inches, sidewalk 10 feet, plan dated Oct.  
 30, 1899.

And permission is further granted to  
 said company to remove from Boston St.  
 eight poles, shown by black circles on  
 said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and  
 maintaining said poles on the conditions  
 specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the  
 Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said  
 poles to be completed within six months  
 from the date of the passage of this or-  
 der.

Report on the petition of the same com-  
 pany (recommitted Nov. 17)—recommending  
 the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to  
 the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to  
 place and maintain poles for the support  
 of wires at points designated by red dots  
 on a plan deposited in the office of the Su-  
 perintendent of Streets; said poles to be  
 located as follows:—

Bov St., Charlestown, 2 poles; 45 feet  
 x 14 inches, sidewalk, 9 feet; plan dated  
 Oct. 30, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and  
 maintaining said poles on the conditions  
 specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the  
 Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be  
 completed within ninety days from the  
 date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the New Eng-  
 land Telephone and Telegraph Company of  
 Mass. (recommitted today)—recommending  
 the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to  
 the New England Telephone and Telegraph  
 Company of Mass., to place and maintain  
 a pole for the support of wires at a  
 point designated by a red dot on a plan  
 deposited in the office of the Superin-  
 tendent of Streets, made by George H.  
 Dresser; said pole to be located as fol-  
 lows:—

La Grange St., Wd. 23, 1 pole; 35 feet x  
 13 inches, sidewalk, 8 feet; plan dated Dec.  
 8, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted  
 to said company to remove from La  
 Grange St. one pole shown by a black  
 cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and main-  
 taining said poles on the conditions speci-  
 fied in chapter 36, section 15, of the Re-  
 vised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said  
 poles to be completed within ninety days  
 from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on petition of the same company  
 (recommitted Dec. 13)—Recommending the  
 passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to  
 The New England Telephone and Tele-  
 graph Company of Mass. to place and  
 maintain poles for the support of wires at  
 points designated by red dots on a plan  
 deposited in the office of the Superinten-  
 dent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser;  
 said poles to be located as follows:

McLellan St., 8 poles, 35 feet x 13 inches,  
 sidewalk 6 feet 6 inches; Newport St., 5  
 poles, 30 feet x 12 inches, sidewalk 6 feet;  
 plan dated Nov. 27, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby  
 authorized to issue permits for opening  
 and occupying streets for placing and main-  
 taining said poles on the conditions speci-  
 fied in chapter 36, section 15, of the Re-  
 vised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be

completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted Nov. 13)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Stoughton St., Wd. 20, 5 poles, 45 feet x 15 inches, sidewalk 10 feet; plan dated Nov. 20, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted Dec. 4)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Seaver St., 6 poles, 35 feet x 13 inches, sidewalk 7 feet 6 inches; Erie St., 7 poles, 35 feet x 13 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Erie St., 1 pole, 40 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; Summer St., 10 poles, 35 feet x 13 inches, sidewalk 7 feet; Quincy St., 8 poles, 35 feet x 13 inches, sidewalk 6 feet; plan dated Nov. 17, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of the order.

Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Harvard St., 1 pole, 5 feet sidewalk; Waterlow St., 1 pole, 5 feet sidewalk; Elmont St., 7 poles, 5 feet sidewalk, 35 feet x 13 inches; plan dated Nov. 29, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Bellevue St., Wd. 20, 1 pole, 35 feet x 14 inches, 7 feet sidewalk; plan dated Dec. 12, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Bellevue

St., one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report on the petition of the same company (recommitted today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Soley St., Wd. 5, 1 pole, 35 feet x 13 inches, sidewalk 5 feet 6 inches; Water St., Wd. 5, 1 pole, 50 feet x 16 inches, sidewalk 6 feet 6 inches; date of plan Dec. 1, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Water St., one pole shown by a red dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted, orders severally passed, under a suspension of the rule.

Report on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Company, (recommitted today)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the Boston Electric Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by D. A. Harrington; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., 4 poles, 60 feet 20 inches, sidewalk 13 feet.

West Newton St., 1 pole, 35 feet x 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet.

Stoughton St., 1 pole, 45 feet x 18 inches, sidewalk 10 feet.

Dudley St., 1 pole, 45 feet 18 inches, sidewalk 8 feet.

River St., 56 poles, 40 feet, 14 inches.

River St., 3 poles, 45 feet, 13 inches; sidewalk 8 feet.

West Sixth St., 3 poles, 35 feet, 14 inches, sidewalk 8 feet; plan dated Dec. 13, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 36, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1892.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within nine months from the date of the passage of this order.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Codman.

#### LICENSES.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending that permits be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

I. E. Rich, Manager, for Lillian Gouldstein and thirty-nine other children under fifteen years of age to appear at Hollis St. Theatre for week beginning Dec. 25, 1899.

Patrick Kelleher, for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Music Hall, 445 Neponset Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1900.

Reports accepted, permits granted on the usual conditions.

## FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. CODMAN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted a report on the petition of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on Feb. 13 and 14, 1900, day and evening—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

## FANEUIL HALL MARKET.

Ald. PRESHO, for the Committee on Markets, submitted a report on the petition of Day & Stimson and others (referred Dec. 18) for leave to construct an awning in front of premises occupied by them at New Faneuil Hall Market—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to Day & Stimson and others, lessees of stalls and cellars in New Faneuil Hall Market, to construct, under the direction of the Superintendent of Markets, a permanent awning of iron and glass to project from said building over the sidewalk at such places as said superintendent may determine.

Report accepted; order passed.

## REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CODMAN offered the following:—

(1) Ordered, That permission be granted to John A. Devine to remove at his own expense, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, a tree in front of estate 152 C St., South Boston; said tree being in a dangerous condition.

(2) Ordered, That permission be granted to W. G. Stetson, agent, to remove, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds, two trees in front of estate 242 C St., South Boston; said trees being in a dangerous condition.

Severally passed.

## PROTEST REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON LAND.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:—

Whereas, The Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts through their President, William Endicott, filed with this Board a petition asking that certain restrictions upon land upon which the Museum of Fine Arts now stands, and land adjoining in the rear, might be released; and

Whereas, On October 16th this Board passed an order releasing said land from said restrictions, which order was concurred in by the Common Council on October 19th, and

Whereas, The release of said restrictions was obtained upon the representation of the Trustees that the purpose in asking the release of the restrictions was that they might be enabled to secure the raising of money by mortgage on the property described in the petition to enable them to improve and extend the Museum of Fine Arts in its present location and now it appearing that this representation is not a fact but that the Trustees have, or intend to, sell the entire property free from the restrictions and to remove the Museum of Fine Arts to another location;

Resolved, That the City Council condemn the method of securing the passage of said order and that we desire the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to some means, if there be any, to secure the re-establishment of the restrictions.

The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it is with a good deal of regret that I present this resolution and request for the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. I do so not with an idea of assuring any redress, but merely to bring the attention of the public, through the press, or at any rate, through the minutes of the Board of Aldermen, to the fact that such methods, such conduct,

should not be pursued in obtaining legislation in this Board or the City Council. The restrictions which had been placed upon the land where the Museum of Fine Arts now stands were put there for the purpose of making it assured that the land—which was a gift from the City, through the Boston Water Power Company—should be used forever for a Museum of Fine Arts. In pursuance of that, a scheme of construction of Copley Square was carried out, and we have surrounding that square many buildings costing immense sums of money. They are too well known to you to enumerate them; but large sums of money have been laid out in plotting and planning that square, so as to make it one of the most artistic spots in the City of Boston. Through the endeavors of a great many good citizens the taking of the triangle in front of Trinity Church was secured, and many men gave money for that public-spirited purpose.

Now I say that there was misrepresentation in this Board. Whether it was contained exactly in the petition I will not say, but I will say that I certainly was deceived when I voted to grant that petition. I don't say that any particular person deceived me, but I was led up to that opinion. In fact, in the committee on Public Improvements my opinion as a lawyer was asked whether, if these restrictions were on there, a mortgage could be placed—and, of course, I promptly said "no," as any man of common sense would do. Through the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, men in whom I have confidence, knowing that they were men of culture, refinement, business men, men of standing in the community, I was led to believe that they intended to extend the Museum of Fine Arts to the rear, and that that was the purpose only. If I had known, and I think if many citizens had known—if the Trustees of Trinity Church, the Trustees of the New Old South Church, the Trustees of the Public Library, had known that the purpose of the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts was to secure a release of those restrictions so that they could make a land deal and remove the Museum of Fine Arts from its present situation to the Fenway, I believe there would have been a decided opposition. There is a good deal to be said on that question. And they are not to be excused simply because they are men of standing, for they are men who should be above false representation. I say that a man is as much a prevaricator who leads another man into a situation where he believes the first man will do something which he does not intend to do, as a man who openly lies. I say that if this occurred in private life in any of our business transactions we would immediately take steps in the line of reform. We should send out a warning to men who come to this Board that they shall act squarely by this Board, that they shall present matters in such a light as they should appear in, not intentionally deceiving us and leading us into a situation where we are brought to a wrong conclusion. I hope the resolution will pass and that we will get the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, so that we may see if this whole thing cannot be put back into the same place where it was before. Then, if the members of the City Council and the citizens of Boston desire that the Museum of Fine Arts shall be removed from its present situation and that there shall be a change in Copley Sq., if they shall consider it for the best interests of the city—and the Museum of Fine Arts, while a private corporation, is a quasi-public corporation, which all the citizens are proud of and interested in—that the Museum shall be moved from its present location, very well. But I say first the condition of affairs should be put back where it was before. I believe a great many citizens want to see the Mu-

seum of Fine Arts stay in its present location, and that they believe it will be better and more for the benefit of the citizens of this city.

I say that the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts should feel a twinge of conscience when this is brought to their attention. I think some of them, at least, must have been entirely unaware of the real bearing of the proceeding. If the old state of affairs can be brought back, the matter can then be brought into the City Council, and, if there are public reasons for the removal of the Museum, let the City Council consider then and act upon them. But any action that is taken should not be taken on the basis of the false idea that the release was for another purpose—namely, the extension of the Museum of Fine Arts beyond its present building.

Ald. COLBY—Mr Chairman, I shall vote against the resolution as offered, for several reasons. I regret as much as anybody that my brother alderman has been deceived in the matter. The fact is that we relied upon our own interpretation of the communication. I suppose if the Corporation Counsel is asked to give an opinion he will have to give it as based upon the proceedings taken. All that appears of record is simply their petition and our vote. No discussion was had here; no member of the Board of Trustees appeared before the Board of Aldermen. Now, in that petition that they sent to the City Council they stated expressly, on the first page, that with the restriction it is impossible to sell or mortgage the property. So there is a plain intimation on the first page that the property might at some time have to be sold. It was perfectly evident to my mind that it was only a question of time when the Museum of Fine Arts would have to leave its present location. Whether or not the time has come for it to remove is, it seems to me, solely within the control and discretion of the Board of Trustees. They are gentlemen appointed to look after that institution,—probably a self-perpetuating body, but, at the same time, they are chosen by reason of their apparent or supposed qualifications, and they certainly have no interest at heart other than to provide a proper Museum in a proper location. If the alderman has followed some of the communications in the papers with reference to the Dartmouth St. engine house, he will remember that from time to time it has crept out that the trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts have felt worried because of its location with reference to surrounding buildings. It is not situated in an ideal spot for a building of this sort. As far as the front of the building is concerned, it is practically isolated, but all sides of the triangle are now surrounded by large buildings that overtop it, and, under the present building scheme, there is no way of telling what a fireproof building is. It must be certainly apparent to anyone who examines into the matter that if they can find a spot which is isolated from surrounding buildings, they will have something greatly in advance of what they have there now. The only interest the City has is that the money they have invested in that building shall be used for the purpose for which it was intended—that is, to keep a Museum of Fine Arts. But I don't believe the City Council wants to say that forever and forever they shall be tied down to the spot. The fact is that the whole policy of our law is against restrictions, and the Legislature has gone to work and provided that these unlimited restrictions shall expire by limitation.

I think, also, that the alderman is enough of a lawyer to understand that it is pretty difficult to have restrictions which have been taken off of land put on again. I don't know how we could do that, even if we did act upon false representations in the first place. I don't see how we

could expect to get these trustees to come in and agree to impose restrictions upon their land, when they are once freed from them. It would seem to me to be a pretty difficult process, and I don't think the City Council wants to put itself on record to that extent. There is a letter before us that refers to the mortgagor's sale. If we interpreted that and studied it out on the basis that the institution was going to build in the rear, and we find out that that is not the fact, it does not seem to me that we should say "I did not read that right, and having been misled, I ask that what I did do may be undone. At the same time nobody on earth has a right to ask what I ask to have done." It seems to me that is rather a foolish situation for us to put ourselves into. If the alderman wants to say that nobody can come before the Board and ask to have anything of this kind done without coming out flat-footed and asking directly for what is desired, and giving their reasons for it, I agree to that. I think that would be perfectly right. But in the present situation I think we would stultify ourselves if we asked to have the trustees condemned by reason of action which we ourselves have taken.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) if he had any reason to know what action was to be taken, except in the committee, where there was full discussion? Was it not the understanding there that it was desired that the restrictions might be removed in order that they might get money and extend the Museum on its present location? Was not that the entire basis of the discussion?

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I remember perfectly well that we had some discussion in there and that we talked with reference to the extension of that building, and I am also aware that at that time nothing was said with reference to the sale of the building. If the alderman wants my candid opinion of the matter, I think all our talk there was with the idea solely that probably they were going to extend the building in the rear. But I wish to say that I can introduce him to a gentleman who made the remark that, while the whole discussion was on that basis, it was a stepping stone to their ultimately selling that property; and I think anybody who has followed the agitation that there has been in regard to the situation of that Museum would have formed the idea that the removal of the institution would be a question of not a very long time.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman another question—does he not believe that, if the citizens at large had known or had an intimation that this was to be done for the purpose of enabling the Trustees to sell the land, so as to remove the Museum of Fine Arts, there would have been opposition to it?

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, I don't suppose the alderman can suggest anything that there would not be opposition to. In fact, it is because of that fact that gentlemen like him and myself are able to obtain most of our revenue. There is opposition to almost everything—in business transactions, in everything that comes up. But I do say that, if that matter were submitted to the citizens, I think they would have said: "We have sufficient confidence in the Museum of Fine Arts and the way in which it is managed to say that the Trustees will do the right thing, that if they want to sell the land and go elsewhere, the action they take in doing so will be action that will protect the interests of everybody."

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I think my interrogatories have brought out what I desired, and I will not take much time to reply to the alderman. I think the resolutions should pass, even if they don't give any relief. I think they will at least serve notice, on persons who are acting in behalf of quasi-public institutions of this

sort that when they come to the City Government desiring any such action as they have asked at our hands, they shall give us a true insight of affairs and not attempt to deceive. There have been various rumors that do not look well—rumors that even when this matter was in the hands of the Board the Museum Trustees had made an arrangement for the sale of that property. The property was presented to them, as a gift of the City, and I claim that it should not be used merely for the private advantage of individuals. I hope that the resolution, even although it embodies only the spirit and feeling of the City Council in the matter, will pass,—even although the Corporation Counsel may say that we have no measure of relief, that we went into the matter with our eyes open, and, having done so, that we cannot now obtain relief. In spite of that, I say this resolution should pass, so as to impress upon persons who come to this Board the fact that they must present their matters fairly and openly, on the surface, not with something underneath the surface.

The preambles and resolution were declared adopted. Ald. Colby doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays.

The preambles and resolution were adopted, yeas 6, nays 4.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Brick, Codman, Doyle, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Colby, Day, Presho—4.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Ald. Berwin the Board took a recess at 4:33 p. m. and retired to the Chairman's room.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 5:40 p. m., and were called to order by the Chair.

#### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on message of His Honor the Mayor (referred May 3) vetoing regulation in regard to opening theatres on Sunday—that the veto of His Honor the Mayor be sustained, and that the message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the message was ordered placed on file. The Board reconsidered its previous action, and then refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 0, nays 9.

(2) Report on Mayor's message (referred December 13) vetoing the permit to the Samuel Ward Company to swing storm doors over the sidewalk at 49 Franklin St.—that the veto be sustained and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the message was ordered placed on file. The previous action of the Board was reconsidered, and the Board then refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 4, nays 7:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Codman, Presho—4.

Nays—Barry, Brick, Colby, Day, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole—7.

(3) Report on message of His Honor the Mayor (referred July 17) vetoing amendment to Chapter 6 of the Revised Regulations of 1898, relative to use of streets by vehicles,—recommending that the veto of His Honor the Mayor be sustained and that said message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, previous action was reconsidered, and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I don't want to vote on these matters without having them read. I don't know what these vetoes refer to, when they are read by their title, and I shall refuse to vote unless they are read.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that this comes from the Committee on Public Improvements, and that it was read in full in committee.

Ald. CODMAN—That was so long ago that I don't remember it.

The CHAIRMAN—Any member has a right to call for the reading of a paper. The Clerk will read the Mayor's veto.

(The veto message was read in full.)

The Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 3, nays 8:—

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Barry, Codman—3.

Nays—Ald. Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Doyle, McDonald, O'Toole, Presho—8.

(4) Report on Mayor's message (referred July 25) transmitting majority and minority reports on investigation of the Building Department—recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, message and reports placed on file.

(5) Report on order requesting the Building Commissioner, through the Mayor, to have an inspection made of the fire curtains and fire escapes in the various theatres, etc.—(referred January 15)—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(6) Report on the minority report of committee on investigation of Rainsford Island (referred September 25) that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; said report ordered placed on file.

(7) Report on the report of the Joint Special Committee on Investigation of Rainsford Island (referred September 25)—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; said report ordered placed on file.

(8) Report on the petition of Rose Andrews Hale (referred today from Committee on Building Dept. Ald.) for leave to project one bay window from building 327 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; said petitioner given leave to withdraw.

(9) Report on the petition of Jones & Meehan (recommitted today) for leave to lay tracks and to run cars and a locomotive thereon on Gladstone and Leyden Sts., Chelsea Ave., Bennington and Saratoga Sts.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to Jones & Meehan to run cars and a locomotive thereon on Gladstone St., Leyden St., Chelsea Ave., and Bennington St. from Wordsworth St. to the Revere town line, also in Saratoga St., from Ford St. to Bennington St., said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by W. C. Bates, C. E., dated Dec. 18, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said Jones & Meehan shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(10) Report on the report of the Committee on Electric Wires on the petition of the Boston Electric Light Company (referred today) for poles on Washington, West Newton, Stoughton, Dudley, River and West Sixth Streets,—recommending the passage of the order as reported, with the exception of poles on River St., and that the locations of poles on said streets be

assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Report accept, recommendations adopted.

(11) Report on the petition of J. Morris Meredith and another, trustees (referred June 29), for leave to use space under sidewalk of building on Lincoln Beach, Albany and Kneeland Sts., for storage of coal,—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(12) Report on the petition of William Minot and others, Trustees (referred May 25), for leave to build an entrance to building No. 7 Water St., as per plan submitted,—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(13) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to attach its wires to trees on Allegheny and Dennison Sts. and Walnut Ave. (Referred May 15, from the Committee on Electric Wires, with a report that leave be granted)—that no action is necessary.

Report accepted.

(14) Report on the petition of William F. Hennessey (referred today), for leave to lay a 1½ inch pipe under and across sidewalk at 98 West Seventh St., Wd. 13,—recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William F. Hennessey to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe under and across the sidewalk in front of estate 98 West Seventh St., Wd. 13; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1901, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, order passed.

(15) Report on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width and to be built of brick, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

John F. Lynch, 4 Bellflower St., Wd. 16.  
B. Rogovin, Highland St., cor. Dorr St., Wd. 21.

Reports accepted, orders passed.

#### RAILROADS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for double tracks on Commonwealth Ave., etc., (recommitted today)—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Company to lay down tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, beginning at and connecting with the said company's tracks at a point near the junction of Commonwealth Ave. and Brighton Ave., thence extending westerly on said Commonwealth Ave. to and connecting with the company's tracks on Chestnut Hill Ave., with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections, and also curves connecting with the company's tracks on Harvard Ave.; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated November 27, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by the order is upon condition that the whole work of laying same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance

and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the said Company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed by, or that may hereafter be conferred on, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted Oct. 2), for location for tracks on Morton and other streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted the West End Street Railway Co. to lay tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Morton St., from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington St. at Forest Hills, to Codman St.; thence on said Codman St. to Adams St.; thence on said Adams St. to Minot St.; thence on said Minot St. to and connecting with the existing tracks of the said company on Neponset Ave.; also on Morton St., from and connecting with the location for tracks on Morton St. herein granted, to Sanford St., thence on said Sanford St. to Washington St., thence on said Sanford St. to Richmond St., thence on said Richmond St. to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Dorchester Ave.; also on Marsh St., from and connecting with the location for tracks on Codman St. herein granted, as far as said Marsh St. is completed, with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections, said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 12, 1899, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said West End Street Railway Company shall accept this order of location, and shall agree, in writing, to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file said acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage of this order; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work of laying the said tracks to be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is hereby further granted to the said Company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, to erect, maintain and use such wires and iron poles, of the height of not less than twenty feet, at the places indicated by red circles or dots on the plans filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, as may be necessary to establish and maintain said electric system of motive power.

The rights herein granted are upon condition that the whole work of constructing the same, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and be approved by him.

Also, upon condition that nothing herein contained shall be deemed a limitation or waiver of any rights now possessed by, or that may hereafter be conferred on, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to make rules and regulations pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the running of electric cars in the City of Boston.

Also, upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order and agree to comply with the conditions herein contained, and shall file such acceptance and agreement with the City Clerk within thirty days from the passage thereof; otherwise it shall be null and void.

Report accepted; order passed.

The report was accepted, and the question came on giving the order a second reading.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I did not know until today that that order was coming in, nor did I know in just what form it would be brought in. Having had an opportunity to read the order over, I find that there are several streets mentioned in that location where I have had the opportunity to oppose anything of this kind on several other occasions since I have been a member of this Board. It is now late in the session, and considerable time has elapsed since the visit of the Committee to that section. So, probably the Committee has partially, if not wholly, forgotten the conditions that exist there. I am in favor of a crosstown road, and shall vote one way or the other upon the matter when it is brought to a vote. But the point I wish to raise at this time is in regard to Sanford, Richmond and Minot Sts. I believe the committee, if they will

renew their interest in the matter and look up the records of their trip out there, will find that they are not suitable streets. As a brief of the argument, I would offer, if I were going to speak at length upon the matter, I would say that the Railroad Committee have already, once or twice, previous to the present time, refused locations similar to this cross-town location, on account of their going through or proposing to go through these very streets. Consequently, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Railroads—who, perhaps, may have a better idea or remembrance of what the condition is out there—I have decided to ask the Board to lay this matter over until the next meeting, that an opportunity may be given to communicate with the West End Road and also to allow the members to see for themselves, if they see fit to do so, just what the condition is. I would like to have this order assigned to the next meeting.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

#### THE LAST MEETING.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Colby, that when the Board adjourn, it be to meet on Saturday next, at 11 a. m.

#### WHITFIELD ST. CROSSING.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a block stone crossing on Whitfield St., at West Park St., Wd. 20.  
Passed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT, TUTTLE ST.

Ald. McDONALD presented the petition of Charles P. Connor and a number of others, residents of Tuttle St. and vicinity, for an electric light on corner of Tuttle St. and Savin Hill Ave.

In connection with the petition, Ald. McDonald offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to have an electric light placed at the corner of Tuttle St. and Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.  
Passed.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, general reconsideration of all votes taken today was refused.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Berwin, at 5:56 p. m., to meet on Saturday, December 30, at 11 a. m.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1899.

Final meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, at 4 o'clock P. M., President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

## REPORT ON BOYS' CAMP.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 28, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the report of the director in charge and the Advisory Committee of the Boston Municipal Camp for the past year, and I recommend that the same be printed as a document.

I desire to call attention to the excellent record of the camp during the second session of its maintenance by the city, and I feel that the city is again indebted to the director in charge, Commissioner Ernest C. Marshall, and to the Advisory Committee, for a large amount of zealous and intelligent attention to this unique branch of our municipal work. The undertaking of the city of Boston in conducting this camp has attracted a good deal of notice, and I trust that the excellent results thus far achieved at a small expenditure will lead in the future to a continuance of the camp. Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to).

Ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Logan of Wd. 14, and sent up.

## CITY CLERK PRO TEM.

The following was received:—

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 27, 1899.

To the Honorable Common Council:—

You are hereby respectfully notified that John M. Galvin was this day appointed as City Clerk pro tempore by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, under the authority contained in section 32 of chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854.

Attest: David F. Barry, Chairman.

Placed on file.

## ENGINE HOUSE FOR SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 28, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an order passed by the School Committee requesting the use of the old engine house on Mount Vernon St., West Roxbury, for school purposes. If the granting of such permission meets with your approval, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In School Committee,  
October 24, 1899.

Ordcred, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the old engine house on Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury, for school purposes.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to permit the School Committee to use temporarily the old engine house on Mount Vernon St., West Roxbury, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper.

The order was passed, and the communication and order sent up.

## LAND FOR HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 28, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health requesting that a narrow strip of land adjoining their hospital and disinfecting plants on Swett St. be placed in charge of that department, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Health Department,

Boston, Dec. 21, 1899.

To the Honorable City Council:—

Gentlemen:—The Board of Health respectfully represents that a narrow strip of land belonging to the City of Boston and formerly a part of our present lot for the hospital and disinfecting plants, has been under lease to the Metropolitan Coal Company until recently. The Board further represents that the space between the hospital and said strip of land is too narrow for our purposes and that the present and future uses of this hospital for contagious diseases and the disinfecting plant require the additional strip of land for the safety of the public and the convenience of our work.

By direction of the Board of Health,

C. E. Davis, Jr., Secretary.

Ordered, That the triangular piece of land, being the west portion of the city's estate known as the old small pox hospital estate, on Swett St., and containing about ten thousand six hundred square feet of land, be transferred from the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to the custody and uses of the Board of Health, as an addition to the premises used by that Board for a hospital for contagious diseases.

The order was passed, and the communication and order sent up.

## PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Communication from Jacob H. Hecht and others approving the measure now before the City Council for the disposal of the Franklin Fund.

Placed on file.

2. Report of Committee on Claims submitting a list of all claims upon which action has been taken by said committee during the year 1899, and recommending that the same be printed as a city document. (City Doc. 170.)

Report accepted; said recommendation adopted in concurrence.

3. Minority report in regard to the management of the institutions on Rainsford Island, signed by Alderman Brick, a member of the joint special committee on the subject.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that, inasmuch as the Common Council has already acted on the majority report of the committee on the investigation of Rainsford Island, the minority report has no place before this body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken and will direct the Clerk to transmit the minority report to the Board of Aldermen.

4. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Ellen M. Harding, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Ellen M. Harding the sum of \$93.86 being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1883, from the sale of an estate on Granite Ave., lot 24, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 61.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Ellen M. Harding, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Ellen M. Harding the sum of \$95.66, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Granite Ave., lot 53, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2501, fol. 63.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

6. Report of Committee on Markets on petition of Day & Stimson and others, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to Day & Stimson and others, lessees of stalls and cellars in New Faneuil Hall Market, to construct, under the direction of the Superintendent of Markets, a permanent awning of iron and glass to project from said building over the sidewalk at such places as said Superintendent may determine.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that No. 6 has no place before this body. It was sent up here by mistake from the Board of Aldermen. It should be headed "A report of the Committee on Markets," not "Market Department." It comes from an aldermanic committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair, believing that No. 6 on the calendar is before the Council by mistake, will rule the point of order well taken and will direct the clerk to transmit the paper to the City Clerk.

7. Whereas, The Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts through their President, William Endicott, filed with the Board a petition asking that certain restrictions upon land upon which the Museum of Fine Arts now stands, and land adjoining in the rear, might be revoked; and

Whereas, On October 16 this Board passed an order releasing said land from said restrictions, which order was concurred in by the Common Council on October 19, and

Whereas, The release of said restrictions was obtained upon the representation of the Trustees that the purpose in asking the release of the restrictions was that they might be enabled to secure the raising of money by mortgage on the property described in the petition to enable them to improve and extend the Museum of Fine Arts in its present location and now it appearing that this representation is not a fact, but that the Trustees have, or intend to, sell the entire property free from the restrictions and to remove the Museum of Fine Arts to another location.

Resolved, That the City Council condemn the method of securing the passage of said order and that we desire the opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to some means, if there be any, to secure the re-establishment of the restrictions.

Passed in concurrence. Mr. Watson of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

8. The preamble and order concerning the Franklin Fund, referred by this Council to the next City Council, came down non-concurred in said reference, the Board of Aldermen adhering to its former action in passing the same.

The question came on receding from former action and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I move that the Common Council adhere to its former action?

The question came on adhering to former action.

Mr. LOGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, the question of the distribution of the Franklin Fund has, to my mind, already been sufficiently discussed and the mem-

bers of this body already know what the opinion of their different constituencies is upon this question. I do not intend to say anything upon it tonight. The members all know my views and know the views of their constituencies. But I hope the Council will recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the Council saw fit at its last meeting to take this action. I sincerely trust that it will not now recede and concur with the Board of Aldermen. I trust that it will adhere to its former action. The reasons given the last time fully covered the question, and I sincerely trust that this body will adhere to its former action.

The question came on adhering to former action, and Mr. Logan of Wd. 14 asked that the roll be called.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the Council voted to adhere to former action, yeas 33, nays 19:—

Yeas—Atwood, Bennett, Brauer, Chamberlain, Collins, Cuddy, Curley, Donovan, Gibbons, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Kiley, Klemm, Linehan, Lorey, McInerney, Midram, Miller, Moore, Newhall, Peck, Roemer, Rolland, Sanderson, Stevens, Stone, Walker, Watson, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—33.

Nays—Badaracco, Bagley, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Connolly, Donahoe, Doyle, Giblin, Hickey, Kansanoff, Kelley, Leonard, Logan, Lydon, Mulcahy, Nangle, Simpson, Tobin—19.

Absent or not voting—Armistead, Battis, Bordman, Bradley, Casey, Doherty, Eddy, Emery, Fenton, Flynn, Horrigan, Johnson, Leftovich, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, Martin, O'Brien, Rice, Stockton, Sullivan, Sweeney, Turnbull—23.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### NON-PAYMENT OF FERRY EMPLOYEES.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 9, assignment, viz.:—

9. Mayor's message transmitting report of Superintendent of Streets concerning non-payment of ferry employees for time lost in attending encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Placed on file.

#### RELEASE OF LAND IN DORCHESTER.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 10, assignment, viz.:—

10. Report of Committee on Public Lands, on petition of R. A. Quimby and another, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to release to G. F. Pierce and Ralph A. Quimby all right, title and interest of the city of Boston in a parcel of land owned in fee by them, a part of a former way from Codman St., Dorchester, to land belonging to the city and situated easterly of the Shawmut Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad,—and to convey to said Pierce and Quimby paying to the city the sum of two hundred dollars, and releasing to the city all their right, title and interest to another part of said way, formerly leading from said Codman St. to land of the city, situated westerly of said railroad.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am certain that I have received no information upon this matter further than what we had at the last meeting. The language used here is very plain and is as follows (reading the order in full). Two hundred dollars—they are going to pay two hundred dollars for over three thousand square feet of land, and in addition to the two hundred dollars they are releasing to the city all their right, title and interest to another part of said way. I

don't know what part of "said way" they are going to give to the city, and I want to know what it is. I will say, as one member of the body, that if I do not receive more information than the order gives here I will vote against the order tonight. I don't know what information the member from Wd. 24 may give, but I hope he will give some, whatever it may be. I want to see my way clear.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24—Mr. President, it seems to me that, this matter having been assigned to this meeting from the last meeting, the members have had plenty of time to look into it, if they were not satisfied with the explanation I gave at the last meeting. I know nothing further to offer in the way of an explanation at this time. I think if the members had looked into it, after the information I gave them, they would have found out that what I said was all right and satisfactory and would have been ready to vote for the order today.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I am no wiser now in reference to the matter than I was when I spoke. Therefore, I move that the whole matter be referred to the next city government.

The question came on reference to the next city government.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be referred to the next city government. This is simply the question of the release of a right of way over some land that is owned by the city on one side of the Shawmut Branch of the Old Colony Railroad, and the release by Quimby and Pierce of another piece of land on the opposite side of the railway. In regard to the piece of land referred to, I think the sum two hundred dollars is enough to pay for it, as it is land close up to a railway, and cannot be used for any other purpose. For building purposes it would be of no use whatever. The land of these other parties adjoins it, and it would be of no use whatever except to these people. I think it is a fair price to pay for the land, and that the city is getting just as much as it gives to Quimby and Pierce.

The motion to refer to the next city government was lost.

The report was accepted and the order read a second time and passed. Mr. Hibbard of Wd. 24 moved to reconsider; lost.

#### COVE STREET EXTENSION.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 11, past assignment, viz.:

11. Preamble and resolve concerning Cove St. extension. (City Doc. 167.)

Passed in concurrence.

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING BATH DEPARTMENT.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 12, past assignment, viz.:

12. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Acting Secretary of the Bath Department, furnishing information requested in an order of the Common Council. (City Doc. 152.)

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I move that numbers 12 to 15 inclusive be taken up together and indefinitely postponed. (Objection was made.)

The PRESIDENT—Objection being made the President will direct the Clerk to read No. 12.

On motion of Mr. McInerney, No. 12 was indefinitely postponed.

#### SALE OF ESTATE IN CHARLESTOWN.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 13, past assignment, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to sell at public auction, or otherwise, the estate situated on Elm St., Charlestown, said estate having been abandoned by the School

Committee for school purposes, and surrendered to the said Street Commissioners to dispose of.

Passed in concurrence.

#### APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY.

The Council proceeded to take up Nos. 14 and 15, past assignments, viz.:

14. Ordered, That an additional appropriation of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars is hereby made to the Reserve Fund, the same to be met by the additional revenue estimated by the City Auditor under date of Oct. 18, in excess of his previous estimate of revenue.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the Clerk to transmit the paper to the City Clerk, the order having already gone into operation, in accordance with law.

15. Ordered, That the sum of one thousand (1000) dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Superintendent of Streets in asphaltting Harrison Ave., between Asylum and Davis Sts.; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct that that paper also be transmitted to the City Clerk upon the same basis.

#### LAND FOR RELIEF HOSPITAL.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25, for the Committee on Hospital Department, submitted a report on the order (referred Dec. 7) defining the limits of land in Haymarket Sq. to be used by the Hospital Department—recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

#### LAND AT FIRE HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 13, for the Committee on Fire Department, submitted a report on the order (referred Dec. 7) for the transfer of land on Bristol St. adjoining Fire Headquarters—recommending the passage of the order in concurrence.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

#### LAMP DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13, for the special committee, submitted the following:

The special committee of five members of the Common Council, appointed to investigate the Lamp Department, and also to inquire into the contract let out to the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company respectfully recommend reference to the next city government. Your committee have not had sufficient time in which to conduct a thorough investigation but consider the matter of such vital importance to the citizens and taxpayers that they feel justified in recommending a rigid investigation by the next City Council.

Your committee held a number of meetings and secured some facts in regard to this matter which we respectfully submit to the Common Council at this time. Mayor Quincy in his inaugural address, January 3, 1898, said "the experience of the last two years has decidedly strengthened my belief in the desirability, from many standpoints, of substituting the direct employment of labor for the contract system"—and what has he done? He has practically destroyed the Lamp Department, and let the entire work of the said department out to a foreign trust, which is making an effort to control all street lighting in this and other states, said contract being subversive to the fundamental principles of municipal ownership and the welfare of the city and the taxpayers. Thousands of dollars worth of property belonging to the city have been handed over to this corporation for an indefinite period, without the city receiving one dol-

lar compensation in return. The citizens and taxpayers are not prone to complain of the reasonable expenditure of the city's funds, but when the chief executive manipulates the finances of the city for the benefit of wealthy corporations it is high time for the taxpayers to enter a vigorous protest through their duly elected representatives, and if possible to prevent the appropriation of any more of the city's money until the matter has been thoroughly investigated. Your committee found on inquiry a number of names of men on the list of stockholders who did not own a dollar's worth of stock in the company, and owing to the fact that transfers of stock have not been properly recorded it is well nigh impossible to determine who really are the stockholders. This is, in the opinion of the committee, an effort to conceal the names of the real stockholders, and we deemed the matter of such importance that we called a public hearing, and requested the Mayor, the Supt. of Lamps and a number of stockholders to appear and give what information they could, but not a witness appeared. The Mayor and Supt. of Lamps furnished technical excuses, and their action cannot be too severely condemned by the City Council and the people in general. The name of William F. Brown appears on the list of stockholders, representing nearly 3000 shares, and he claims a residence in Cambridge, but we found on inquiry that his home is in Philadelphia and he represents the corporation in Boston. It is possible that in his name are carried the shares of men who do not desire their names to appear on the list of stockholders, and if so this effort to deceive the people deserves the severest censure.

In answer to an order of the Common Council the Superintendent of Lamps stated that the property of the Lamp Department was worth about \$500, notwithstanding the fact that he had received offers of thousands of dollars from parties who were desirous of securing some of the old lanterns. But these offers were ignored, and the property handed over to the corporation without one dollar being paid to the city in return, and now we find the company remodelling the city's lamps into boulevard lanterns, which by virtue of their contract they should furnish free of cost. Another important matter to be considered is that while the city may be receiving a little better light, though at a greatly increased cost, the use of the mantle on the lights is an economical appliance resulting in the saving of gas, thus benefiting the corporation, and your committee feel that the lights therefore should be furnished at a reduced rate.

However, the committee find that under the present laws the Mayor had the right to make this contract, and we recommend that the City Council secure some legislation to prevent unscrupulous Mayors from trading away the rights of the people in such a barefaced manner. We furnish the Common Council herewith a list of the stockholders secured from the Secretary of the State of Maine.

Your committee hope for a thorough investigation by next year's city government, and so respectfully recommend.

Frank J. Linehan,  
James A. Watson,  
David B. Chamberlain,  
Geo. O. Wood,  
William H. Cuddy.

The report was accepted. Mr. Watson moved to reconsider; lost.

#### ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. SANDERSON of Wd. 25, for Committee on Annual Dinner, submitted a report to the effect that arrangements had been completed.

Accepted.

#### RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF GEN. LAWTON.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 offered the following resolutions:—

Whereas, the nation has suffered a severe loss in the death of General Lawton while leading his troops in the Philippines, and

Whereas, the manner of his death is typical of the gallantry of the American soldier

Resolved, that the City Council of Boston extend its sympathy to his bereaved family in this their hour of sorrow.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Passed. Sent up.

#### SKATING, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. HARVEY of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to flood for skating purposes Franklin Field. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13 offered the following:—

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of Boston has heard of the magnificent struggle for independence and freedom from British tyranny which has been made by the Boer nation recently, and

Whereas, This representative branch of our City Government believes that the Boers ought to be a free nation, be it

Resolved, That this Council congratulate President Kruger and his people on their many successes already achieved and that we further hope the war will end with the complete victory for the Boer arms.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to President Kruger.

The question came on giving the resolutions a second reading.

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, as this is the last meeting of this year's City Council, I made up my mind to introduce at this time, and to try to place this representative body on record as being in favor of liberty, of freedom, for all mankind. We have been struggling in this Council the entire year. There has been a very peculiar combination between all of the Republicans and a few Democrats. We have been struggling for liberty. When I say "liberty" I mean political liberty. And today, in South Africa, there is a nation of people struggling for liberty—for political liberty. And, Mr. President, I think at this time, after a year's struggle by this body, this small, but, I believe, truly representative body of the common people, would do nothing more than right if they put themselves on record as being in favor of liberty. I believe that there a number of people in the Council Chamber today who are not—(laughter)—

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I am sorry to see the members of the City Council, duly elected representatives of the people, making practically fools of themselves on the floor of the Common Council. As I said, Mr. President, my interest at this time is to place the City Council on record as being in favor of the freedom of those people. Boston, the home of Hancock, the home of Paine, the home of Otis, the home of Samuel Adams—I don't mean John Adams, but Samuel Adams—and the home of General Warren, this grand old city where was born and uttered the sentiments of the freedom of this great American nation! We have in this city today the cradle of American liberty, Faneuil Hall. On Washington St. stands a building which covers the spot where the old elm stood. Boston has produced more than her share of the world's great patriots, and I think that the least that the members of this

Council can do is to go on record as being in favor of a band of patriots. We find England today at her old game, of which she is a past master of the art, of subduing and depriving people of their rights and of their liberty. England, according to the history of the world, is the enemy of civilization. Her methods are peculiar ones, but, nevertheless, they are conducted and carried on on a business principle. Her first emissaries are missionaries who, with the Bible in their hands, convince the natives, the uneducated natives, of whatever country they might wish to subdue, that all they want in this life is the Lord. After the missionaries have opened the road, then come the traders. They give them the Lord, but they take everything else; and then, in the name of commerce, in the name of humanity, to save those traders and those missionaries, England sends her soldiers—and we know what the result has been. England's work in India—working on the superstition of the people there—and her actions, do not need any condemnation from me at this time. We find the results of the Indian mutiny, and what they did at that time. We find the blowing of the Sepoys from the guns. It is the belief of the Sepoys that he who is dismembered and cut to pieces in this world has no hereafter, and England, to deprive those people of that right, which they hoped to get after they left this life, blew them from the guns, and blew them in pieces, in order to deprive them of that right, and to deprive them of it in the eyes of the others.

Today in India England's civilization can be seen by the whole wide world. We find there a million people starving. India is ravaged by a famine today. England, the grand civilizer, with her very peculiar policies, is responsible for the condition of India today. In London, in about one square mile, are controlled the finances of the whole wide world, and they, the stock jobbers, the men who read the markets, the men who manipulate the finances, are the men who are responsible for the war in the Transvaal today. They go there in the name of civilization. They are after the gold, the diamonds, and the wealth of the country—not the welfare of the people. Those men, who control the wealth of the whole wide world, when the brave soldiers have been sent to the front, never go along with them. The fortunes of war are against them, and not only that, but the fair name and the records of the past lives of those brave men are stigmatized by these men. At present in this country today there is a certain number of people trying to work up a friendly feeling between this country and England. Gentlemen of the Council, they are making an effort to insert the thin end of the wedge. That is what is to be done, and the driving home of the wedge means an Anglo-Saxon alliance between this country and England. An alliance between this country and England means the defeat of England's enemies. England is the greatest enemy that this country has. We must not forget that England owns Canada and owns both sides of the St. Lawrence River. If England had a combination with a European power she would land one hundred thousand men in Canada, and nothing would stop them from going through the country. If we stop to consider that in the late war we had fifty thousand men on our own at Tampa or Chickamauga without uniforms and drilling with sticks, I am sure that in the present state of affairs it would be impossible in this country to resist 100,000 trained troops. England realizes that her colonial, financial and all her other interests, conflict with the interests of the European powers, and if she had a war today she would have to have a base of supplies. A base of supplies means that England can have a place to draw from, to buy food, to buy arms, to buy anything she wants, and the object

of that is that England being a non-producer herself, if she were cut off from a base of supplies, would need her army at home to take care of England, and let the Transvaal to subdue a body of patriotic people. After fifty years of fighting, we find England today facing the only civilized troops she has forced for half a century. And what is the result? What a difference between fighting the poor Dervishes. What a difference between the campaign in Zululand, when the Prince Imperial wrote home, "Oh, what a delight!" "I am day after day chasing fleet-footed Zulu spies over the hills!"

And what became of the Prince Imperial? Chasing fleet-footed Zulus fine, men who were fighting with spears against England and her trained soldiers with their machine guns. They were deprived of their rights, and England today is trying to do the same thing over again. The people of the Transvaal and the South African Republic look upon the English the same as the people of this country look upon the Chinese. If there were no restriction upon the immigration of the Chinese, what would be the result in this country? You would have forty or fifty million Chinese here in a short period of time. You would have very little to say about the men you sent to Congress, the man whom you elected for president. If they were citizens of this country they would carry everything with a sweep. Everything would be carried by the vote of the Chinese. And if the Boers did not restrict the English in the franchise, today the English would flood the country, get the franchise, carry the halls of legislation and make the Transvaal what the Boers are fighting against having it made. We find England sending her best soldiers to the Transvaal. Her best generals have been defeated one after the other,—defeated by men who are farmers, Boers. The word "Boer" means "farmer,"—men who love their homes, men who are fighting for their families, fighting for their country, and fighting for the land which they have tilled. The Boers have been driven from Cape Colony to Natal, from Natal to the Transvaal. The Transvaal was, when they got there, a vast wilderness, but they have made it blossom like a bed of roses. England wants that. That is her way. By what right? We find Rooerts and Kitchener going to the Transvaal. Kitchener! Do you know what he has done? It is fresh in the minds of the members of this Council. He is fresh from a slaughter of the Dervishes. His slaughter of the Dervishes has made the British people forever grateful to Kitchener. On the blood-stained pages of English history is written the same thing over and over again—people fighting for what the colonists of this country fought for. In the Old State House, members of the Council who go there will read what is said on the tablets in the old Council Chamber. You will find recorded there acts identically the same as what are being carried out in the Transvaal today. It occurs to me, Mr. President, at this time that I remember reading about the father of our American Navy, old John Barry. He met with two vessels, war ships, which were minions of the Crown, and when hailed by them: "Who are you?" he said:—

"This is the ship Alliance, from Philadelphia town,  
And boldly bids defiance to England's  
King and crown.  
As captain on her deck I stand, to guard  
her well and true,  
Half Yankee and half Irishman, what  
tyrant's slave are you?"

If those were the words of the father of this grand American Navy, I say that his sentiments should be the sentiments of the Common Council of Boston. I sincerely hope that the resolution will pass. The question came on giving the resolution a second reading.

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I am sure that the Council has listened with much interest to the exposition and

the arguments of the gentleman who has just taken his seat. This is a matter, it seems to me, that requires careful consideration on our part, since the action we take at this time may have a very far-reaching effect. If, for instance, this resolution is passed, we cannot conceive of the effect that it may have upon the success of the British arms. It may result, gentlemen, in the British becoming so discouraged that they will immediately lay down their arms. A body of the character of the Boston Common Council passing a resolution of this sort will stun the world and will, possibly, perhaps have some effect which may be deeply regretted by the members of this Council. But, gentlemen, I agree with what the gentleman who has just taken his seat has said with regard to the character of this body. The remarks that I have just made, although in a light vein, I would not have interpreted to mean that I would in any way depreciate or speak lightly of the character of the body. This body, as a municipal body, I want to say right here, that I regard as one which should have the respect of all the citizens of Boston, and which has my respect. During the deliberations of the past year I have observed a marked dignity in this body, and I want to say that, comparing it with what I had been led to expect before I came here, I was very pleasantly disappointed. Things which I heard, things which I had read before I came to be a representative of my ward in this body, had led me to believe that affairs were not always conducted here on as high a plane as they should be. Now, I shall be very much disappointed if tonight I shall see repeated the little funny tricks and jokes, practical jokes, which I understand has been customary at the closing session of each year previously—or, at least, for a great many years. I think that these things are thoughtlessly done. They are funny without doubt, but I think that we all, on consideration, will believe and will come to the conclusion that they are out of place in a legislative body in the city of Boston. We are not met here in this chamber for that purpose. Speaking more directly to the order, I want to say that I think we have here touched upon a matter that is entirely beyond the province of this body; and, Mr. President, I would respectfully move the indefinite postponement of the resolution.

The question came on indefinite postponement.

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11—Mr. President and Members of the Council: I hope that this order will be indefinitely postponed. I have listened with much interest to the gentleman from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan), and believe him to be perfectly honest and sincere in the remarks he has made and the resolution he has chosen. But I think it is a resolution that we have no right to pass. I have known little of the Boer government until it had its great difficulty with the great empire of England, and since that difficulty has commenced I have great respect for them, but I have equally great respect and love for the British Empire. Who was our friend during our recent trouble with Spain—the greatest friend we had? I feel that it would be unwise for the United States government and for the government of the State of Massachusetts or of the municipality of Boston, or for any other representative body of our people, to take any stand by passing resolutions and sympathizing with one side or the other. It is their quarrel, and I don't believe it is our place at this time to mix up or take part in resolutions favoring one side or the other.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President and fellow members, I am not prepared to make a speech which will compare with those made by either of the three gentlemen who have preceded me, but I am prepared to give my reasons in favor of the resolution. In the first place, ever since I have been able to take care of myself—and it has been a great many

years—at any time when I have seen a big fellow doing something to a little fellow it has been my desire to go in and help the little fellow. That is just my position with reference to these resolutions tonight. The gentleman in this division (Mr. Walker) refers to what the resolution might bring about. He says it may bring about the laying down of arms by England. Let me say to him in all sincerity that the way things are going in the Transvaal today that, considering the way things are going there today, if England does not lay down her arms, they will mighty soon be taken away from her by the Transvaal heroes.

Mr. President, and fellow members, I am only sorry that this matter comes in here at the closing day of the session. I believe it should be given more consideration by this body. I, for one, am as jolly and as good natured as any member here, and after the session is over I will join heartily in fun with any of the members. But I do sincerely trust—those who are here, Democrats and Republicans, those in the ante room, will come forward and vote on this resolution tonight as their hearts dictate. I am satisfied that 95 per cent. of the members of this body and of the spectators here are in sympathy with the noble heroes in the Transvaal today, those who are fighting against oppression and persecution, who are being fought by the meanest nation on earth—the nation, as our friend said, who was our friend in the late war. But was she our friend in the Civil War, when we needed her just as much? I say, no! I am not up at all in history, but I am well up in fair play, and I want to say that I believe that in the hearts of 95 per cent. of the members of this body there is sympathy for those in the Transvaal. I sincerely trust that every member here will vote for the resolution, and that the vote will be taken standing. I hope every member will rise and will at least give some assistance to Oom Paul, with a resolution from the Hub of the Universe wishing him success.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 3—Mr. President, as extensive as is the subject under discussion, I think it has been most eloquently and ably gone into by my colleague from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan). I was a little surprised at the gentleman in the first division when he stood up and said he hoped the matter would be postponed, from a fear that the effect of this resolution passing here tonight might be that the English soldiers would lay down their arms. That had never occurred to me. I have anticipated that it might encourage in some little degree President Kruger and his associates; but, now that the gentleman has that fear, and has expressed it, say "Amen" to it, and hope that the resolutions will be passed, and hope that they will strike terror into the hearts of the English soldiers, and that they will have some effect on their laying down their arms in South Africa. I hope that the motion to indefinitely postpone these resolutions will not be adopted, but that the resolutions will be passed tonight.

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, it is interesting to note the irony of the gentleman on my left, and also the sentiments expressed by the gentleman in the fourth division. It is unfortunate at this time that a resolution of this kind cannot carry more weight.

The Congress of the United States has not yet passed any resolution upon this matter. Perhaps the cause of their hesitation is criticism of the entire world for our actions in the far East. But that, nevertheless, does not hinder us from extending the sympathy of Boston to the people of Pretoria, to the people of the African Boer Republic, who are making the same fight for republican institutions as the human race in this country made just 125 years ago. It is the same old story, Mr. President,—The lust for power, the acquisition of wealth on the part of the great, and their desire to gobble up and devour the poor and the weak. We can re-

call Dr. Jameson's raid of a few years ago under the desire of a benevolent and philanthropic motive. The real motive, Mr. President, was the seizure of certain gold and diamond fields at that time,—the same spirit that animated the power behind them when they went down to British Guiana and tried to steal, tried to grab, a little strip of land bordering on a strip between that country and Venezuela.

But they had to show their hand then, and they may have to show their hand today, before this contest is over. That same greed for gold animates the English people in their contest today at the Modder River. Before gold's superior charms the delight of freedom falls. The needy sells it, and the rich man buys. That is what bring them up against, as General Miles says, white people today in the South African Boer Republic. A half a dozen of their best generals have been sent down there, to no avail. The flower of English chivalry meets today on the banks of the Modder and at Colenso, the same sturdy yeomanrace, that they met at Concord Bridge 125 years ago, when the Americans fired that shot that was heard around the world. I sometimes think that the seed of that fight for liberty was sown in darkest Africa, and that it has taken root, that it has been killed by those who went into the Transvaal some years ago under certain agreements entered into by the English Government. When they erected a government of their own, in 1854, England made certain stipulated agreements with them; and today she has broken them, and why? England in this matter denies the right, the supreme authority, of a nation to make laws governing itself. No nation could come over here, and no set of individuals could band together today in this country and try and force congress to extend the franchise to foreigners.

And that is what England has been trying to do in South Africa—as if the Boers did not have the right to say how long an alien should live in their country before they should be admitted to citizenship! It is the same old story, the same bullying process; but their bluff has been called today, Mr. President. They have not been up against a white man since 1854. They have had to do with the poor Hindoos. The poor Hindoos had never cultivated the art or science of war, but had cultivated and fitted themselves with their religion, and that left them an easy mark to a modernly equipped nation like England. In their feeble efforts to maintain their supremacy, while superior in numbers, they fell before the modern rifles, being armed with nothing but cheap spears. The victory of the Sepoys is the same, and the history of the nation just across the channel from England tells the story today, tells the story of a nation that within fifty years has been almost depopulated, half of its population having gone away. And why? There has not been the opportunity there, owing to the land being owned by government. She has put her troops into that soil, into that government, and they have had nothing to do but overcome defenceless men, defenceless women and defenceless children. That has been the policy of that country for the past fifty years or one hundred years. But, today Mr. President, to repeat, she is up against men such as she never dreamed of, and the Modder River furnishes a second Bunker Hill. My honest wish is may it go on. May 1900 see this Boer Republic established an independent republic! Now, republics seem to care very little for each other at times. It would seem as if a vote of sympathy from this body, or even from this country or from other countries, to the Boer republic would be in order. But it is a different spirit that governs nations today. It is a different spirit. Lombard Street governs this contest. As one paper says: "The world of finance rules, and the thief is the jaller." I hope this contest will end with

the complete independence of the Boer Republic, so that Columbia may shake hands with her South African sister nation in the future.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I was unaware that the gentleman in the third division was to introduce his resolution this afternoon, and I was also surprised to see one of my Republican friends get up on the floor and move to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

When I introduced resolutions in sympathy with the Filipinos it was also a Republican member of this Council who got up on the floor and moved the indefinite postponement of those resolutions. The Republicans, if they keep on, will place themselves before the eyes of the public, before the eyes of the people of this country, as being as they have always been, opposed to the advancement of humanity. One gentleman in this division has seen fit to say that England was our ally in the late war with Spain. Our war with Spain was one of humanity. When we went to Cuba and tried to extricate the Cubans from the hand of Spain, we found England then our supposed ally; but I tell you, gentlemen, that if there had been a chance for England to nail us at that time, she would have done it. England knew what she was coming to, and it was for that reason that she was our pretended ally at that time, because she expected the support of the American nation in the war that she has engaged in now. She knows she is at war with the whole world—not the people of India and of South Africa alone, but she is at war with the whole world, and I think she is on the eve of her downfall. Now, Mr. President, the gentleman who has brought about this war, is Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary of England. Possibly some of you have read the interview of that gentleman with a Post reporter some few years ago—I think it was December 8th, 1896. At that time, when visiting down to his father-in-law's house in Salem, he made a dirty-minded, low, bigotted statement that it made such an impression on me that it can never be driven out of my mind. It was at the time of the Venezuelan boundary dispute between this country and England, and it was supposed by some of the leading people in this country that when he came here, he came with the intention of settling that dispute. This Post reporter asked him particularly as to the Irish cause. He said that Ireland was better off than any one of the British possessions. He said, and laid particular stress upon it, that the news concerning Ireland that was given to our American people came through Irish and Roman Catholic channels, and that for that reason the people of this country were in ignorance of the real state of affairs in Ireland, and that they never thought enough of the cause to send broad-minded journalists across the water to find out for themselves. He also told this reporter that if he wanted to find out the real facts concerning Ireland, he would advise him to go over to Belfast, the old, established seat of Orangism in Ireland, to find out from the broad-minded people of Belfast how the Irish cause really stood—the people whom he said very much resembled us Americans. Well, I doubt if any Orangeman that ever lived resembles an American in any shape or form as respects creed or belief. Mr. President, I am not prepared to say anything in reference to this matter which is under discussion. Everything that has been said by the gentleman in the fourth division is but the stern truth. We all saw the Globe of a few days ago, and saw the interview which its representative had with President Steyn, of South Africa. We understand the condition of affairs there, and I am surprised that any republican member, regardless of party, should get up here on the floor and oppose these resolutions, for they are humane resolutions. I hope that they will pass unanimously.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I want to say that I am surprised at the action of the gentleman in the third division. I had heard of the intention of my colleague from Wd. 13 (Mr. Linehan) to introduce the resolutions, and I made it my business to inquire of many of the members how they felt in regard to it. I was of the opinion, after consulting with a majority of the republican members, that there would be no opposition to it; but it seems that as soon as my friend from Wd. 25 (Mr. Walker) stood up and moved indefinite postponement, there was a hurry-flurry of republican members, and an endeavor to make it a party measure, an effort to get enough votes to defeat it. Now, this is a matter of not a great deal of importance to the Common Council, to the country at large, or, in fact, to the Boers. It might aid them a little, and give them some slight comfort. I regard it as simply an act of charity on the part of a people who are not oppressed toward those who are oppressed. The position of the Boers is what our position was in the early days of this country, when we were fighting for freedom. We would have been very glad to have had some friendly nation, or some representative government of a friendly nation, say to us: "We are in sympathy with you. Keep up your fight." I believe we should be charitable in this matter. The republican government at Washington has not gone on record up to the present time. There is no precedent on the part of the republicans for opposing a resolution in favor of the Boers. The Boers are oppressed, and the republican members know it as well as I do. While at first, I myself thought the resolutions were somewhat premature and superfluous, I believe that they might do some good, and that we are doing nothing more than right, and nothing more than what is our duty toward a nation like the Boers when we pass this resolution. When we do so, I believe we will have done something of which we can be proud. I sincerely hope that the resolution will not be indefinitely postponed, but that it will be passed, and that the republican members will not make a party measure of this, there is absolutely no ground for doing so, in my opinion. There is no possible reason why the republicans should be arrayed on one side or the other. During the past year various members of the democratic party have allied themselves with the republicans, when they have believed that they were in the right. We have not known party lines in many cases in the Council this year. I believe that we should not divide on party lines now, on a petty matter like this. I was afraid of a contest between the republicans and the democrats. I heard some one suggest that there might be such a contest. From the investigations which I made, I was led to hope, however, that there would be no contest, and I wish that it might be possible for them to withdraw their objections and to allow this resolution to go upon its passage.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14.—Mr. President, I believe that there has been enough discussion on this matter now, and I move you, sir, the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. WALKER of Wd. 25.—Mr. President, that motion will cut off the motion to indefinitely postpone, I understand?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion for the previous question cuts off the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. WALKER—Then, Mr. President, I am opposed to the motion for the previous question. I may express, in turn, my surprise that the gentleman in the third division should attempt to bring into this question party motives. I will say that I was not informed that this measure was to be introduced here tonight, and I will

say, furthermore, that I have not consulted a single one of my fellow Republicans in regard to this matter. When I arose here tonight, I arose on an impulse that was entirely my own. I felt that something had been introduced here with which this body had no concern. I declined to enter at all into the merits of the measure. I did not take either side. I simply said I did not consider that it was the province of this body to go into the matter at all. It was for that reason that I made my motion to indefinitely postpone the matter, and it is for that reason that I adhere to that motion. I hope that there will not be a line up between the parties, and I do not expect that there will be. Every man is going to vote upon this measure as he believes is right. We are not going to vote upon the merits of the resolution, either. My position is simply a technical one, that we should throw this out of consideration, for the reason that it does not belong to us.

The PRESIDENT—The time allowed the gentleman for debate having expired, the Chair will ask him to yield the floor. The question before the house, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I want to say that I sincerely trust that the main question will not be put. This is the closing session of the year. It is the final session where we can blow hot air, and for that reason I sincerely hope that we will have that privilege given to us tonight. I want to say to the Republican members of this body that I do not feel that this is a party measure, and that I do not feel that they are making it a party measure. I know of Republican members of this body who intend to vote in favor of this resolution, unless they vote against their consciences. I know that, because they have expressed their opinions to me, and I wish to say that if they vote opposite, I will publicly tell them so. I want to say, further, that there are many members in the ante room—and for the benefit of the spectators and of this body in general, I want to say they were talking over where they were going next year, because they have been defeated in the past caucuses (laughter). Now, I want to say that I know of Republicans who intend to vote for this measure, and I understand, on the other hand, that some Democrats intend to vote against it, because their consciences so dictate. There is no line up here between Republicans and Democrats. I trust that there will not be one single member of this body who will dodge when the vote is taken, but that each member will vote according to his conscience—and, if so, there will be less than six votes against the measure, by official reckoning on my part (laughter).

Mr. LINEHAN of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, before the main question is put I would like to define my position properly. I do not care who votes against this resolution. I don't care if the entire Council votes against it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair at this time desires to state that he has allowed a little more latitude than strict parliamentary procedure would tolerate in discussing the main question. The question before the house, "Shall the main question be now put," and debate upon this main question itself is not in order.

Mr. LINEHAN—I only desire to say, Mr. President, that I will not appeal to a member of the Council to vote for it.

Mr. DONAHOE of Wd. 14 moved that the vote on ordering the main question be taken by the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the main question was ordered—yeas 39, nays 18:—

Yeas—Battis, Bennett, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Fenton, Gibbons, Giblin, Hickey, Horigan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovich, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, McInerney, Mildram, Miller, Moore,

Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Sanderson, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Watson—39.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Brauer, Chamberlain, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Martin, Peck, Rolland, Simpson, Stevens, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—18.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Bradley, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Flynn, Johnson, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, O'Brien, Rice, Roemer, Stockton, Sullivan, Turnbull—18.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty-nine members having voted in the affirmative and eighteen in the negative, it is a vote, and the main question is ordered. The question is now on the passage of the resolve.

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move that when the vote is taken it be taken by yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the resolution was passed—yeas 35, nays 22.—

Yeas—Bennett, Brennan, Broderick, Carroll, Casey, Collins, Connolly, Cuddy, Curley, Doherty, Donahoe, Donovan, Fenton, Gibbons, GIBLIN, Hickey, Horrigan, Kasanof, Kelley, Kiley, Klemm, Leftovith, Leonard, Linehan, Logan, Lydon, Martin, McInerney, Mulcahy, Nangle, Newhall, Stone, Sweeney, Tobin, Watson—35.

Nays—Armistead, Atwood, Bagley, Batis, Brauer, Chamberlain, Harvey, Hibbard, Howard, Jordan, Mildram, Miller, Moore, Peck, Rolland, Sanderson, Simpson, Stevens, Walker, Wells, Winsloe, Wood—22.

Absent or not voting—Badaracco, Bordman, Bradley, Doyle, Eddy, Emery, Flynn, Johnson, Lorey, MacDonald, Madden, Mansfield, O'Brien, Rice, Roemer, Stockton, Sullivan, Turnbull—18.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to have the roll of the members called at the present time.

Mr. LINEHAN—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the last vote, hoping it will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say it is in order to ask a roll call at any time.

Mr. WATSON—Mr. President, I would like to move that the roll of the members present be called at the present time. Certain members have dodged on that vote, and I would like to see them recorded.

Mr. Linehan's motion to reconsider was lost.

#### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council minutes of 1899 to be bound in the usual manner, and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1899, each new member of the City Council of 1900 and each head of the principal departments with one copy of same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings. Passed. Sent up.

#### CITY DOCUMENTS.

Mr. WELLS of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1899 and each of the heads of the principal departments with one set each of the City Documents for 1899, when completed and bound.

At this point there was a disturbance in the Council Chamber.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he believes that there are members of the Council who are instigating disorder at this meeting today, and if they continue the Chair will direct the City Messenger to remove them from the Chamber. The order was passed. Sent up.

#### BYRON ST. SCHOOL.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take the necessary steps for building and furnish-

ing a school in the vicinity of Byron St., Wd. 1, as the same is of great necessity. Referred to the next city government.

#### PAYMENT OF FERRY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Ferries be requested to pay the members of the G. A. R. who are employed on ferries who attended the encampment at Philadelphia for time lost while away, in accordance with an order passed by the City Council earlier in the present year.

The question came on giving the order second reading.

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1—Mr. President, since last Thursday night I have found that the members of the G. A. R. who work on the ferry are the only ones in the City who have not received their pay for the time lost while in Philadelphia. There are thirty-nine members of the Grand Army working on the ferry, and there were twelve who went to the encampment. Four went during their vacation, and of course they received their pay; but the balance have not received a cent, and they were not told beforehand whether they would get their pay or not. When they took that trip they were in hopes of getting their pay, through an order introduced into the Board of Aldermen by Alderman Barry, and I think the only reason they have not got it is on account of the Superintendent of Ferries. He seems to have taken the matter into his own hands and is keeping their pay from them. The order was read a second time and passed. Sent up.

#### SPITTING IN THEATRE.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the regulation of the Board of Health prohibiting spitting in public places to be enforced in the Palace Theatre in this city. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### SKATING, COMMONWEALTH PARK

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to flood for skating purposes Commonwealth Park, South Boston. Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

#### PAYMENT TO READING CLERK.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to Joseph O'Kane the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for his services as reading clerk for the Common Council during the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the several joint standing and special committees of this City Council be referred to the next City Council. Passed. Sent up.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the several standing and special committees of this Common Council be referred to the next city government.

Passed.

#### WOODEN BUILDING.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, for Mr. Simpson of Wd. 1, offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be authorized to grant a permit to William F. Seaver to build a shed in the rear of 49 Putaw St., Wd. 1, said building to be built outside of the building limits.

Referred to His Honor the Mayor.

## CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. HIBBARD of Wd. 24 offered the following:—

Whereas, the Common Council of 1899, having completed the work intrusted to it by its constituents, desires to express to its presiding officer its appreciation of the manner in which he has conducted its proceedings, it is therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Daniel J. Kiley, Esq., for the extraordinary ability with which he has performed his duties, as President of the Common Council during the present year, for his fidelity in attending the meetings, and for his courtesy and consideration toward us all; we assure him that we will bear pleasant memories of our happy association with him, and we trust that his future career may be both happy and prosperous.

The resolutions were read a second time, and the question came on their passage.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Wd. 12 said:—

Mr. Clerk, it is with great pleasure that I rise here today to second the resolutions presented by the gentleman from Wd. 24 (Mr. Hibbard) and to express my deep appreciation of the kind and courteous treatment accorded me by the presiding officer of this body during the past year. It has been a source of great satisfaction to me that the combination formed early in the year has held together throughout the year, with scarcely a break. To you, Mr. Clerk, and to your assistant, Mr. McLaughlin, I offer my heartfelt thanks for many kindnesses rendered; to the City Messenger and Messrs. Silloway, Murphy, Robinson, Mooney and Sullivan, his assistants; to the Clerk of Committees, Mr. Dever, and his assistants, Messrs. Doyle and Hurlley; to the City Clerk, Mr. Galvin and his assistant, Mr. Priest, and to all heads of departments with whom I have come in contact during my two years in this body—I offer my heartfelt thanks for courtesies extended to me on all occasions. The press has treated me very kindly, and, on the whole, has been most charitable in its criticisms. No man can find fault with an honest criticism, especially when the columns of the press are open at all times for a man to express his views. I wish especially to thank as representatives of the press in this body, Messrs. Richmond, Richardson, Ross, O'Callaghan, O'Connell, Holden and White, for the many courtesies extended me throughout the year. I assure you, gentlemen, that if the opportunity ever offers I shall be most happy to return the favor.

To you, my fellow members of the Common Council, I render thanks for the attention, support and respect you have shown me during the past year. You may, perhaps, at times have thought that my methods were a little harsh, but, believe me, when I say that my motive was always the public good and the best interests of good government, I have never intentionally injured any man's feelings and I trust that I take the good wishes of all with me upon my retirement from this body. Gentlemen, the good old ship of the Common Council of 1899 is on its last tack. Its sails are filled with the freshening breeze, and every moment brings it near to port. Some of you will take passage upon the same ship, rechristened and renamed "The Common Council of 1900." Others have taken their last sail and will either, like myself, retire to private life or ascend still higher the political ladder. This is probably the last time that my voice will ever be heard in this chamber as a member of the lower branch of the Boston City Government, and, using Byron's words, let me say:—

"Farewell, a word that must be and hath been!  
A sound which makes us linger—yet, farewell!"  
(Applause).

Mr. STEVENS of Wd. 11 said:—

Mr. Clerk, I wish to say just a few words. I am in hearty accord with the resolution offered by the gentleman in the third division, and I hope it will be passed without a dissenting vote. I wish to thank the president of the body for his courteous and fair treatment of me during the twelve months I have had the privilege of sitting under his rulings. I wish to thank all the heads of departments and their assistants, and the representatives of the press, for the courteous treatment I have received. (Applause.)

Mr. WATSON of Wd. 18, said:—

Mr. Clerk I desire also to express my thanks to the President of this body, to the Clerk and his assistants, to the City Messenger and his assistants, and some heads of departments. (Laughter.) I desire also to thank the representatives of the press, because I believe that they have sometimes stretched things for me (laughter); and I only hope that when I go to the Legislature the press there will at least give me a slice of the fair treatment I have received from the press of City Hall. I believe, in fact, that my success in politics lies at their door, and that they have ever been willing to help me and to advertise me as a freak throughout the whole of New England. (Laughter.) Their advertisements of me in the daily papers of Boston have brought the price of tickets to the legislature up fifty per cent. (Laughter.) But, in all seriousness, leaving old friends, I regret exceedingly the fact that I am to part with you with and against whom I have voted many times this past year. Many members of this body have had their little notions and have stuck by them. I have had mine. The member from Wd. 12 (Mr. Chamberlain), a republican member, speaks of a combination. While I know nothing of that combination, I do want to say that I hope and trust the Council of 1900 will end as harmoniously as the Council of 1899 has. (Applause.)

Mr. NANGLE of Wd. 19 said:—

Mr. Clerk, while I rise in favor of this resolution, I simply rise at this time to thank the City Messenger, the Deputy City Messenger and all his assistants. I will say that any time when I have gone into the City Messenger's office and asked a favor I was received kindly. There are times when you ask for a favor and get it in such a manner that after receiving it you are sorry you asked for it. I will say that at any time when I have asked a favor of the City Messenger's office, I have received it and have felt that I was welcome to it. I also wish to thank the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Committees and their assistants, and not to forget the Clerk of the Common Council. While I am about to leave the Council—not to come back for a year certainly,—I wish to say that I have enjoyed myself more in the Council of 1899 than in any of the rest of my four years' service. I must say that the members of the Council of 1899 have been as bright a lot of young men as I have had the pleasure of serving with. I will simply conclude now by wishing you all a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. DONOVAN of Wd. 7 said:—

Mr. Clerk and fellow members of the Common Council of 1899, it is with regret that I leave you, because I have had a good time here. I have served two years in the Common Council, and during those two years—especially this year—I have made, as I think, a great many friends among the members. I hope the same friendly relations that I have enjoyed during the past year will be continued in the future. I wish to thank all the employees in City Hall for favors they have done for me during the past year. I wish also to thank the members for their kind consideration. There is one thing that I must go back to—and that is, the election of a President, at the first of the

year. We know that there was quite a fight for the presidency, and I was one of the many who were dubbed Filipinos for taking a stand as my conscience dictated. At that time I voted for Daniel J. Kiley as presiding officer of this body. I knew that he had ability; I knew that he had intelligence. I knew that he was a good parliamentarian and would make a good presiding officer. But that was not why I voted for Mr. Kiley. It was because he was opposed by the now defunct Board of Strategy. They came to me and they threatened me. They said "If you vote for Kiley it means your political death," and I told them they would find me on the battle ground when they came to whip me. They came down to Wd. 7 with their orators, their fireworks, their bands and their money. They told the people that I was a republican, and that I was not fit to hold public office. But when the caucuses were held, and when election day came around, the good people of the old South Cove ward stood up and gave me a large majority over the Board of Strategy's candidate, and it was easily to be seen then that the people of Wd. 7 would take no gold bricks from the Board of Strategy.

I think the vote I cast on inauguration day for Mr. Kiley was the greatest vote I ever cast in this Council. I wish to say that I deem it a great honor to have voted for Mr. Kiley, and instead of hurting me politically it benefited me, because the people of Wd. 7 said that they wanted a man who could not be led around with a halter or tied hand and foot, at the dictation of anybody. If that was what the Board of Strategy called "democracy" I was not a democrat, because I will never allow anybody to tie me hand and foot and make me do anything against my will, my conscience, and the people of my ward. I wish you all good luck in the future, and a Happy New Year. (Applause).

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8 said:—

Mr. Clerk, it is with pleasure that I rise to second the resolution before this body. I wish to congratulate our President on the success he has had in presiding over the body. Personally, I wish to thank him for the favors and courtesies he has shown me during the past year. To the Clerk of the Common Council and his assistants, to the Clerk of Committees and his assistants, to the City Messenger and his assistants, to the City Clerk and his assistants, and to representatives of the press I wish to return my sincere thanks for favors shown to me during the past two years. Mr. Clerk, at this time I wish every success in their undertakings to the members of the body, whether in political or private life; and I wish you all a Happy New Year. (Applause).

Mr. ARMISTEAD of Wd. 11 said:—

Mr. Clerk, permit me at this time to add just a word in support of the resolution. If you can imagine a man of the most amiable, manly disposition, with a temper seldom if ever ruffled by the most trying circumstances, a tendency to act solely from conclusions reached by the head without permitting impulse to have any share in governing his actions, and at the same time a fighter in the best meaning of the term, that man is Daniel J. Kiley, President of the Common Council. (Applause.) At the doors of the Republican members of this Council, I believe lies the responsibility of his election. We have nothing to regret. I believe that he has filled the bill to the letter. While I have no desire to intrude upon your time by making any extended remarks complimentary to our President, I feel it my duty to thank him for all the privileges which I have received at his hands.

The Clerk of the Common Council and his aids, the City Messenger, the Clerk of Committees, and, in fact, all the officers of the Council, I desire to thank for whatever favors I have received at their hands,

and before closing my attention is riveted to the press, the gentlemen in the rear of this room—the men of influence. To those men who chronicle the news I acknowledge my indebtedness, and I seize this opportunity, gentlemen, to thank you from the depths of my heart. Without saying anything further, I reluctantly part with those who will not be with us next year. Being one of the fortunate, I shall be here next year. To those who will not be here, I wish all the good luck possible, and all success and prosperity in the year to come that they can possibly have. (Applause).

Mr. HICKEY of Wd. 2 said:—

Mr. Clerk, in closing tonight my two years' service in the city government, I feel I might be permitted to say just a few words upon this resolution. I wish to say to the members of this Council that there is nothing in particular, as they know, for which I have to thank our worthy president, unless it be my appointment to the Committee on Cemeteries, or something of that kind; but I wish to say that although I have not one word that I have uttered in the past to retract, and although I have no apologies at all to make to any members of this body, I still wish to assure the president of the Council and every member of this body that I harbor no ill will and no hard feelings toward them. I may have at times raised the ire of those opposed to me in this body, but I wish to say that whatever I said and whatever I did in this body was said or done with a firm conviction that I was acting in the right. It is for that reason that, as I said, I do not retreat a single bit from any position I ever assumed. Nevertheless, as I have stated, I am most emphatically in favor of the adoption of the resolution. The gentleman from Wd. 7 said that he was glad to be with Mr. Kiley on inauguration day. Tonight I repeat what I said then, that I was proud to vote for Timothy L. Connolly, for the sole reason that he was the democratic nominee, the regular democratic nominee of the democratic caucus. He had behind him a majority of the democrats who had been elected to the Common Council this year, and he was entitled in my humble opinion, to democratic support. I have no apology to make for my action on inauguration day, and I repeat that I have no apology to make for any act or vote of mine since that time. I wish to thank the Clerk of the Common Council, the City Messenger department, the City Clerk department, and last, but not least, the gentlemen who represent the press in this chamber. They have indeed given me a fair show, and even Bert Holden's criticisms were such that they could not awake any antagonism on my part. Even some of the knocks that I got "Under the Mayor's gate" from Jimmy White in the early part of the year are forgiven, and I am pleased to say whatever little I can to close the proceedings of the Common Council of 1899 in harmony. (Applause).

Mr. KLEMM of Wd. 21 said:—

Mr. Clerk, I shall probably hardly be able to make myself heard tonight, in the present condition of my voice, which seems particularly weak after the resonant tone of my predecessor. I shall not attempt to make any lengthy remarks in support of the resolution now before us, and shall not attempt to add much to the encomiums already pronounced by much abler speakers than I upon our respected President. I wish to cheerfully subscribe to all that has been said in his favor. There is no doubt in my mind that he has made a very efficient presiding officer—in fact, I think I can call him an eminent presiding officer—and I sincerely congratulate him upon his success in that office, under very trying and difficult circumstances. As to yourself, Mr. Clerk, permit me to express my sincere appreciation of the thoroughly admirable manner in which you have dis-

charged your duty, and I certainly have only words of commendation for the other gentlemen attached to the Council. I wish all of those gentlemen and all my colleagues a pleasant and a prosperous New Year.

May only pleasant memories entwine  
What we have lived in 1899.  
The Democrats disgust, the Filipinos wrath  
Shall but as shadows flit athwart our path.

Republicans no more their sleep shall lose  
To meet attack or controvert abuse.  
Let all remember only their endeavor  
To do the right, and serve the city ever.

(Applause.)

Mr. BAGLEY of Wd. 1 said:—

Mr. Clerk, the last few years have been perhaps the happiest years of my life. During those years I have made a good many friends in the Common Council. I might also say that the last year has been much more pleasant than the two previous. Of course, during the two previous years the Republican members of this Council were on the losing end, and it was a great surprise when anything went our way. I think, Mr. Clerk, that when I nominated Mr. Kiley in our caucus, it was the starting point, and things then turned our way. Then, I want to thank the President, for the manner in which he has used me during the past year, and I do not think that there is any member of this Council who can but thank him. He has been fair in everything that has come before us. I also want to thank the Clerk, and his Assistant. I have always found the Clerk of the Common Council very agreeable. In fact, every man in City Hall with whom I have come in contact on city business has treated me as well as I could expect to be treated. It has been very pleasant. Now, Mr. Clerk, that my constituents have seen fit to send me higher, I will look back upon the three years that I served in the Common Council with great pleasure. It is with sorrow that I leave this body tonight, and leave the many friends that I have made. (Applause.)

Mr. MULCAHY of Wd. 14 said:—

Mr. Clerk, I rise at this time to endorse the resolutions presented before the close of the last meeting which I shall attend as a member of the city government during the last three years. My first meeting with the President of this body was in 1897, when I was elected a member of this body. Your presiding officer at that time had been elected to represent his constituency, Wd. 8, and he did it in a very able and thorough manner on the floor of this chamber. In 1899 he was elected President of this body, with the assistance of the combination that has been referred to here by the preceding speakers with the Republican party. I, of course, was serving in this body as a Democrat, and I therefore came in here and fought for the interests of a Democrat by the name of Timothy L. Connolly, of Wd. 17. I harbor no ill-feeling, however, like my colleague from Wd. 2, in reference to this matter. Both sides played their game, and our worthy President was successful, and won. However, I will go further and state that he did ably and capably fill the position of a presiding officer of this body for the year 1899. My intention, gentlemen, at all times during the year was to be as fair, liberal and broad-minded as possible on all subjects that came before us, and it is very evident to you that I look at this matter in that light, although the presiding officer of this body did not bestow much courtesy on me in reference to several matters. I think this is no time to go into that. I want to say to the Clerk of the Common Council and his Assistant that I desire to thank them very much. Our Clerk has ably filled that position for the past twenty years, I believe, and I trust that the members who come to this Common Council in 1900 will see their way clear to retain him, who has so hon-

orably and ably filled the position of Clerk of this body. I also desire to thank the City Messenger and his corps of assistants, the Clerk of Committees and his assistants, the stenographers and all the members of the press. I wish you all success in the year of 1900, and a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. KASANOF of Wd. 9, said:—

Mr. Clerk, although I heartily endorse the resolutions offered by my friend in the second division, and although this is the last meeting of the Common Council and is no time to discuss politics, I may say a few words regarding the action of the President of this body. I have no doubt but what he has made an able President of this body, but I believe that he has used many unfair methods in his decisions. I believe that at times he has used considerable politics in deciding questions. Of course, as I said before, I heartily endorse the resolutions, but I may say this much, that, being elected president of this body, he ought to give impartial and fair decisions for everybody. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the Clerk of this body, to the City Messenger, the Clerk of Committees, the City Clerk, and, in fact, to every member of the City Hall staff, for they have all used me courteously, and I have no protest to record against them. I wish you all, gentlemen, a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. MARTIN of Wd. 15 said:—

Mr. Clerk, as the time is drawing near for the Common Council of 1899 to pass out of existence, it is with heartfelt thanks that I want to say a word of appreciation for the kindness, the recognition and the advice given to me at all times, without asking for it, by our worthy presiding officer; also to the members of the press, to the Clerk of Committees, and to the City Messenger. As for the members, I want to thank them for their courtesy to me, and to wish them God speed and a Happy New Year in any undertaking which they may entertain. (Applause.)

Mr. BRAUER of Wd. 23 said:—

Mr. Clerk, it is with great pleasure that I also add my mite in eulogy and praise to the kind words of the previous speakers. This is one of the happy occasions in the life of a member of this Honorable body, as the very air seems charged with good friendly feeling and harmony this evening, in contrast with some of the long-to-be-remembered occasions of the past year. However, it is not my desire to take up too much time now, so I will take this opportunity to thank our President for the impartial, generous and liberal treatment he has accorded me during the past year. Also our kind and ever good natured clerk of the council, whose uniform courtesy and considerate treatment will never be forgotten by me. The City Messenger and his assistants, the Clerk of Committees and the City Clerk all have been friendly, pleasant and kind to me, and I express my appreciation of their efforts. I cannot forget at this time the heads of the various departments, whose attitude towards me has always been courteous and obliging. Also the members of the Board of Aldermen, who did all they possibly could to make my contact with them agreeable and pleasant. Particularly let me thank my fellow-associates of the Common Council here, who invariably did all in their power to assist me and give all the moral help they could. I shall always treasure the pleasant memories of the past year as long as I live, and while it has not fallen to my lot to be associated with those of you who in the coming year will ascend yonder hill of the gilded dome and bask under the sunshine of the ancient codfish, yet allow me to extend to you all a hearty God speed and a sincere Happy New Year.

Mr. McINERNEY of Wd. 19 said:—

Mr. Clerk, at this time I am sure there is no need of my tendering my thanks to the President of this body. The President

himself is thoroughly conversant with the fact that I sincerely thank him from the bottom of my heart. He knows that I am sure, and there is no need of my telling him of it. To yourself and your assistant, "Billy," I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the services rendered me. At any and all times, whenever I went into your office, I have always found you genial and with a smile on your face. Coming, as I did, a stranger at the beginning of the year among the members of the Common Council, I must say at this time that I think there is not a member of the Council who is not a friend of mine. I have always tried to be fair with every member of this body. In the beginning of the year, when we did have to vote for a President, who was not the choice of a caucus, I voted for Mr. Kiley. I did so, not through any antipathy for Mr. Conolly, but because Mr. Kiley was an old friend of mine and an old associate. I think that my action in voting for him has been justified. To the Clerk of Committees, to the City Clerk, to the City Messenger, and his corps of assistants, I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the manner in which they have used me during this past year. To the members of this body, who are going to the Legislature, let me say that I wish you God speed, and hope that you will be successful in still climbing higher the political ladder of fame. To the members who have not been successful in being elected to any office, I wish to state that anything that I can do in my official capacity as a member of the Common Council next year for any member of this year's body, I shall always be glad and willing to do, limited though that may be. Gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart, I wish you all a very Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. PECK of Wd. 12 said:—

Mr. Clerk, having served on the numerous funeral committees of this year, I feel that my duties are not complete without saying a few words at this funeral of the Council of 1899. I congratulate the Chair upon his ability. I congratulate the Common Council upon having had such an able president. I wish to thank him and to thank the Clerk and the various other members and officials of the City Government with whom I have come in contact and of whom I have asked favors. I wish to thank them all from the bottom of my heart. I also extend my well wishes to the entire press connected with this body and hope for them success in their future. (Applause.)

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 13 said:—

Mr. Clerk, while I feel that any further encomiums would be superfluous, still, lest it might otherwise be considered a lack of courtesy on my part, I will take this opportunity of bidding good-bye to the members of the Common Council who are coming back here and to also thank the officials connected with this body, from the president down. During the past year I have found them very courteous and very considerate, and I take great pleasure in thanking them now for it. I desire also to thank the City Clerk and his assistant, the Clerk of the Common Council, the Clerk of Committees, the City Messenger and his very courteous assistants. I want to state that I have always found the members of this body during the past year to be most gentlemanly, sociable, good fellows, and I most sincerely hope that during the coming year they will all meet with that amount of success and prosperity which the most sanguine could hope for. I thank you all, and wish you a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. MOORE of Wd. 10 said:—

Mr. Clerk, I wish at this time, as I am about to leave this body, to thank our worthy President for the courtesies extended to me during the past year. Although as a new member, I was one of the youngest members of the body, yet I have been treated very kindly

by the President and other members, and by the Clerk of this Council. From the heads of departments, and all officials connected with the City Government I have received very courteous treatment. As far as the representatives of the press are concerned, I have only twice had anything to say during the whole year, so of course, they have treated me very courteously. They have never had anything against me and they couldn't say anything for me. I have never said anything for which they could either praise or condemn me. Leaving the Council as I do tonight, I simply wish to say that this had been one of the pleasantest years I have ever enjoyed in any body, and I only wish I was coming back here again next year. As you all know, I tried for a higher office, for which I got defeated. Therefore, I have to take my medicine. I wish you all God speed. (Applause.)

Mr. WINSLOE of Wd. 21 said:—

Mr. Clerk, in this, the closing hour of the Common Council of 1899, I wish to compliment our president, who has so ably and so manfully presided over this body. I speak not as one of the favored few, but as one who recognizes in Daniel J. Kiley an able and brilliant presiding officer. Mr. Clerk, I wish to thank you and your assistant, the City Messenger and his assistants, for kindness to me in this body. As this will be my last time here, I wish to say to the members of the Council who are about to return in 1900, that if there is any time when my voice and vote will be of any assistance to them in the legislature I will be willing at any time to do whatever I can to add to the powers of this body, as I believe in it. I believe it is the principal body of the City Government. I wish to thank all the members of this Council for their kindness to me. I shall long cherish the many acquaintances I have made in the past year. (Applause.)

Mr. ATWOOD of Wd. 16 said:—

Mr. Clerk, although it was not my good pleasure to cast my vote on inauguration day for the presiding officer of this body, who has been so handsomely eulogized here, in these closing hours of this Council, I wish to raise my voice in praise and commendation of the manly way in which he has presided over this Council. To me he has always been courteous and has extended every favor that I have asked. This is, as you know, my first year in the body, and although I have not taken an active part on the floor in the discussion of many things that have come up here for consideration, still I have taken an interest and shall profit by it in the year that is to come, when I shall also be a member of the body. The various departments of the City Government have not been bothered by me a great deal, but for what little service they have tendered me I extend to them at this time my hearty thanks. To the members of this body, who have become my personal friends, I also tender my good wishes and wish them and all other members prosperity in the future and a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 said:—

Mr. Clerk, as one of the members in this Council who antagonized our worthy President when he was running for President, and as one who has antagonized him upon every order or motion he sought to put through, I wish to extend to him my recognition and to say to him that I thank him for the courteous and kind treatment he has accorded me through the year, treatment which I could not deserve. I wish to express now my appreciation of his kindness and to wish him all the good luck possible in his future political career. I wish to say also that I have always found the Clerk of the Common Council and his assistants considerate, kind and agreeable, and I extend to them my heartiest good wishes. The City Mes-

senger and his able corps of assistants have always been hale, good, hearty fellows, and I thank them and wish them all the success possible. I wish to go on record as thanking the Clerk of Committees and his assistants, and the City Clerk and his assistants. To the press I have nothing to say. They never had a chance to bang me, they never had a chance to praise me. But I wish them also a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. GIBLIN of Wd. 15 said:—

Mr. Clerk, this has been one of the pleasanter years of my life. I have often wondered why there should be so much criticism of the Common Council; but, on the other hand, I have always found plenty of people throughout the community to commend this body and to stand by it—especially those who have had anything to do with the body or who have been elected to it. I can now see the reason for their commendation. It is because of the social feeling and the political friendship created in this body, and the feelings engendered here are of such a nature that they can never be forgotten. For my part, as a young member, I must say that I have been treated with more than due courtesy. I especially thank our honored president for the courtesy he has extended to me during the past year. To the Clerk of the Common Council and his assistants, to the City Messenger and his corps of aids, to the Clerk of Committees and his assistants, to the City Clerk,—who has retired—and his corps of assistants, and last, but not least, to the representatives of the press, I desire to extend my thanks for kindness and courtesy. As for the representatives of the press, the men who wield the pen, I believe they are one of the greatest influences in the community. There is an old couplet written by a poet that I would like to transform so that it will especially apply to them. I might say that

"Men, women and politicians may flourish or  
may fade,  
The press can make them, as the press has  
made."

In conclusion, there is one thing for which I want to express my thanks. I wish to thank the official, whoever he may be, who obtained for me this beautiful and comfortable piece of furniture. (Referring to his chair.) Of course, coming here as I did, unknown, it was but natural that I might desire proper furniture, a proper chair, or whatever I might need. The people who sent me here, my constituency, demanded that in a special manner. But it was obtained for me almost unsolicited, and to the gentleman who obtained it I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks. To you, Mr. Clerk, to our president, to all city officials, to you, gentlemen of the Council, I wish to return thanks, and to wish you a Happy New Year. (Applause.)

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13 said:—

Mr. Clerk, in the closing hours of the Council of 1899 I am glad and proud to rise here to say a word of praise of our presiding officer—a man who has been fearless, able, conscientious and untiring in his administration of the office; a man whose superior has never been found in the office. I say that, Mr. President, voicing the opinion of the majority of the people of the city of Boston—in fact, almost the entire City of Boston, and the press of Boston. When we find that we have such a man presiding over the Common Council of Boston, we should indeed be proud of our connection with him. I can only say of him that I have always found him true, always faithful, always fair. A man who occupies the position of President of the Common Council has no easy task. There are seventy-four of us, who all feel that we should get the plums, and, as you know, in the Common Council today there are very few plums. Therefore there is bound to be dissatisfaction and fault-finding; and when we find the members of

the Council rising in their places and saying words of praise and commendation of our worthy President, it is certainly a mark of great appreciation. I am glad to see the feeling manifested here today by those who have been in sympathy with our President and those who are not in sympathy with him. We are all sent here to perform a duty; we all have minds of our own; we all act as we think best; in the interest of the people we have the honor in part to represent. When we act as we think our conscience dictates, when we act faithfully and honestly, be we right or be we wrong, we are not to blame, inasmuch as our purpose is right. I feel that we have a great deal to be proud of in our selection of a president this year, and I trust that he will be the selection of the Council of next year.

I can heartily say, with all due respect to members of this government and members to be returned next year, that there is not a man today in city politics who is more familiar with city politics and state politics than our presiding officer, Mr. Daniel Kiley. So a man of his ability is indispensable in such an office. I certainly wish him the greatest possible luck in anything he may undertake in either a business or political way. As to our clerk, I wish to extend to him and to his assistants my heartfelt thanks, as they have done me a great many favors in the past. I wish also to thank the Clerk of Committees, the City Messenger, the City Clerk and their assistants, and I am glad to see that the City Clerk is back again with us, although for only a short time. I wish to thank all who have extended me favors. As to the heads of departments, I owe them but little thanks for favors, as, unfortunately, I have not been favored by them. As to the members of the press, I want to say that they have been at all times kind to me, and I believe they have at times said more for me than I have really deserved. I know of no reason why they should have mentioned me at all, but for what favors they have shown me I am deeply grateful. As to the members I want to say that it is with much regret that I part with you this evening. I would have preferred to be with you next year, but my constituents, the people of my ward, who are privileged to vote, have seen fit to elect me to a higher office. So, although we shall be partially separated, I hope we will not be separated socially. I hope we will have the pleasure of meeting you all at different times in the future to renew our very pleasant acquaintance. In closing, Mr. President I want to second the sentiments of my friend Winslow, who is also fortunate enough to be sent to the legislature, in regard to the powers of this body. When I came to the Common Council I came with the feeling that there was nothing we could possibly do and that the chances were that there would be very little for us to do.

The position of this year's Council has been a remarkable one. It is the first Council for years that has been cut off from the handling of financial matters by reason of the election of a Board of Estimate and Apportionment. But the abolition of that Board gives back to the Council of 1900 its power in financial matters. The credit for that is entirely or mainly due to our presiding officer, and, as a member of the Council of 1899, having had the experience of being cut off entirely from action on financial matters, I can certainly appreciate, as I know other members of this body can, what a great deal has been done for the Common Council of 1900 and for the future of the City Government by the abolition of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I am sorry that we must part. Two of the most pleasant years of my life have been spent in association with my fellow members of this body, and I know the pleasant mem-

ories of my experience with you will always continue. Though we have differed on many occasions, yet the members of this Council have always been most courteous to me, and I take advantage of this occasion to thank them, one and all for every kindness they have shown me. Mr. President, a very pleasant duty has been imposed upon me. The majority of your associates here in this Council having watched your career with much interest, having taken the greatest pride in the manner in which you have conducted yourself in performing the duties of your office, have upon various occasions spoken of you and commended you in the highest terms. Finally they thought it might be possible to show their esteem and appreciation in a more substantial way, and with that end in view they have asked me, as their spokesman, in my humble way, to present to you, in behalf of your many associates in this Common Council, this loving cup. (Great applause.) (Mr. Lydon here presented President Kiley with a magnificent silver loving cup, mounted on an ebony stand.)

The resolutions were passed by a unanimous rising vote, amid applause.

President KILEY said:—

Gentlemen of the Common Council of 1899, I am scarcely able to find words sufficient to express my feeling of gratitude to the members of this body, who have so unjustifiably eulogized me here today. As your presiding officer for the past year I have attempted to perform my duty, although at times it has been difficult, to the best of my ability, acting impartially and fairly towards the members of this body. In this arena of debate, in this body, composed of 75 men of different minds, different ambitions, with different purposes to accomplish, it is difficult indeed to satisfy the desires and wishes of all. If I have offended any member, if I have in any way slighted or mistreated any member of the body, I hope that with the adjournment of this Council it will be forgotten. I apologize to any member of the Common Council who feels that he has not been treated as he should have been by your presiding officer. The Common Council of 1899 carries associations with it which I shall never forget. As one of the young men in this city elected by a constituency, I am proud, and always will be proud, to have served as your presiding officer for the year 1899. Entering upon the duties of the office under peculiar difficulties, with lines drawn as they were, it would indeed be difficult—perhaps I might say unnatural—if the feelings of some of the members of this body should not at times be aroused. Let me ask of you members of the Common Council that anything that has been said or done which has conveyed offence, or, perhaps, ill-feeling, in this body be forgotten at the adjournment of the Common Council of 1899.

Although shorn of the powers that this body possessed for years, in that you did not have your usual powers as to the disposition of the city's finances, you authorized your presiding officer, as your agent, to go to the State House and request action to restore to the City Government the rights which properly belonged to the people of Boston. You have received back that great power, and it will be exercised by the City Government of 1900 at the beginning of the new century—used with greater effect, in my judgment,

than it has been for years. You have been instrumental, fellow members of the Council, in obtaining powers for future city governments such as they have not enjoyed since the charter amendment act of 1885. You have obtained powers which will in the future command the respect of all heads of departments for the humblest member of this body. Although you have for the past year been shorn of those powers, you have accomplished much that is notable and that has been in the interest of the city of Boston. Once more I desire to say that I hope upon the adjournment of this body every member can be called by me my personal friend. In closing, I wish you all the benedictions and happiness of the season. For those of you who are departing, either to higher office or to private life, I wish all the success and all the welfare that a friend could wish for a fellow man. I thank you with the deepest appreciation for this token of your esteem and friendship, not because of the intrinsic value of the article itself, but for that which it represents—your esteem and regard and friendship, which is greater than all to me. Once more, I wish to the members of the Common Council of 1899 all the best and highest success that man can wish to man, and I hope that you will all enjoy a prosperous and Happy New Year. (Great applause.)

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, offered an order—That the President be requested to furnish a copy of his closing address that the same may be printed and bound with the city documents.

Passed.

Mr. CUDDY of Wd. 8, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to have printed and bound 150 copies of a volume containing a portrait of President Kiley, and an account of the closing proceedings of the Common Council of 1899, and that the City Messenger be directed to provide each member and officer of said Council with one copy of said volume, the balance to be placed in the hands of President Kiley; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

#### NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO CAPTAIN BOARDMAN.

Mr. GIBBONS of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the President and Clerk of the Common Council be requested to send, on behalf of the members of the Common Council of 1899, a new year's greeting to our brother-member, John Boardman, Jr., of Wd. 10, who is fighting for his country in the far off Philippine Islands, wishing him all the success and honor that we, the members of this Common Council, know shall follow him.

Mr. LYDON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I know that this resolution expresses the heartfelt feeling of every member here, and I move that when the vote be taken it be by a rising vote.

The order was read a second time and passed by a unanimous rising vote.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the Clerk to transmit a copy of the resolution to Captain Boardman.

Adjourned at 7:18 P.M., sine die, on motion of Mr. Cuddy of Wd. 8.



## CITY OF BOSTON.

## Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Saturday, Dec. 30, 1899.

Final meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock, a.m., Chairman Barry presiding. Absent—Ald. Dixon.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Presho, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

## NOTICE OF DEFICITS.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 30, 1899.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith communications from the City Auditor giving notice of deficits, caused by the payment of executions of court, in the following appropriations:

Street Laying Out Department, Widening & Extending.....	\$172.28
Primary School-house, Sherwin District, Site .....	4,069.41
Park Street, Ward 23.....	1,550.90

Respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## FINANCES OF STREET DEPT.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 29, 1899.

To The City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the finances of his department. The fact that all of the divisions of the Street Department except the Paving Division will, according to the present estimate of the Superintendent, finish the financial year within their respective appropriations, and that the deficiency in the Paving Division is only equal to the difference between the amount appropriated for the removal of snow and the sum which it was necessary actually to expend for that purpose, seems to me to reflect credit upon the management of the department during the past year,—particularly in view of the extremely small loan appropriations available for the use of the Paving Division.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

## REMOVAL OF POLE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, Dec. 29, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return herewith without my approval an order revoking the permission formerly granted by your Board to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect a pole at the corner of Bennington and Brooks Sts., and directing the said company to remove the said pole within sixty days.

I am informed by the Wire Department that from a mechanical and electrical standpoint the pole is now in its proper location, and that any other location would be more objectionable and more unsafe than the present one.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Reconsideration of the previous action was had, and the question came on the passage of the order, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I am going to ask the Board to pass that order over the veto of the Mayor. There has already been a precedent established for that act in this Board, this month, when we voted eleven to one to adhere to our action in ordering the removal of thirteen poles on West Cottage St. On June 12, by unanimous vote, we adhered to our former action in passing over the Mayor's veto an order removing three poles of the Boston Electric Light Company in South Boston. This is an order for the removal of one pole. It is a very aggravating case. This man's house is only twenty-five feet wide on Baxter St., and runs sixty feet on Bennington St. He has three poles in front of his house, one pole with thirty-two wires, another with twenty-five, and on the third there is a number of large heavy cables. The wires completely surround his house. Not only that, but there are other wires going over the house. It seems to me that that pole should be ordered out, and if the Electric Light Company wants to come in again and get another location I think there will be no trouble about getting it. But I would like to ask the Board today to pass this order over the Mayor's veto.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I would certainly like to vote to pass this over the Mayor's veto, but I understand that they are willing to make some arrangements so that the poles will not obstruct the light in front of the gentleman's house. I think if they can conveniently make some arrangement of that kind and still allow the pole to remain there—they claiming that it is absolutely necessary and that they can get over the difficulty in some other way than by removing the pole—we should allow them to do it. We should allow them to have some kind of a pole there, as it is absolutely necessary to them, as I understand it, in order to carry on their business.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires I desire to say that I have investigated this matter and find that it is somewhat of an aggravation to the occupants of this property to have the wires there. But upon investigation I also find that it is a public necessity. There is no other way, according to the engineers that they can string these wires so as to furnish light for the street lamps in that neighborhood. But they have assured me that if the wires are allowed to stay there for a short time longer they will use their best endeavors to find some way out of the trouble and have things satisfactorily arranged between the occupant of the building and the company. For that reason I feel constrained to vote against my friend, the alderman from East Boston, in this matter.

Ald. BERWIN—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the veto to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CODMAN—I understand that the alderman desires it reported back today?

Ald. BERWIN—Yes.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, with instructions to report back at this meeting.

## RECORDS OF BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

At its last meeting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment voted that its records and papers be placed in the custody of the City Clerk. I accordingly transmit them herewith, and recommend that they be placed on file.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

## PLANS APPROVED BY WAR DEPT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed on your files, communications from the War Department transmitting instruments approving locations and plans of the following structures:—

1. A bridge across Mystic River at or near the site of the present Malden bridge.
2. A crib and inlet box in Boston Harbor, on the easterly side of Long Island and northerly of the present wharf.
3. A temporary bridge across Mystic River, easterly of and near the present Malden bridge, for use during the construction of a permanent bridge.
4. A sea wall in Mystic River, with permission to fill solid, adjoining the north-westerly side of Alford St., Boston.
5. A temporary platform, to be annexed to the Warren bridge, on Charles River.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

#### NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, City Hall,  
Boston, December 30, 1899.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that on January 23, 1899, Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, was designated as the officer of this city to be charged with the enforcement of Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An Act to Abate the Smoke Nuisance in the City of Boston."

You are also notified that there is a vacancy in the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners, Mr. Charles H. Cole, a member of the said Board having resigned his office on November 20, 1899.

Yours respectfully,

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Placed on file.

#### VALEDICTORY OF THE MAYOR.

A valedictory message was received from Mayor Quincy.

Ald. COLBY said that as the message was evidently a very long one, he wished to move that the reading of it be dispensed with.

The motion was carried.

In connection with the same, Ald. Colby offered an order—That His Honor, Mayor Quincy, be requested to cause fifteen hundred copies of his valedictory address to be printed and bound; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

#### PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the Committees named, viz.:—

Building Department (Ald.)

Arthur Pond, for leave to project an illuminated sign at 55 Main St., Wd. 5.

Luigi Villelli, for leave to project a barber pole at 57 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Stephen A. Gallagher, for leave to project a pole with a canvas banner thereon at 33 Charlestown St., Wd. 6.

Margaret J. Gordon, for leave to project a sign at 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Claims.

Rachel T. Wills, to be paid balance remaining from tax sale of estate corner of Cypress and Beech St.

John Sullivan, for compensation for personal injuries caused by his being kicked by a horse belonging to the city.

Fire Commissioner.

T. Hersey & Co. and twenty-five others, for fire alarm signal on engine house, Columbia Road.

Police (Ald.).

John J. Scarry, for compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

B. H. Benton, for a vaudeville and wrestling entertainment at Music Hall, on the evenings of February 6 and March 5, 1900.

George A. Fuller Company, for leave to erect two guy posts in Boylston St. and two in Exeter St.

John J. Coffey et als., for use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of January 6, 1900.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on Sumner St., Dorchester.

#### PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Berwin, to consider Nos. 1 to 11, inclusive, together, with the exception of No. 4, viz.:—

1. Message of the Mayor recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to permit the School Committee to use temporarily the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon St., West Roxbury, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper.

2. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Board of Health, and recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the triangular piece of land, being the west portion of the city's estate known as the Old Small Pox Hospital Estate, on Sweet St., and containing about ten thousand six hundred square feet of land, be transferred from the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to the custody and uses of the Board of Health, as an addition to the premises used by the Board for a hospital for contagious diseases.

3. Message of the Mayor transmitting the report of the Director in charge and the Advisory Committee of the Boston Municipal Camp, for the past year, and recommending that the same be printed as a document.

4. Whereas, The long controversy over the extension of Cove St. over Fort Point channel is exciting great interest among all people who use thoroughfares in that vicinity, because of the veto upon the act by the National War Department; and

Whereas, The question in issue is the lack of open space for the construction of said bridge because of the close proximity of other bridges; and

Whereas, An act of the Legislature (Acts and Resolves of 1897, chapter 512) provided for the removing of Federal-St. bridge easterly of its present position to a distance which will make said bridge come within a straight line from Summer-St. extension to First St., South Boston,—be it

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston believes that upon the removal and reconstruction of said Federal-St. bridge, there will be room sufficient for the construction of Cove-St. extension without any interference with commerce.

5. Whereas, The nation has suffered a severe loss in the death of General Lawton while leading his troops in the Philippines, and

Whereas, the manner of his death is typical of the gallantry of the American soldier;

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston extend its sympathy to his bereaved family in this, their hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

6. Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take the necessary steps for building and furnishing a school in the vicinity of Byron St., Wd. 1, as the same is of great necessity.

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of

Ferries be requested to pay the members of the G. A. R. who are employed on ferries who attended the encampment at Philadelphia for time lost while away, in accordance with an order passed by the City Council earlier in the present year.

8. Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council Minutes of 1899 to be bound in the usual manner, and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1899, each new member of the City Council of 1900, and each head of the principal departments, with one copy of same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council proceedings.

9. Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1899, and each of the heads of the principal departments, with one set each of the City Documents for 1899, when completed and bound.

10. Ordered, That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the several joint standing and special committees of this City Council be referred to the next City Council.

11. The preamble and order passed by this Board, December 4, relative to the proposed use of the Franklin fund for erecting a building to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Building, for erecting baths for all-the-year-around-use, etc., and authorizing the City Engineer to acquire land for such purpose and to erect said buildings, which came up for concurrence in its reference to the next City Council, and on which this Board, at its meeting of December 27, voted to adhere to former action,—comes up indorsed "In Common Council, Dec. 28, 1899. Non-concurred and adhered to former action. Sent up for concurrence."

Severally passed in concurrence.

On motion of Ald. Berwin, No. 4 was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

12. The minority report of the Committee on Investigation of Rainsford Island, which was accepted by this Board on December 27, and sent down for concurrence,—comes up indorsed "In Common Council, December 28, 1899. Ordered to be returned to the Board of Aldermen, the same having no place before this body."

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, it seems that there was a point of order raised in the Common Council, that No. 12 had no business there—or approximately that. I therefore move that it be sent to the Committee on Public Improvements, so that it may perhaps be acted upon later in the day.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### TRACK LOCATION IN DORCHESTER.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 13, special assignment, viz:

13. Order granting the West End Street Railway Company the right to lay down, maintain and use double tracks on Morton St., from and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Washington St. at Forest Hills, to Codman St.; thence on said Codman St. to Adams St.; thence on said Adams St. to Minot St.; thence on said Minot St., to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Neponset Ave.; also on Morton St., from and connecting with the location for tracks on Morton St. herein granted, to Sanford St.; thence on said Sanford St., to Washington St.; thence on said Washington St. to Richmond St.; thence on said Richmond St. to and connecting with the existing tracks of said company on Dorchester Ave.; also on Marsh St., from and connecting with the location for tracks on Codman St. herein granted, as far as said Marsh St. is completed; with necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; and with the right to use the overhead electric system of motive power on said location.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Berwin, with instructions to report back today.

#### ERECTION OF POLES.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 14, special assignment, viz:

14. So much of the order granting a permit to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect poles in Washington, West Newton, Stoughton, Dudley, River and West Sixth Sts., as relates to River St. Passed.

#### CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same submitted the Constable's bond of Francis Gargan.

Approved by the Board.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from Jones and Meehan accepting location for temporary tracks on Gladstone and Leyden Sts., Chelsea Ave., Bennington and Saratoga Sts., and agreeing to comply with the conditions therein contained.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles on Summer St., Dorchester—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Summer St., 10 poles, 35 feet in height by 13 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 feet; date of plan Dec. 30, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire if an order of notice has been issued on that Summer St. order?

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I will say that this right was originally asked for upon Summer St., but when the order was passed, by some clerical error it said "Summer Street." As there is no "Summer Street" to which this would apply, I have introduced this, this morning, in order to correct the error.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(2) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (referred Dec. 27), for leave to lay a terra cotta pipe in Huntington Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the West End St. Railway Co. to lay and maintain underground conduits for electric wires and cables, provided with suitable manholes, in Huntington Ave., from the dividing line between the City of Boston and the town of Brookline to a point near Heath St.

The surface of said street shall be disturbed for the purpose of laying or repairing cables, or conduits therefor, only at such times and in such manner and place

of opening as the Superintendent of Streets shall indicate and issue permits therefor; and the surface of said streets shall not be disturbed as above until a plan has been filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets showing the location of said underground conduits and manholes in the aforesaid streets.

All the work of laying said conduits to be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and in accordance with the requirements of chapter 38, section 14, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(3) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. Mass. (recommended Dec. 13), for leave to erect poles on Parker and other streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Parker St., 5 poles, 35 feet in height by 13 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 6 feet.

Catawba St., 4 poles, 35 feet in height by 13 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk, 7 feet.

Sherman St., 3 poles, 35 feet in height by 13 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 feet.

Dale St., 1 pole, 40 feet in height by 14 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 7 feet.

Date of plans Nov. 28, 1899.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits of opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(4) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommended Dec. 27), for leave to erect poles on Waumbeck and other streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Waumbeck St., 9 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter, width of sidewalk 6½ feet.

Crawford St., 3 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter, width of sidewalk 6½ feet.

Ruthven St., 10 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter, width of sidewalk 6½ feet.

Corner Ruthven St. and Walnut Ave., 1 pole, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 6½ feet.

Humboldt Ave., 2 poles, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 10 feet.

Bower St., 1 pole, 35 feet in height by 12 inches in diameter; width of sidewalk 10 feet.

Date of plans Dec. 11, 1899.

And permission is hereby further granted to said company to remove from Humboldt Ave. two poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days

from the date of the passage of this order.

The reports were accepted and the orders were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Doyle.

(5) Reports on petitions—that no action is necessary, viz.:—

Mrs. M. E. Cable, et als. (referred June 12), for removal of poles of New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Beethoven St.

Rev. D. H. O'Farrell (referred Aug. 14), for permission to stretch a telephone wire from Moon St. to Clark St.

Wm. E. Ford, et als. (referred June 26), for removal of poles on Atherton St., Wd. 22.

John S. Winn, et als. (referred Aug. 21), that action be taken towards placing electric wires underground in the Aberdeen district in Brighton.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Dec. 13), for leave to erect poles in Kinwood St., Wd. 20.

The same company (referred Aug. 30), for leave to erect poles on Beech and other streets.

The same company (referred Jan. 23), for leave to erect poles on Monadnock St. and on Moultrie Ave.

The same company (referred Nov. 8), for leave to erect poles on Green St. between High and Bartlett Sts., Wd. 3.

The same company (referred May 9), for leave to erect nine poles in Tremlett St., Wd. 20.

Severally accepted.

#### RESTRICTIONS ON ART MUSEUM.

Ald. BRICK offered the following:—

Whereas: By vote of the City Council certain restrictions existing upon the real estate conveyed in deed by the city of Boston to the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts have been released under a misapprehension on the part of the City Council; and

Whereas: It is desirable that certain of their restrictions be retained,

Resolved: That the Corporation Counsel and City Solicitor are requested not to enter any deed of release of said restrictions unless the said Trustees shall execute contemporaneously an agreement to open any buildings which they shall in the future occupy as a Museum for the Fine Arts for the public free of charge, under reasonable regulations, at least four days in each month, this being the same provision as contained in the deed of conveyance from the City of Boston to the Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts; and if the said Trustees shall refuse or neglect to execute such an agreement that the Corporation Counsel and City Solicitor are desired to take immediate legal action for the amendment of the order passed by the Board of Aldermen on October 16th, 1899, and concurred in October 19th, 1899, by releasing said restrictions and obtain the reestablishment of said reservations and restrictions.

Ald. BRICK—Mr. Chairman, I do not desire at this last meeting to take up the time of the Board by rehashing what was gone over at the last meeting. It certainly appears, despite the efforts of some of the newspapers to show that my order was introduced for some ulterior purpose, that there is public interest in this matter. The Boston Transcript had it that it was a mare's nest, conceived as a matter of politics. The fact is, however, that it was voted for by Democrats and Republicans alike, passing the Common Council unanimously.

I will therefore take it for granted that the members of the City Council considered the facts set forth by me as true, and I will not take up the time of the Board by going into the matter further now. But it does seem as though this provision should be made. It was thought at least desirable, necessary, wise, that it should be interpolated in the original agreement. The original deed of convey-

ance from the City to the Museum of Fine Arts contained a provision that the building or buildings of the Art Museum shall be open to the public at least four days in every calendar month. Under the order as passed, the only provision is that the "Said Museum of Fine Arts shall further agree to give the public the same right of access as now to the building or buildings on said premises so long as the same belong to said Museum of Fine Arts and are used by it for a Museum of Fine Arts." Now, it would seem, under those conditions that the corporation, the institution, as it stands bears a public character. While the corporation itself is governed by private corporation laws, there was this reservation in the original deed of grant, in behalf of the public, reserving a right which was a very valuable one, if we are to consider matters in a public light. It obligated the Trustees, so long as that institution existed there and so long as that land was used for the Museum of Fine Arts, to open the building. If the trustees now succeed in having these restrictions removed and nothing else occurs, if they are to remove from their present location there will be nothing to oblige them to open their new buildings to the public, except as they see fit. It is all very well to say that these gentlemen who compose the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts are such honorable men that they would of necessity do what is right for the public in this matter. That is very well—but, while I charge no direct act of deception, there was at least a passive deception on the part of somebody, either the Trustees themselves or those who represented them, in connection with the introduction of the order annulling the restrictions, which was passed in this Board and in the Common Council. It therefore seems extremely desirable that, if the citizens of Boston are to retain the right—not a mere privilege granted by the Trustees, but if they are going to have a right upon certain days to visit the Museum of Fine Arts—this provision should be interpolated, by way of agreement and contract, so that the public may not be molested in its enjoyment of those rights, perhaps, by some people who will come in the future. The men who comprise the Board of Trustees of the Museum may be gentlemen of culture and standing, and that is perhaps the reason why the original order passed so readily in this Board.

Having such thorough confidence in the men who are Trustees, I myself did not perhaps give the order the consideration it deserved. Consequently, the order as passed by the Board, by the City Council in its entirety, does not provide for the situation which promises to arise. I say this is a matter of sufficient importance for us to act upon. It involves a right of the citizens of this city, a right that should be granted, and I do not think that the Museum of Fine Arts, which was granted this property free at its inception, which has had the opportunity to use the property and which now has the benefit of the unearned increment of all that land, from which they will now profit, regardless of the conditions of the original gift,—it is not right that we shall deprive the citizens of the rights they now have there, placing them simply at the mercy of the Trustees of the Museum, allowing them to visit the Museum simply at such times as they may permit. I say this should have been covered in the first place. Whoever drew this order, if he had the interests of the city at heart, should have seen that that was provided for for the future and forever. I trust that this provision may be adopted in connection with any new arrangement, so that the citizens may be secured in that right, it not being subject to the approval of the Trustees. I therefore hope the resolution will prevail.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, this matter has been quite fully discussed. I had sup-

posed, after the way the matter was left at the last meeting, that we should find the public complimenting the alderman on the valiant stand he had taken in behalf of the supposed rights of the public that were being infringed upon. But, as far as I can find out, the only result was that the press was a little suspicious of the alderman, and now the alderman is a little suspicious of the Trustees. That is about all there is to it. He says he has not confidence that, if they open a new museum, they will give the public the rights there that they should have. I, for one, want to say that I totally disagree with him. The Museum of Fine Arts is not managed as a close corporation, for the benefit simply of a few people who enjoy good pictures and the fine arts generally, but has always been conducted for the benefit of the public, and I have sufficient confidence that that policy will be continued. But, as my brother is a lawyer, I feel justified in criticising the order he has introduced. He says "That the Corporation Counsel and City Solicitor are requested not to enter into any deal." Well, the Corporation Counsel or the City Solicitor do not own a foot of land up there that I know of, and certainly they have nothing to do with any deeds. They cannot execute any deeds conveying property. If he means that the Mayor should not execute any deeds, that might be a different thing. But the resolution he presents at the present time will, I suggest, fall perfectly flat, because the Corporation Counsel or the City Solicitor can have no possible power to dispose of any land or make any agreement binding upon the city, in the slightest degree.

Ald. BRICK—It may be that there should be a change in the verbiage of the order, where I have referred to the Corporation Counsel and City Solicitor. I simply meant to direct that they should not pass any title. I will amend that so that it will read properly, with the permission of the Board.

Ald. COLBY—Mr. Chairman, of course, I propose to vote against the order he introduces in any shape. I merely suggest that it is not a proper order in the form in which it is drawn, and I don't think it will go very far, anyway.

The resolution was referred, on motion of Ald. McDonald, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

#### PAYMENT FOR FOWLS KILLED BY DOGS.

Ald. BERWIN, for the Committee on Police (Ald.) submitted a report on the petition of John J. Scarry (referred today), for compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That there be allowed and paid to John J. Scarry the sum of \$37, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs December 25, 1899; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted, order passed.

#### DAMAGES FOR GRADE ALTERATION.

Ald. COLBY presented the petition of Alice W. Ball that the Board estimate the damages to her caused by the change of grade at 90 Berkeley St.

In connection with the above Ald. Colby offered the following:—

In Board of Aldermen, acting as  
County Commissioners,  
December 30, 1899.

On petition of Alice W. Ball that this Board estimate the damages to her by the location, construction, making and maintaining of the Boston & Providence Railroad, and by the alteration of the grade of Berkeley St. in front of her estate 90 Berkeley St., it is hereby,

Ordered—That the damages sustained by said Alice W. Ball be estimated and determined at the sum of one dollar each.  
Passed.

## PROJECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. DAY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted as follows:—

Margaret J. Gordon, sign, 19 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Stephen A. Gallagher, pole with canvas banner, 33 Charlestown St., Wd. 6.

Arthur Pond, illuminated sign, 55 Main St., Wd. 5.

Luigi Villellini barber pole, 57 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

## RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 12.10 P.M., on motion of Ald. McDonald to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, but were called to order at 12.55 o'clock, P.M., by the Chairman.

## PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. COLBY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petition of New England Railroad Co. (referred Nov. 27), for a determination of the manner in which a proposed extension of its road shall cross West Fourth St. and Broadway and any other ways in this city—recommending the passage of the following:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—Suffolk, ss.—In the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, \_\_\_\_\_, 1899.

It appearing that The New England Railroad Company has given the notice required by the Order of this Board therein and required by statute in such case, of a hearing upon its petition presented to the Board acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, on the eighth day of November, 1899, asking the Board as County Commissioners, after due notice and hearing, to determine the manner in which an extension of its road required to be constructed under Chapter 516 of the Acts of the Legislature, approved June 9, 1896, from a point at or near South Bay draw bridge to the grounds of the Boston Terminal Company shall cross West Fourth St. and Broadway, in the City of Boston, and a hearing having been had on such petition, pursuant to notice, and all parties desiring to be heard having been heard, the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners of the County of Suffolk, do hereby determine the manner in which such extension of said railroad shall cross said streets or highways as follows, viz:—

First. It shall cross West Fourth St. under the present grade thereof without making any change in the substructure or superstructure of the existing bridging, giving a clear headroom between railroad track and bridge floor of 15 feet.

Second. It shall cross Broadway under the grade thereof, which is hereby altered, giving a clear headroom between railroad track and bridge floor of 15 feet. The grade of the finished street surface of Broadway shall be level and at elevation 39.5 feet above Boston Base, between the easterly and westerly side lines of The New England Railroad location, which lines are respectively distant fifteen (15) feet measured at right angles from the centre line of location. From said easterly location line the street grade easterly shall fall to elevation 38.5 feet at a point seventy-five (75) feet distant, measured at right angles from said centre line; thence the grade shall continue to fall easterly at a uniform rate of about 2.5 feet in 100 feet till it meets the present grade of Broadway at the easterly line of Foundry

St. From said westerly location line the street grade shall be level to the westerly end of Fort Point Channel draw. Thence, connected by proper curves, the grade shall fall at a rate of 2.25 feet in 100 feet to a point about 50 feet easterly from the easterly line of Albany St.

So much of the present substructure and superstructure of Broadway bridge as is affected by the alteration of grades hereby made is to be raised or removed, and when the present superstructure cannot be used a new superstructure, sixty (60) feet in width, with steel frame and wooden floor, built with proper allowance for safety, is to be constructed, resting upon substantial piers of steel and stone. The said street shall be changed in the grades thereof as hereinbefore prescribed and shall be restored in surface, sidewalks and other respects to its present condition.

The changes hereinbefore prescribed are to be made by said railroad company, and are shown upon plan dated December, 1899, and signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and to be filed herewith as a part thereof.

In Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners. Dec. 30, 1899.

Passed.

J. M. Galvin, City Clerk, pro tem.

Approved Dec. 30, 1899.

Josiah Quincy, Mayor.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of George A. Fuller Co. (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts in Boylston and Exeter Sts.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Fuller Co. to erect, maintain, and use two guy posts on Boylston St. and two on Exeter St. with the necessary ropes over and across said Boylston and Exeter Sts., for use in building construction on said streets; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on order (referred today), granting location to West End Street Railway Co. for tracks on Morton and other streets—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CODMAN—Mr. Chairman, I shall be compelled to vote against this order for the location of tracks, and, in order that my position may be fully understood, I wish to say that my vote is not against the location because it is a cross-town route to Dorchester, for if that were what it was I would be compelled to be with it. I have always strongly believed in a cross-town route for Dorchester. But I believe there is a better way of crossing Dorchester than through Minot St. Minot St. is a very narrow street. If double tracks are laid through it there will not be on either side of the tracks, between the tracks and curbing, space enough for a single carriage to pass a car. We have already in Dorchester in several places conditions similar to that—on Hancock St., Norfolk St. and a number of other streets—and I feel that this Board or any board will make a mistake if it allows a location for double tracks on any street where there will not subsequently be sufficient room on either side of the tracks for a carriage to pass a car. It will be perhaps argued that the street will be widened—that has been suggested by certain members of the Board.

But I know that a street like Minot St., that is all built up, where houses are not set back to any extent, cannot be widened except at very great expense. If Minot St. were stricken from this proposed location there would be no injury to the order, no stopping of the results desired both by the people of my section—and this is in my immediate section, because it is within a

stone's throw of my home—and by the road. The road can ask for a location and build its tracks through Marsh St. and widen that street, on property which is not built up or improved in the least. I believe honestly and fairly that, as between Minot St. and Marsh St., the Marsh St. location is the one which should be taken by the railroad. The only reason why the opposing petitioners for this location did not include Minot St. in their petition was because the Railroad Commissioners had refused to allow them to get their location unless they should procure an outlet onto Neponset Ave. They consequently asked for this option between Minot St. and Marsh St. The Marsh St. location did not carry them to Neponset Ave. until they had made special arrangements to cross above grade the tracks of the New Haven Road, on a branch that runs from Neponset to the Lower Mills. So that, although it was equally necessary for the opposing petitioners to have Minot St. in their possession, they did not consider that it was necessary to build the line through there, but expected that Marsh St. would be laid out. The West End Road does not run up against the same objection of the Railroad Commissioners, because if its petition is granted as far as Minot St. they connect with another location already granted, making a continuous route through Adams St. and Neponset Ave., thus giving them a continuous cross-town route in Dorchester. Then, if they wish to connect with Adams St. and Neponset, they can go down Marsh St. I am not talking to convince any members of the Board, because I know the members have made up their minds how to vote, and that they have the votes. But I want to place myself right in this matter before the people of Dorchester and of my immediate section. I believe this will be fought out before the Railroad Commissioners, and I honestly and fairly believe that the Commissioners will never allow double tracks in Minot St. I move as an amendment, Mr. Chairman, that Minot St. be stricken from the petition, and I ask for a roll call.

Ald. McDONALD—Mr. Chairman, I shall vote that leave be granted on the petition as reported, because, when the hearing was had before the railroad committee, it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the ladies and gentlemen who were present at that time that they preferred that the Boston Elevated Railroad should have the locations asked for. While I believe it preferable to have but a single track on some of those streets, at the same time it is better in many ways to have double tracks, because it will give better accommodation; and I am sure that the aldermen who are returned here from Dorchester next year will have a good argument for the widening of Minot St. and the other streets through which the proposed location is to be granted today. I believe now that Hancock St. would never have been widened but for the fact that the Elevated Railroad had laid double tracks there some years ago. That was the principal argument that was brought before the Committee when we insisted that Hancock St. should be widened, and I am sure that, with the ability of the gentlemen who will be here from Dorchester next year, they can and will receive large appropriations for Dorchester for the widening of streets where very much needed. I believe, of course, in a cross-town road.

I believe the Elevated Railroad should have this location, for the simple reason that if the Quincy Road should come in the people would be obliged to pay double fares, whereas, with this location granted to the Elevated Railroad, the people of Dorchester can ride from Mattapan to Arlington for five cents. Now, what does the granting of this location in the streets proposed to the Elevated Road mean? It means, of course, the upbuild-

ing of that section of Dorchester. It means the bringing into the market of a lot of land for development. It means the building of more houses in that section, and consequently it means more taxes in the city treasury of Boston. I believe, taking it all in all, that it is better to grant this petition, and if it is not absolutely necessary that a double track shall be laid on Minot St., I presume that the railroad people will postpone the laying of a double track there until such time as the street is widened, as well as the other narrow street which the alderman from Wd. 24 refers to. I shall, however, vote against the amendment as offered by the alderman from Wd. 24, and I hope the original order will pass.

The amendment was rejected; yeas 2, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Adams, Codman—2.

Nays—Ald. Barry, Berwin, Brick, Colby, Day, Doyle, McDonald, Presho—8.

The order as reported was passed.

(4) Reports on petitions—that leave be granted, viz.:

Charlotte P. Chamberlain (referred Dec. 27), for leave to construct basement floor of building 553 Boylston St. at grade 11.

John J. Coffey et als., (referred today), for use of Paneuil Hall on the evening of January 6, 1900.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on order (referred April 3), that the space at the intersection of Zeigler, Roxbury and Washington Sts. be named Gaston Sq.—that the order ought not to pass as the space is already named Dudley Sq.

(6) Report on order (referred Oct. 16), to hire playground at Locust St.—that no action is necessary.

(7) Report on orders, etc.—That the same be indefinitely postponed, viz.:

Order (referred Oct. 16), disapproving sentiments at oration on July 4th.

Order (referred March 13), to provide liability insurance on City Hall elevators.

Order (referred last year), to take from files relative to widening of Commercial and India Sts. and Cross St. widening.

Order (referred Nov. 8), for appointment of committee for new City Hall.

Order (referred last year), accepting act concerning India, Commercial and Cross Sts.

Order (referred May 15), that receipts for street department permits be refunded.

Order (referred March 27), amending revised Regulations of 1898 in regard to minors' licenses.

Severally accepted.

(8) Report on messages, etc.—That the same be referred to the next City Government, viz.:

Message of Mayor (referred today), concerning deficits in appropriations, caused by executions of court.

Message of Mayor (referred Oct. 30), in favor of sale of old lamps replaced by new ones.

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 4), relative to surrendering lot of land on Paul Gore St. to School Committee.

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 13), in favor of an appropriation for snow dump at Warren Bridge.

B. H. Benton (referred today), for license for vaudeville and wrestling entertainments.

Severally accepted.

(9) Reports on messages, communications, etc.—that the same be placed on file, viz.:

Minority report of Committee (referred today), on Investigation of Rainsford Island.

Acceptance of location (referred today), by Jones & Mehan of temporary tracks in East Boston.

Mayor's message (referred today), concerning Street Dept. finances.

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 27), vetoing order authorizing office expenses

for medical examiner, North Suffolk district.

Communication from School Committee (referred June 29), requesting transfer to it of Austin schoolhouse in East Boston.

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 27), relative to expediting work of widening Rutherford Ave.

Appointment of Edmund Billings (referred Dec. 13), as Overseer of the Poor.

Corporation Counsel's opinion (referred April 12), in matter of providing rifle range for militia.

Resignation (referred Sept. 25), of J. M. Galvin as City Clerk.

Order (referred June 12), rescinding appropriation for rifle range for militia.

Preamble (referred today), in favor of Cove-St. extension.

Severally accepted.

(10) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz:—

William H. Devine (referred Jan. 23), for compensation for damages to estates on Quincy St. caused by change of grade.

John Daniellion (referred Oct. 16), for leave to erect a box sign on sidewalk at 1929 Tremont St., Wd. 13.

Edward Waters (referred Dec. 13), for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at corner Summer St. and Atlantic Ave.

Frank W. Simonds (referred Nov. 27), for leave to stand a night lunch wagon on Summer-St. extension.

Severally accepted.

(11) Report on report and order (referred today), to erect poles on Parker and other streets—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(12) Report on report and order (referred today), for erection of poles in Waumbek and other streets—that the same be recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(13) Report on message of Mayor (referred today), vetoing order for removal of poles on Bennington St.—that the veto be sustained and the message placed on file.

Ald. DAY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that in taking this action I think the Board of Aldermen stultifies itself. It is notifying the people of East Boston that it will not accord to them the same treatment it has already accorded the people of Dorchester and of South Boston. The Mayor's message vetoing this order for East Boston was identically the same as the message by which he vetoed an order for the removal of poles in South Boston. But the people of Dorchester came in and the Board listened to them, upon the order affecting Dorchester, and passed the order over the Mayor's veto by a vote of 11 to 1. The Secretary of the Democratic State Committee came here and asked for the removal of three poles in South Boston, and you passed an order for their removal over the Mayor's veto, by a unanimous vote. Now you notify the people of East Boston that they cannot receive the same treatment. You notify them that their aldemans, when he comes here backed by precedent and by a petition signed by a score of influential leading people over there does not have as much influence in this Board of Aldermen as the representative of this corporation has.

Reconsideration of the previous action of the Board was had, and the Board refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, yeas 2, nays 7:—

Yeas—Ald. Colby, Day—2.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Barry, Berwin, Brick, Doyle, McDonald, Presho—7.

(14) Report on resolution (referred today), concerning Museum of Fine Arts—that the same should pass.

The question came on the acceptance of the report and passage of the resolution.

The report and the resolution were rejected, yeas 4, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Doyle, McDonald—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Colby, Day, Presho—5.

Ald. COLBY moved a reconsideration, trusting it would not prevail.

Ald. Brick called for the yeas and nays. Reconsideration was lost, yeas 4, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Barry, Brick, Doyle, McDonald—4.

Nays—Ald. Adams, Berwin, Colby, Day, Presho—5.

#### SYMPATHY FOR JOHN T. PRIEST.

Ald. ADAMS offered the following:—

Resolved: That the sympathy of the Board of Aldermen be extended to Mr. John T. Priest, Assistant City Clerk, in his illness, and that the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Priest.

Passed by a unanimous vote.

#### GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. Brick moved a general reconsideration, hoping the same would not prevail. Lost.

#### REFERENCE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the several standing and special committees of this Board be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

#### CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. PRESHO offered the following:—

Resolved: That the Board of Aldermen of 1899 take this opportunity to inscribe upon the record their appreciation of the fairness and impartiality displayed by Chairman David F. Barry during the past year.

He assumed his duties at the beginning of the year with an extensive and thorough knowledge of municipal affairs obtained by long and earnest service in the City Council and by his exceptional ability he has materially aided the Board in the discharge of their manifold duties.

We desire to thank him for the courteous treatment we have received at his hands and to extend to him our best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness.

Ald. Presho said:—

Mr. Clerk: This is a peculiarly impressive moment for me after 6 years of service in this body to bid farewell, the senior member of this board. Five times before I have taken part in occasions of this kind, and looking back I am reminded of the many prominent men I knew in this board and the many delightful acquaintances I have made.

Legislatures, not remarkable for despatch of business, for soundness of ideas, or disinterestedness of motive, have thoroughly padded the blue books with useless changes. Vast monied powers have been able to secure passage through the legislature of great schemes involving immense public interests, which must be accepted or rejected as a whole, or would at the end of a very limited period become laws or pass from the control of the city government to state commissions, practically allowing the municipal councils no choice in the matter. This was done under the plea that great corruption existed in municipal councils, but was in fact an evidence of the immense influence of corporations in the State Legislature. It is very fortunate that the attention of the legislature has been aroused to the speciousness of many so-called reforms, and it is equally fortunate that the supreme court of the Commonwealth has stood as a defender of the people of our city against that most remarkable specimen of freak legislation in the history of the city—the sewer assessment law.

The attempt at concentration of power in the hands of the mayor and at the complete demolition of the legislative branches of the city government in the form of the board of apportionment act has been relegated to the depths of obscurity by reason of its only too evident absurdity, and its inconsistency with popular form of government.

It seems hard to realize that in the short space of my aldermanic career the city has passed to the very verge of bankruptcy, with the result that a mayor has recently been elected solely on the issue of financial reform. The period has been to me one of mingled regrets and pleasure as regards the personnel of the members and officers of the Board. In no way could the swift changes of time more impress me than in the thought that but a single member of the Board of 1894, the first to which I was elected, now remains; and not one of the prominent officers of the Board is with us now. And yet we cannot say that the character and standing of the Board has deteriorated in any respect by reason of these changes. I have served under three mayors, with all of whom I have had the most pleasant personal relations. The social relations of the members of all the Boards have always been pleasant. We have always realized that the fierce attacks and severe personalities in debate have been, like many of the high-sounding resolutions offered, intended merely for stage thunder for the benefit of our various admiring constituents. Just a majority of the Board retires this year—a very large number. First comes my honored associate, the Chairman of the Board, who began his aldermanic career at the same time with myself. The Board will suffer a severe loss in the withdrawal of the great energy, the indomitable perseverance and the great resourcefulness which has made David F. Barry the leader of many successful movements in this Board.

Oftentimes it has been the fact that a man would be nominated and elected from a ward he had served faithfully in some other capacity, and a cry would arise that small men were going into the Board of Aldermen; but his unanimous re-nomination and his election by an increased majority would show that the people found out that he was worthy of their selection. When I first entered the Board the at large system was in vogue. That was succeeded by an amendment which made the act perfectly ridiculous and I consider the present act the height of absurdity. I believe that the aldermanic term should be of two years duration for the reason that it takes a man fully a year to become acquainted with the duties, and if he has to look for his re-election he is obliged to devote time and energy that ought to be given to his people, and there are so many demands upon a man's time that it is impossible for him to do justice to his constituents when he is obliged to seek a re-election the same year.

Ald. Wm. Berwin, keen, suave and polished, mellow as the breeze from the sunny south from which he came, adroit, witty and fluent of speech, he has been one of the most active forces on the Board. Ald. B. though unsuccessful as a mayoralty candidate has a firmer grip on his ward and will be heard from at the proper time.

We rejoice that the voters of Ald. Colby's ward have tendered an appreciation to his able services by promoting him to the State House, where his striking eminent legislative and oratorical abilities will find more fitting scope.

In the fiery moments of debate we were led to fear that terrific lyddite shells, in the shape of explosive disclosures of corruption were suffocated into political oblivion, and that awful rumors, like Banquo's ghost, stalked about the board. But we soon learned that these were part of Ald. Colby's parliamentary arsenal, and

that as soon as he had gained or lost his point his good nature quietly laid them aside for future occasions.

Then comes Ald. Codman, the active Commodore, whose pleasant yacht trips are so seductive that Dorchester admirers will ensure his re-election far into the next century.

His sensitive olfactory nerves can endure the odor of many sorts of plants, but at the garbage plant his soul and nostrils revolt. Alert, persistent and persuasive, he has brought forth so many needs of streets for Dorchester during my acquaintance with him, that as I enter upon my duties as Street Commissioner and compare Dorchester's needs as presented by Ald. Codman, and the annual appropriation, I shrink with terror.

Worthy namesake of glorious personality, Sam Adams, leader of the Boston town meeting 100 years ago. In this assembly, the successor of the early town meeting, we have another of that name, and from my experience with this later Adams, I find the Adams stock has not degenerated.

Ald. Dixon, another follower of the briny deep. Enshrined in the hearts of the people of the Old North End, he can well afford to be independent and fearless, and like Ajax, defy the lightning of the Strategy Board. Extremely warm hearted and generous with his sympathies and finances almost to a fault, he is universally beloved by his associates.

Happy is Dorchester who is so well and eloquently taken care of by her doughty triumvirate, each of whom, Jack-in-the-Box like, does his best to anticipate the other two in rising to proclaim her interests. Alderman McDonald is confessedly the orator of the trio. His burning affection for the firemen has filled me with envy and jealous fear that he will rob me of the title of Fireman's Friend. All who come in contact with Ald. McDonald are convinced of his sterling integrity and his determined purpose to do his whole duty.

Mr. first impressions of Ald. O'Toole were somewhat obscured by the idea, arising from the party feeling in the "six to six" strife of last year, that he was going to be a fierce partisan; but I now bear testimony to the fact that he has been one of the fairest men in the Board, and I congratulate him on the independence he has shown.

Alderman Doyle, with his able and unique lieutenant, Jerry Watson, form a campaign combination which is perfectly irresistible. His serenity of temper is proverbial, and it is reported that the only thing that ever ruffles him is the fact that he could not procure the laboring men \$3.00 a day.

We are so firmly convinced that Ald. Day is so much in earnest in beating down the barriers of opposition and delay on the part of the opponents of the tunnel, that if something is not done soon he will take a spade and dig the tunnel himself. Never has a new member of the Board made a more pleasing impression for absolute fairness of spirit and uniform courtesy.

Ald. Brick might be termed a real brick and not a gold brick. The chamber would have many a dull moment were it not for the oratorical surprises of Ald. Brick. He fears not to be in a minority, even in a minority of one. Ald. Brick's legal ability and attainments have made him a valuable member of the Board this year.

Ald. BERWIN said:—

I consider it a rare pleasure to have the pleasant privilege of seconding the resolutions—which have just been read.

I assure you Mr. Chairman—that the endorsement of the resolutions is no perfunctory task—but that it represents the deep sentiments of my associates and myself. The long career of public service which with your retirement—is suspended—but I trust not ended—has been a recognized benefit to our community and I am

sure has been universally appreciated.

I can not take my seat without a deserved reference to the nestor of the Board our friend from Charlestown—who retires from service here—to service still more responsible, as a member of the Board of Street Commissioners, while I sincerely congratulate him upon his merited good fortune—I can not but regret that at least for the next 3 years we will not hear the familiar refrain

"Mark your ballot slowly,  
Scan the list with care,  
Presho's name is near the foot,  
Don't forget its there.

Nor can I yield the floor, until I have said something about our worthy associate on my right, the Alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby) who throws off the toga of municipal responsibility only to enter the service of the Commonwealth, in the shaping of the laws for the government of the state of which even our large City forms but a part—I am certain that in such a broad field for reform, as our State Legislature will afford him, we can not fail to hear from him on the Hill, in a manner that will reflect credit upon him and bring to him the plaudits of an admiring constituency and the appreciation of posterity.

I wish that I could say, that all my associates who retire with myself from the Board, with the close of the year, were being transferred to better and higher service like our friends Presho and Colby, but as I look about me, I find three others, who like myself are leaving the Board to enjoy for a time at least, the blessings and quiet of private life. Organized labor is losing its staunchest friend and defender in the Board, in the retirement of my friend from Roxbury, and neighbor of Jerry Watson. His devotion to the public interests can always be remembered by his associates with the keenest satisfaction.

Now for the Alderman from my own section of the city, who has always come to the Board fresh from the borders of Charles River, always prepared to go through the process of Municipal Legislation, or the process at the Garbage Plant; while he has not fully confided to me his plans with respect to the future, I have already learned enough to satisfy me that he will mainly devote his spare time to the Presidential Campaign of his friend Admiral Dewey.

In the retirement of Alderman McDonald Dorchester loses one of its most loyal and representative advocates.

To those who continued service in the Board during the next year is a part of the good fortune of our community, I am sure I but express the sentiments of all who now retire, when I tell them that I leave these pleasant associations with the profoundest regret and with the most heartfelt good wishes and the earnest hope that the friendly attachments which we have formed may continue and grow until the end of time.

To the City Clerk, who retires after his long and faithful service to the city, to his worthy assistant, who lies at his home suffering from his brave service in his country's cause—to the Clerk of Committees, genial, accommodating and always courteous—to the City Messenger, ever anxious and willing and prompt—and to the assistants in all of these departments, and last to the energetic, alert and congenial representatives of the press—I extend one and all my thanks and a most sincere desire that they will enjoy a happy New Year and many of them.

Ald. McDONALD said:—

Mr. Clerk, my associations of one year with members of this Board have been very pleasant. Our weekly meetings brought us together early in the year, so that we became very well acquainted, and the legislation which we have proposed and passed here will bear fruit. It is too

early as yet to pass judgment upon it. Of the Chairman of the Board, whom it has been my privilege to know for more than twenty years, I can say that he has always been a good friend of mine. He has acted fairly and justly in the position which he has occupied, and every member of the Board has had a fair opportunity to discuss every question that was presented. He has been sustained in all his rulings, and, as the years roll by, he can point with pride to his occupancy of this chair. Our City Clerk, who left us for a short while to embark in other enterprises, has occupied the position for nine years, and his management of the affairs of that office has made for him a host of friends in this city.

Strangers entering his door were treated fairly, politely, and no man ever came out from his office without saying to himself, "There is a faithful public servant." I am pleased that he is succeeding beyond his expectations in the new enterprise upon which he has embarked. I am sure that the members of the Board wish him every success. To the Assistant City Clerk, Mr. John T. Priest, who faced the rebel bullets in the Civil War, I send my greetings and best wishes for his speedy recovery. John F. Dever has certainly attended to his business faithfully, as has also his assistant, Mr. Doyle, who has served as Clerk of Committee on Claims for almost the entire year. Mr. Leary, the City Messenger, has attended to his duties faithfully, as have his assistants, Mr. Charles Murphy, Mr. Fred Robinson, Mr. Silloway and the others in that office. To our stenographer, E. W. Harnden, I certainly am exceedingly obliged for his kindness to me, and also to Mr. Frank X. Chisholm, who has always been accommodating. To the press I wish to return my best regards. While I have not had occasion to call over and see them very often, still I believe they have attended to their duties faithfully, and I will say of the reporters what Arthur Lincoln once said in the Chicago Herald, writing of the reporter in verse:—

'He loves to write of others, in whose glory he delights;  
He oft-times makes them famous 'twixt darkness and daylight.  
He loves to write in detail on the rolling scroll of fame  
The way that they won glory. But he never tells his name.  
He would die to serve his paper, his life is the price of news;  
There is no one to sing his praises, and few can fill his shoes."

Alderman Presho certainly has the confidence of the voters of this city, as proved by his election to the Street Commissionership. He has the faculty of making and keeping friends. As for Alderman Berwin, it has been a pleasure to me to listen to him attentively during the year upon subjects we have had before us for debate. Alderman Colby I esteem very highly, and I am pleased that he has been promoted to the State Legislature, for I know of no man who is better able to look after the interests of the city in the Legislature than he. Ald. O'Toole has faithfully represented his district here in the Board, and I am sure that he will be remembered in the future. As to Ald. Adams and Ald. Codman, from Dorchester, we have been on the best of terms during the year. There is one fact that we have agreed upon, and that is that there is no place in all the world like good old Dorchester. I am pleased to say that Alderman Day will be back again in the Board. East Boston should be proud of him. Ald. Doyle has debated considerably during the year, and I shall be pleased to call here next year and listen to him, because, with the good voice he has, he has the makings of a good debater. Ald. Brick has been ready at all times to debate questions logically in this Board, without any preparation. As for Ald. Dixon, I am sorry that he is absent today,

but am glad that he is coming back to the Board, like the eagle, stronger than ever. As I said before, Mr. Clerk, my associations in the Board during the past year have been very pleasant, and as the years go by I shall look upon this year as one of the pleasantest in my life. May the friendships formed here long continue after we have left this Board.

Ald. BRICK said:—

Mr. Clerk, the valedictory exercises are drawing to a close, and several of the members about to retire have had their last say. I at this time wish to say that I leave the Board with relief and regret—relief, that many of the harassing details incident to the work of this Board, which have been an annoyance and an interference with my business, are to be discontinued; regret, that I am to part with the pleasant company in which I have been placed during the year. There have been times during the year, in the course of debate and in the consideration of various questions before the Board, when my position here, perhaps of a more or less obtuse and stubborn character, has excited feeling against me on the part of other members. I hope they will forgive me and will have for me, as I part with them, the same kindly feeling that I have for them now. I feel in such good humor that I can forgive almost anybody with whom I have been associated here for anything unpleasant that has happened. I can even forgive the representative of the Boston Journal (Laughter.) I extend my felicitations and hearty good-will to the Chair. There have been times in the year when I have differed with him. There have been times when I have thought he did not use me as I felt my position, as the only democratic lawyer here, deserved. Still, that is a matter of which different men take different views; and I wish to extend to him my hearty regards and hopes for his success in the future.

Ald. DOYLE said:

Mr. Clerk, I am pleased to be permitted this afternoon to say a few words in parting with our esteemed Chairman. It has been my pleasure, as his nearest neighbor among the members of the Board, to have agreed with the Chairman on almost all questions that have come up during the year, and I desire to say that my long acquaintance with him has made it seem almost necessary to me that I should agree with him, because of his long experience with matters relating to the city's welfare and his long connection with political life. While he has decided to throw off the cares of state for awhile, I hope that at some time in the near future he will be permitted to return. To the officers and members of the Board, particularly those members who are about to retire, I extend my cordial feelings of kindness. To those who are to remain in the Board with me for another year, I simply say that I hope our relations will be as friendly in the future as they have been in the past.

Ald. DAY said:—

Mr. Clerk, I would also like to second the resolutions. I think the Chairman of this Board has added to the great fame he already had as a presiding officer by the manner in which he has guided our proceedings this year. He certainly has been able and impartial in presiding over the body, and I feel that I owe to him a personal debt of gratitude on account of the manner in which he helped me, as a new member. I found him always ready to assist me in anything I desired to obtain for my district, and I assure him that I feel grateful for it. As to the retiring member from Charlestown, I will simply say that I don't feel exactly that he is retiring. He is going on the floor above, where we can very easily get at him, and I am going to presume on the pleasant relations that have existed between us during the present year to visit him many times in behalf of my district. I only hope that his right-hand neighbor from

Wd. 6 (Ald. Berwin) will also be found on that same floor, in the opposite corner, where we can get at him. I assure him that when he called me a tool of the Board of Strategy he did not make me feel badly. I forgive him freely, and I know that if he thought it would make me feel badly he would not have said it. The alderman from Wd. 12 (Ald. Colby), who is about to retire, is going to assume other duties; but I feel that the loss of his services will be a distinct loss to the City of Boston. I am willing to admit that I have been governed here this year very largely, outside of political matters, by his influence and advice, and the only question during the whole year upon which I feel like apologizing for the stand I took was a question upon which he and I were on opposite sides. The Boston Journal had an article a short time ago, written in a jocose spirit, referring to the gentleman from Wd. 12 as "the first angel" and referring to me as "the second angel." It will be the source of a great deal of pride and satisfaction to me in the year to come to feel that I may at least endeavor to merit promotion to the place occupied this year by the retiring alderman from Wd. 12. (Laughter.) It is not at all settled whether the alderman from Wd. 13 (Ald. O'Toole) is going to retire or not. If we could only find the Commodore and get him to call a caucus, we might get a line on him. (Laughter.) I am sure our relations have been very friendly and pleasant, and, whatever the outcome of that contest may be, I hope we will maintain our friendship during the year to come. The alderman from Wd. 3 (Ald. Brick) is the only member who has made a national reputation (laughter), and I really think myself that subsequent events justify him to a large extent in the stand he took. As for the alderman from Dorchester (Ald. McDonald), I am very sorry that he is going to leave the Board. Perhaps, on account of our political affiliations being the same, I got better acquainted with him and had closer relations with him than with the other two aldermen from Dorchester. But I can assure him that the garbage plant is going to be taken care of in the next Board. I have already been told that, as a punishment for my vote on the question, they are going to put it over in my district, on Apple Island. (Laughter.) To all the officers who have served the City Council I want to give my hearty and sincere thanks for the services they have rendered to me. I can only reiterate what has already been said, and I think they understand that I feel grateful for the aid they have given to me in my work. As far as the members of the body who are to return and who will serve with me next year, are concerned, it is useless for me to say anything except that I really do think the ablest members of the Board are going out of it.

Ald. O'TOOLE said:

Mr. Clerk, I want at this time to extend my sincere thanks for the courteous manner in which our Chairman has treated me during the year. The position of Chairman of any legislative body is very trying, but I think he has used a great deal of tact throughout the year and deserves a great deal of credit for it. It is with sincere regret that I am leaving today members with some of whom I have been associated for two years. I have always had the kindest feeling towards them, irrespective of politics. My friend on the left, from Charlestown, (Ald. Presho), said that when I came into the Board in 1898 and stood on this floor, he thought I was going to be a partisan. But in the next breath he pays me a high tribute. I consider it a very, very high tribute, irrespective of any man's political associations, to do him the honor to say that he has been independent in his action. I believe the City of Boston demands from the republican and democratic members certain

things, that upon certain measures political feelings shall be cast aside for the best interests of Boston, and that each member, irrespective of party, shall vote as his own convictions tell him is right. I have had pleasant relations with both the republican and the democratic members of this Board. While on the impulse of the moment, in the heat of debate, I have always tried not to indulge in personalities. I believe gatherings of this sort, small representative bodies, should be conducted in a way, as family gatherings. I want to thank the City Clerk, City Messenger, the Clerk of Committees, the different attaches of the Board of Aldermen, for their kind efforts in my behalf, and to wish them all a happy and a prosperous future.

Ald. COLBY said:—

Mr. Clerk, I desire to say just a word. It is past my lunch hour and about all has been said that can be truthfully said—and perhaps some things that would hardly be called the truth. I am very glad to second the resolutions as offered. I think the members of the Board feel that, while they may have differed with the Chair on certain points at different times, on the whole the presiding officer has done credit to himself and justice to the members. I know of no greater praise that can be given to a man than to say that he has filled to the best of his ability the position in which he has been put.

I think the Chairman may feel that he has served not only faithfully, but well. I am also glad to extend my thanks to the various officers in City Hall—whom I will not undertake to enumerate—and also to the members of the press. I think that I, in common with my fellow members, am indebted to them for favors shown and for courteous and fair treatment. I am not able to say absolutely with honesty that I feel any very deep regret at leaving, because I am not positively sure that I am not pleased to go—not that I consider, perhaps, that it is any promotion to go from the Board of Aldermen of Boston to the State House. I rather think it is possible for a man to wield a great deal more influence, if he has the time and ability, at City Hall, than it is to do anything of consequence at the State House. At the same time, I have to be honest and to say that there have been certain things which have made more or less friction, and that the work here has not always gone altogether to my satisfaction. At the same time, I don't know that I regret the time spent. I have had some experience and have had a great many pleasant times. My brother lawyer opposite (Ald. Brick) knows that we are here at some pecuniary sacrifice, to say the least, and we hope we can make it up by the experience we have had, which will be of assistance to us in our later lives. Certainly to be brought in contact with so many men in different lines widens our field of experience and knowledge, and I suppose any professional man is indebted to experience for his training. We have now had the experience, and let us go out and see if we cannot profit by it. I hope the pleasant personal relations that have existed between us will, as far as possible, be continued in the future; because, while we have differed on matters of politics and business, I am very glad to say that our personal relations have always been very pleasant.

Ald. ADAMS said:—

Mr. Clerk and fellow members of the Board of Aldermen, perhaps if I had spoken earlier in the session I might have been able to say something which would be of interest to you. But, as it has been my privilege throughout the year to vote first on all roll calls, I decided today that I would wait until others had spoken. The wants of his constituents have been well taken care of by the alderman from Wd. 20 (Ald. McDonald), who retires, and I wish to say that I regret very much his

leaving the Board. He has always worked cordially and heartily with me on all matters for the interests of our section. I know of no occasion when he has tried to block matters or throw anything in my way, even although we have been opponents in the election which has just closed. I have attended, I think, every meeting of the Board this year, and have enjoyed every meeting. But I am frank to say that I have enjoyed none as I have the meeting of today—not because of the fact that so many of our older and able members are retiring, but because I have listened with great pleasure to the honest and sincere remarks from the heart of all the members around this chamber. I am coming back to represent in part my district for another year, with great pleasure. I feel, however, that we will be somewhat handicapped, inasmuch as we come back here this year with only two representatives in the Board, whereas this year, according to Ald. Day, we have had four representatives. I don't think it would be right for me at this hour to take the time to cover the ground as thoroughly as have some of the members who have preceded me; but I wish to say before I sit down that I feel that you, Mr. Chairman, have certainly been the fairest presiding officer that I have ever had anything to do with. I always had some sort of fear and apprehension of Mr. Barry before I became a member of the Board of Aldermen, but I have found from close affiliation with him in matters of business which have come up here, that he is a man of very broad calibre and that he has filled the position to which he was elected, to my mind, with great ability and fairness. I doubt if any member of this Board in retiring can say that he has taken the slightest advantage of his office in any of his rulings. To the clerks, the reporters, the City Messenger, the Clerk of Committees, all officers and officials connected with this body, I wish to extend my cordial thanks for the courtesy which they have invariably extended to me whenever I have asked for any information or any favors.

The resolutions were read a second time and passed by a unanimous rising vote.

Chairman BARRY said:

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen:

Recognizing the formality of a vote of thanks, I cannot flatter myself that I am wholly deserving of the tribute paid me by the resolutions which you have just adopted. Nevertheless I accept this testimonial as an indication of your generosity and friendliness, and as a mark of your appreciation of my efforts to serve you with fidelity and to the best of my humble ability. My relations with each and every one of you have been of the most pleasant character, and I shall retire from the Board of Aldermen of 1899 feeling that I have eleven friends who will be dear to me as long as I live.

If anything has occurred in the heat of discussion, if any act has been done, or word spoken, which has marred our companionship, I trust that the same will now be forgotten and that we will remember each other, only as associates who were united with the common purpose of conducting the affairs of our beloved city honestly and conscientiously, in so far as we had it within our power to do so.

For nineteen years it has pleased my constituents to delegate me as their representative to the City Government; and to my fellow-citizens I now wish to make public acknowledgment of the confidence which they reposed in me. I have tried to do my duty towards them, and with the kindly assistance which has always been given me by my associates in this Board, and in the Common Council, I feel that I have accomplished much that has redounded to the improvement of the district which I have represented. My work speaks for itself, and those interested are free to

examine the records of the city departments to learn what I have been instrumental in obtaining for the accommodation, comfort, and education of my people.

I consider myself under deep obligation to the Common Council for electing me five different times as its President, thereby enabling me to claim the honor of having held that office longer than any other incumbent; and I shall always feel indebted to you, gentlemen, for choosing me as the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, a distinction enjoyed by predecessors who were among the first citizens of Boston.

Under the provisions of the City Charter I have many times been called upon to perform the duties of Acting Mayor of Boston, and to have served in this capacity will ever be to me a pleasant memory.

Entering upon the service of the city when little more than a boy, I feel that I am retiring while still a young man; but I do not wish to have it understood that I am closing my career, for I mean to live in hope that my constituents will see to it that I am again returned to labor for their welfare and for that of the entire City of Boston; I am confident that I still have it within my power to do much more for those who have honored me in the past, and I am sure that my temporary absence from office will convince them of this fact.

My lengthy experience in municipal matters urges me to make this claim; aside from that I do not wish to boast. I have often wished that I had the ability to do more than I have done, but I always felt that I was handicapped by the want of the advanced education now, in our day, so easy of acquirement. Leaving the public school at an early age, I was obliged to go to work; and had it not been for the opportunity afforded me by a private evening school, conducted by a generous-hearted man, I fear that my school training would be hardly worth mentioning. The children and young people of the present day have much to be thankful for, as Boston, first in almost all that goes to make up a progressive city, furnishes without cost every advantage, for those obliged to work, or not so obliged, to obtain an education sufficient to carry them through any ordinary walk in life.

Our Grammar and High Schools for day and evening pupils are without rivals in this country, and hardly any one in the community is under the necessity of being uneducated or untrained.

I trust, gentlemen, you will pardon me for these personal illusions; my apology is that they force themselves on my mind on this occasion when I reflect on the success which has attended me through the kindness and consideration of those with whom I have come in contact during my life. I would gladly pass in review the business which we have attended to during the present year, but I fear that it would be tiresome to you, as you are just

as familiar with it as I am. You will pardon me, however, for alluding to the receptions tendered to Admiral Dewey, and to the Lord Mayor of Dublin and his companion, Mr. Redmond.

These receptions were a credit to the City of Boston, and were an advantage to it also. The presence of Admiral Dewey was an inspiration to patriotism for all who had the pleasure of greeting the noble hero, and the reception to the Lord Mayor and Mr. Redmond did much to continue the friendly feeling which always exists between this country and poor suffering Ireland.

Before vacating the chair I wish to express my regret that City Clerk Galvin has found it necessary to sever his connection with the office which he has so faithfully filled, and to thank him for the courtesy and assistance which he has rendered to me in the performance of my duties as presiding officer of this Board, and I can assure you, gentlemen, that it is a source of pleasure for me to see him acting in his old position today, as City Clerk, which he filled for several years with entire satisfaction to the citizens of the City of Boston. I am grieved at the serious illness of Mr. Priest, the Assistant City Clerk, who has also been of great service to me in my official connection with him; I hope he will soon be restored to perfect health, and will long be able to hold office, the performance of whose requirements has become to him a second nature.

Mr. Dever, the Clerk of Committees, and Mr. Leary, the City Messenger, are worthy of my heart-felt thanks for all they have done for me, as are also the City Hall police officers. The kindness extended to me by the City Hall reporters, and the papers they represent, is fully appreciated, and they have placed me under lasting obligations.

And now, gentlemen, as we are about to separate, I offer you my best wishes for your future success and happiness, and I hope that the official relations which we have had in this Board will be succeeded by an esteem and friendship for each other which will endure throughout our lives.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. McDONALD offered an order—That the opening and closing proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1899, together with the opening and closing address of the Chairman, and the photographs of all the members, be printed as a city document, and that the Superintendent of Printing be directed to have one hundred copies thereof printed and sent to the present Chairman, David F. Barry, for distribution among the members of the Board; the expense thus incurred to be paid from the contingent fund, Board of Aldermen.

Adjourned, sine die, at 2.17 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Ald. Berwin.



